

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
LAMPETER-STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT
Virtual Meeting
June 18, 2020

President Melissa S. Herr called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and led a moment of silence.

PRESENT: Board Members, Mr. David J. Beiler, Mr. James H. Byrnes, Mrs. Melissa S. Herr, Mr. Scott J. Kimmel, Mr. Dustin D. Knarr, Mrs. Patricia M. Pontz, Mr. Matthew E. Parido, Mrs. Audra R. Spahn; Superintendent, Dr. Kevin S. Peart; Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Andrew M. Godfrey; Business Manager, Mr. Keith A. Stoltzfus; Assistant Business Manager, Mrs. Kathleen Boyce; Director of Technology, Mr. William E. Griscom; Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Mary E. Williams; RBC Capital Markets representatives, Ken Phillips, Lauren Stadel, and Olivia Sweigart.

Absent: Mr. Scott M. Arnst

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No comment.

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT - SUPPORT

Mr. Byrnes moved and Mr. Knarr seconded the motion to approve the employment of Cynthia L. Woodworth as a kitchen helper at Hans Herr Elementary School. Ms. Woodworth will become a category D support employee and will be compensated at \$11.03 per hour effective August 1, 2020.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Beiler, Mr. Byrnes, Mrs. Herr, Mr. Kimmel, Mr. Knarr, Mr. Parido, Mrs. Pontz, Mrs. Spahn
Abstain: None
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Arnst

APPROVAL OF CHANGE OF STATUS

Mr. Byrnes moved and Mr. Knarr seconded the motion to approve a change of employment status for the following individuals:

- a. Cynthia N. Dietrich, long-term substitute third grade teacher. Ms. Dietrich will continue as a long-term substitute third grade teacher at Hans Herr Elementary School for the duration of the 2020-2021 school year. Her daily compensation will be \$284.56 based upon Step 2, Level B, of the District compensation agreement.
- b. Leanne W. Wolgemuth, building secretary, Lampeter Elementary School. Ms. Wolgemuth will become a 12-month, salary exempt employee assigned to serve as application support specialist effective on July 1, 2020. She will be assigned to the Lampeter-Strasburg High School and will be compensated at \$53,000 annually.
- c. Eva G. Strawser, fifth grade teacher, Hans Herr Elementary School. Ms. Strawser will become an assistant principal at Lampeter-Strasburg High School effective July 1, 2020. Her annual compensation will be \$79,083.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Beiler, Mr. Byrnes, Mrs. Herr, Mr. Kimmel, Mr. Knarr, Mr. Parido, Mrs. Pontz, Mrs. Spahn
Abstain: None
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Arnst

APPROVAL OF LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Mr. Byrnes moved and Mr. Knarr seconded the motion to approve a leave of absence for the follow individuals:

- a. Caitlin M. Gilbert, elementary program specialist, Hans Herr Elementary School, extended through on or about January 22, 2021.
- b. Mae E. Gunderson, custodian, Lampeter Elementary School, retroactively effective from June 8, 2020 through July 6, 2020.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Beiler, Mr. Byrnes, Mrs. Herr, Mr. Kimmel, Mr. Knarr, Mr. Parido, Mrs. Pontz, Mrs. Spahn

Abstain: None
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Arnst

APPROVAL OF VOLUNTEERS

Mr. Byrnes moved and Mr. Knarr seconded the motion to approve William M. Heyser as a 2019-2020 volunteer.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Beiler, Mr. Byrnes, Mrs. Herr, Mr. Kimmel, Mr. Knarr, Mr. Parido, Mrs. Pontz, Mrs. Spahn
Abstain: None
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Arnst

DISCUSSION OF FEASIBILITY STUDY

Dr. Peart and Mr. Stoltzfus led a discussion regarding the District's Feasibility Study, including representatives from RBC Capital Markets who presented on the District's debt profile and refinancing review.

