



Lower Merion School District

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LMSD Board of School Directors Business Meeting Highlights

July 16, 2018, Business Meeting

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AUDIENCE RECOGNITION ON AGENDA ITEMS

- A 21-year LM resident suggested the Board consider using a former office building for a new school rather than buying 1860 Montgomery.
- Another LM resident urged the Board to move forward with the purchase of 1860 Montgomery, even if field space cannot be purchased immediately.
- Another LM resident suggested that partial fields, rather than full-sized, are sufficient and that the District should canvass property owners near 1860 to see who would be interested in selling.
- A Narberth resident said both eminent domain of Stoneleigh and tearing down the mansion at 1860 Montgomery are decisions that will haunt the District and that Stoneleigh supporters will continue to fight.
- Another Narberth resident said adding on to existing schools is a better choice than either 1860 Montgomery or Stoneleigh.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Copeland shared that 283 students graduated from Harriton High School and 367 from Lower Merion High School and that several Board members – Dr. Gilbert, Ms. Finger and Dr. Vann Lynch – had the pleasure of watching their own children receive their diplomas and of addressing the graduates, along with excellent student speakers from both high schools.

He also shared that Lower Merion bus driver Beth McGowan is one of four winners of the 2018 Pennsylvania School Bus Driver Safety competition, which was held in State College last month. She'll be representing Pennsylvania at the International School Bus Safety Competition being held in Philadelphia on July 22nd. Over the past three years, Ms. McGowan has been moving up in the state competition. In 2016, she finished 6th in the state competition and then 4th in the 2017 event.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Board approved personnel actions across the District, including staff hires, re-hires and reclassifications for the 2018-2019 school year. These include the appointment of Dr. Mark Pellico as interim principal at BCMS, Robin Klaiber as principal at BHES, Tyrone Ross as assistant principal at LMHS and Stephannie Hannan as assistant principal at GES.

The Board wishes the following employees well in their upcoming retirements: Bus Aide Philip Beebe, who joined the District in 1993; HHS special education teacher Marianne Foley, who joined the District in 1996; instructional support teacher Rebecca Shadle, who joined the District in 1983 and has worked at BHES, GES and PVES; and bus driver Francis Werner, who joined the District in 2013.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

The following items were approved by the Board: the renewal of the contract with Dr. Abigail Reisman for Social Studies professional learning; the purchase of Mirrors and Windows textbooks and the Passport online program for the ELD program; and a subscription to Newsela for resources for social and emotional learning competencies.

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 July 12, 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 June 2018 LMSD Financial Report.

The Board accepted with gratitude the donation of \$1000 from the PWES Fifth Grade Committee for new artwork for the school's main office.

The Board approved a professional services contract with Valbridge Advisers – Lukens and Wolf LLC to handle property assessment appeals.

FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS

- Rescinded bids for sealcoating at LMHS and HHS that were approved at the June meeting and then awarded new bids for those services along with bids for white copy paper, and CNG compressor service at HHS
- Approved the Agreement of Sale for the property at 1860 Montgomery Ave.
- Approved contracts and addenda for transportation services with Perkiomen Tours and Werner Bus Lines
- Approved a license agreement with LM Aquatic Club for their use of LMHS pool
- Approved an independent consultant contract with Daniel Luner to provide photography and other multimedia services
- Approved addenda for web services, the integration of PowerSchool and AudioEye Managed Services with Finalsite.
- Approved a quote from ePlus for Ironport renewal
- Approved a contract with Netwrix Corp for software license renewal
- Approved a quote from Presidio for Cisco Stealth Watch Support
- Approved a subscription agreement with Siteimprove
- Approved a change order for repairs to the storm water basin at HHS.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

SUNSHINE ACT

Mr. Roos, Solicitor from Wisler Pearlstine, reported that the Board of School Directors met in Executive Sessions.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Board Meetings:

Monday, August 20 – Regular Business Board Meeting

Committee Meetings:

Thursday, August 16 -- Facilities/Purchasing 8:30 a.m.

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