



Lower Merion School District

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LMSD Board of School Directors Business Meeting Highlights

August 20, 2018, Business Meeting

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Prior to giving his report, Mr. Copeland announced that the resolution for the LMOSA agreement would be added to the agenda under "New Business."

Mr. Copeland said that as of the meeting date, enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year stood at 8700, putting the District on target to meet the projected enrollment estimates. He noted that while elsewhere in the country the number of school-aged children is declining, that is not the case in Lower Merion. He shared that partner schooling is under way.

Under the business section of his report, Mr. Copeland recommended that the Board approve the specially appointed hearing examiner's resolution excluding students from school and removing them from the rolls of the Lower Merion School District due to lack of residency. The Board approved this recommendation.

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

The following items were approved by the Board: The renewal of Edmentum's Study Island: ELA Library-Program License for all elementary schools and the My Learning Plan renewal for the 2018-19 school year.

STUDENT SERVICES

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

BUSINESS OFFICE AND FINANCE

Mr. Driscoll gave a report on the August 16, 2018, Facilities/Purchasing Committee Meeting reviewing the items that were recommended for tonight's agenda.

The Board approved a List of Bills reviewed through the Facilities and Purchasing Committee as well as the July 2018 LMSD Financial Report.

The Board accepted with gratitude the donation of \$3,000 from the Welsh Valley Home & School Association for school assemblies for the 2018-19 school year and the donation of a traditional executive desk valued at \$1,200 from Karen Castaneda to the Lower Merion School District.

FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS

- Approved a contract for a Vibration System tire balancer
- Approved a contract for food service paper, disposables and cleaning supplies
- Approved a contract for two replacement trucks
- Approved the license agreement with My Turn to Drive to lease space for Driver's Ed classes at LMHS and HHS
- Approved extending the lease agreement for the modular classrooms at PWES
- Approved amendments to the contracts with Gilbert Architects for the cafeteria projects at BCMS and WVMS
- Approved a proposal from Chester Valley Engineers for site feasibility and evaluation work
- Approved a proposal from Reynolds Construction for program management
- Approved the submission for PlanCon J, Project Accounting Based on Final Costs for additions and alterations at Welsh Valley Middle School, to the Pennsylvania Department of Education
- Authorized the Administration to defer liquidated damages claims against the contractor on the HHS storm water basin project until after Sept. 3, 2018
- Authorize the Administration to approve or issue all directives, cost adjustments, schedule adjustments, professional services and fees deemed necessary for the completion of the repairs to storm water basin at HHS
- Approved the list of contracted transportation services drivers and aides
- Approved change orders on the HHS storm water basin project and the WVMS cafeteria project

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

The Board approved the donation 8 District laptops to the Box Lunch and Book program in Bryn Mawr and the Act 93 LMOSA Meet and Discuss Agreement effective July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2020.

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION

A Narberth resident who recently graduated from the Unionville School District said students don't care about buildings or technology and that the District should renovate existing buildings rather than building a new middle school.

A Wynnewood resident wanted to know whether Eminent Domain of Stoneleigh was still under consideration (Mr. Copeland later answered that all options for field space remain on the table, but that Stoneleigh would only be pursued as a last resort).

A Merion Station resident asked for an explanation of partner schooling. (Mr. Copeland later explained that partner schooling is when a new student registering in the District is assigned to a different school due to class size. The home school class has hit its limit but the neighboring school has space. The District provides transportation for the student.)

A District student said he believes facilities are important and the District should pursue bright, modern and great facilities.

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, Sept. 17 – Education Committee and Supplemental Regular Board Meeting

Monday, Sept. 24 – Regular Business Board Meeting

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

Thursday, Sept. 6 – Facilities/Purchasing 7:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, Sept. 12 – Curriculum Committee

Friday, Sept. 14 – Policy Committee

Thursday, Sept. 20 – Facilities/Purchasing

Wednesday, Sept. 26 – Communications

** At this meeting, architects who responded to the targeted RFP for a new middle school will make presentations and answer questions.



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