



Lower Merion School District

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LMSD Board of School Directors Business Meeting Highlights

Nov. 19, 2018, Business Meeting

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Copeland yielded the floor, so that the Board could discuss and vote on a proposed Agreement of Sale for properties at 912, 916, 920 and 922 Spring Mill Rd. in Villanova. Purchase of these properties would give the District space for fields to be used in conjunction with a new middle school for grades 5-8 at 1860 Montgomery Avenue. The purchase price is \$5.2 million and the agreement is contingent on the Township approving changes to the zoning ordinance for public schools, along with due diligence surveys of the land. The Board approved the Agreement of Sale, which took Stoneleigh out of consideration for middle school fields. (Later that night, the Township Board of Commissioners approved the ordinance change, which the District had requested).

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION

A Wynnewood resident asked whether the properties on Spring Mill Road are contiguous to the 1860 Montgomery Avenue site or whether students would need to be bused to the fields. She was informed that the fields are a 5-6-minute bus ride from the proposed middle school site.

Facilities and Operations – Item I

At this time the motion to approve the Superintendent entering into the Agreement of Sale for the Spring Mill Road properties was taken. The motion was Board approved 9-0.

After this vote, Dr. Gilbert turned the chair over to Mr. Driscoll, so that she could attend the Board of Commissioners meeting and provide information on this matter.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Weinstein, Principal of Harriton High School gave a presentation on the Student Leadership Conference that was held in May. Sixty students (30 from each high school), selected by club advisors, coaches and teachers, spent the day together engaged in community-building, leadership development and activities to empower student voice. These students also looked at the results of the Challenge Success Student Survey and shared their thoughts on issues such as homework and stress. High School staff are now shadowing these students and others to learn more about their lives in and out of school and the group will reconvene to further discuss issues and plan events over the course of the school year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Mr. Copeland shared the following updates:

- Congratulations to the Harriton Girls Varsity Tennis Team, who won their second state title in three years. The team had an impressive 20 and 0 season.
- Members of the Lower Merion High School crew team won two first place finishes in the two-kilometer sprints at the Bill Braxton Memorial Regatta – the final regatta of the fall season. Congratulations to the Novice Girls 4+ and Novice Boys 8+.
- Our high school students had two successful productions this past weekend. The Harriton Theater Company presented “Sherlock Holmes” and the Lower Merion Players presented “UrineTown.”
- A Penn Wynne Elementary school student will be appearing in “Matilda” at the Walnut Street Theatre.
- Four community members came out for the second “Ask the Superintendent” session this weekend, where we discussed gym requirements, college counseling and sleep and start times.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Board approved personnel actions across the District, including staff hires, re-hires and reclassifications for the 2018-2019 school year.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Dr. Vann Lynch reported on the November 7, 2018, Curriculum Committee Meeting, where the committee heard presentations on the Comprehensive Plan, the Gifted and Talented Program Evaluation and the Sleep and Start Time study.

The Board approved the following:

- Contract with Dr. Tara Doaty for training in racial literacy, cultural proficiency and equity and inclusion
- Submission of the LMSD Comprehensive Plan, which goes to the Pa. Dept. of Education
- The following overnight trips:
 - HHS and LMHS buildOn April trips to Nepal
 - HHS, LMHS, BCMS and WVMS TSA April trips to Champion, PA
 - HHS Girls Lacrosse April trip to San Diego
 - HHS Baseball April trip to Orlando, FL
 - LMHS Boys Basketball December trip to Erie, PA
 - BCMS Model UN February trip to Boston
 - WVMS 8th grade French students May trip to Quebec

STUDENT SERVICES

The Board approved agreements for Students receiving Non-District Educational Services.

BUSINESS OFFICE AND FINANCE

Mr. Driscoll gave a report on the November 15, 2018, Facilities/Purchasing Committee Meeting reviewing the items that were recommended for tonight's agenda.

The Board approved the following items:

- List of Bills reviewed through the Facilities and Purchasing Committee as well as the October 2018 LMSD Financial Report.
- Accepted with gratitude the donation of a used King trombone from Bruce E. Endy
- The transfers in the 2017-2018 budget and a transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund.

FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS

The Board approved the following items:

- A service agreement with RF Design and Integration for service and maintenance of bus radio equipment and antennas
- An amendment to the Master Agreement for professional services with Element Environmental Solutions
- A professional services with Reynolds Construction.
- A contract with Chester Valley Engineers for civil engineering services
- A proposal for a Phase 1 Site and Hazardous Material Assessment
- A contract with ePlus
- 2nd and 3rd year renewals to the managed services renewal agreement with Presidio Managed Services
- Change orders for the cafeteria modifications at BCMS and WVMS

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Robinson gave a report on the Nov. 9, 2018, Policy Committee Meeting, where the policies below were discussed.

The Board heard second readings on:

- Policy/AR 702: Gifts, Grants and Donations
- Policy 704: Recognition of contributions to the School Community
- Policy 135: Overnight Student Trips

NEW BUSINESS

The Board heard first readings on:

- Policy/AR 357/457/557: Outside Employment and Outside Business Interests
- Policy 150: No Child Left Behind (for repeal)
- Policy 257: Title 1 Parent/Guardian Involvement
- Policy/AR 209: Health and Dental Examinations

2019 Board Meeting Dates

The Board approved the list of 2019 Education Committee & Supplementary Regular Board meeting and Regular Business Board meeting dates.

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION

(no one requested to speak)

SUNSHINE ACT

Mr. Roos, Solicitor from Wisler Pearlstine, reported when the Board of School Directors met in Executive Sessions and the topics discussed.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Board Meetings: (at 8:00 p.m. in the Administration Board Room)

Monday, Dec. 3 – Reorganization Meeting

Monday, Dec. 17 – Regular Business Board Meeting

Committee Meetings: (at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room, unless otherwise noted)

Wednesday, Nov. 28 – Communications Committee

Tuesday, Dec. 4 – Curriculum Committee

Friday, Dec. 7 – Policy Committee

Thursday, Dec. 13 – Facilities/Purchasing Committee



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