APPROVAL OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION TO REFUND SERIES 2014 BONDS

Mrs. Pontz moved and Mr. Beiler seconded the motion to approve a resolution authorizing the Administration to work with the bond underwriter and paying agent to call for redemption of the outstanding Series 2014 Bonds.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Beiler, Mr. Byrnes, Mrs. Herr, Mr. Kimmel, Mr. Knarr, Mr. Parido, Mrs. Pontz, Mrs. Spahn
Abstain: None
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Arnst

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACT WITH LANCASTER-LEBANON IU13

Mr. Byrnes moved and Mrs. Spahn seconded the motion to approve a 2020-2021 special education contract with Lancaster-Lebanon IU13.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Beiler, Mr. Byrnes, Mrs. Herr, Mr. Kimmel, Mr. Knarr, Mr. Parido, Mrs. Spahn
Abstain: Mrs. Pontz
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Arnst

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING HOMESTEAD AND FARMSTEAD EXCLUSION FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR

Mr. Kimmel moved and Mr. Byrnes seconded the motion to approve a resolution implementing the Homestead and Farmstead exclusion for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Beiler, Mr. Byrnes, Mrs. Herr, Mr. Kimmel, Mr. Knarr, Mr. Parido, Mrs. Pontz, Mrs. Spahn
Abstain: None
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Arnst

APPROVAL OF ADOPTION OF BUDGET AND APPROVAL OF TAXES

Mr. Kimmel moved and Mr. Beiler seconded the motion to approve the adoption as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the budget of the Lampeter-Strasburg School District as accepted at the Board Meeting of said district held on May 18, 2020, is the same as hereby adopted as the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Lampeter-Strasburg School Directors hereby ratifies the action taken at previous meetings levying a wage tax of one (1%) percent with municipalities taking 50 percent of the one (1%) percent, and real estate transfer tax of one (1%) percent with municipalities taking 50 percent of the one (1%) percent.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Lampeter-Strasburg School Directors hereby levies a tax on real estate property at the rate of 16.9269 mills at \$16.9269 for each \$1,000 of the total assessed valuation of property taxable for school purposes in the school district.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Beiler, Mr. Byrnes, Mrs. Herr, Mr. Kimmel, Mr. Knarr, Mr. Parido, Mrs. Pontz, Mrs. Spahn
Abstain: None
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Arnst

APPROVAL TO AMEND THE TAX BILLING AND COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR

Mr. Byrnes moved and Mr. Parido seconded the motion to approve a resolution to amend the tax billing and collection schedule for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Beiler, Mr. Byrnes, Mrs. Herr, Mr. Kimmel, Mr. Knarr, Mr. Parido, Mrs. Pontz, Mrs. Spahn
Abstain: None
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Arnst

APPROVAL FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT GASB 54 FUND BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2020

Mr. Beiler moved and Mr. Kimmel seconded the motion to approve a resolution implementing June 30, 2020, GASB 54 Fund Balance.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Beiler, Mr. Byrnes, Mrs. Herr, Mr. Kimmel, Mr. Knarr, Mr. Parido, Mrs. Pontz, Mrs. Spahn
Abstain: None
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Arnst

APPROVAL OF BB&T MUNICIPAL LEASE FOR SCHOOL VAN

Mr. Beiler moved and Mr. Knarr seconded the motion to approve a five-year Municipal Lease with BB&T for a new school van for \$31,100 at 3.94% and permission for Board President Mrs. Melissa Herr, Superintendent Dr. Kevin Peart, Board Secretary Mrs. Mary Williams and Board Treasurer Keith Stoltzfus to execute the final documents.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Beiler, Mr. Byrnes, Mrs. Herr, Mr. Kimmel, Mr. Knarr, Mr. Parido, Mrs. Pontz, Mrs. Spahn
Abstain: None
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Arnst

APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS

Mrs. Pontz moved and Mr. Byrnes seconded the motion to approve the Lampeter-Strasburg School District application for flexible instructional days for the 2020-2021 school year.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Beiler, Mr. Byrnes, Mrs. Herr, Mr. Kimmel, Mr. Knarr, Mr. Parido, Mrs. Pontz, Mrs. Spahn
Abstain: None
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Arnst

APPROVAL OF POLICY (SECOND READING)

Mrs. Pontz moved and Mrs. Spahn seconded the motion to approve Policy 201 Admission of Students (second reading), as attached to these minutes.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Beiler, Mr. Byrnes, Mrs. Herr, Mr. Kimmel, Mr. Knarr, Mr. Parido, Mrs. Pontz, Mrs. Spahn
Abstain: None
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Arnst

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Peart shared that the health and safety plan is being developed for buildings to reopen as well as the athletic health and safety plan. Both plans will need to be Board approved and submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Dr. Peart shared that a survey will be communicated to families to gather feedback with a goal to bring the plan to the Board for approval at a special meeting on June 29. Once plans are approved, buildings will send out further surveys for feedback from families at building-level.

Mrs. Herr thanked Mrs. Boyce for joining the meeting.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was properly adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Mary E. Williams
Secretary