



Lower Merion School District
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LMSD Board of School Directors Business Meeting Highlights

Oct. 21, 2019, Business Meeting

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NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR RECOGNITION

The meeting started with the recognition of the District's Semifinalists and Commended students in the National Merit Scholarship Competition.

The Harriton High School Semifinalists are:

Cierra Anderson	Anna Lee	Melanie Sporn
Ravi Balasubramanian	Amelie LeMay	Samuel Weissman
Ryan Cohen	Patrick McCann	Emily Wright
Teri Ke	Emily Sandler	Sunme Zhao

The Lower Merion High School Semifinalists are:

Samantha Anderer	Chang-Chi Huang	David Lu
Charles Berman	Da In Kim	Jason Ren
Christopher de Santis	Alexander Levinson	Sydney Schur
William de Santis	Annie Liang	Oliver Stern
Xuan Feldman	Jaimie Lim	Sophie Yang
Eugenia Feng		

The Harriton High School Commended students are:

Graham Branscom	Yasmeen Majid	Asher Sachs
Samuel Catania	John Neary	Theo Sharp
Lucy Dwyer	Michael O'Connor	Olivia Sutor
Kristiana Filipov*	Theodore Paniagua	Owen Warden
Shaina Ginsberg	Jay Ramaswamy	Elia Wonnacott
Ayhan Hakimoglu	Thomas Rosini	Allison Zhang
Charisma Hasan	Lorraine Ruppert	Monali Zhao
William Leedy*		
Katherine Lynch		

The Lower Merion High School Commended students are:

Maya Ackerman

Oron Barash

Eric Bing

Helena Blobel

Gabriel Brodeur

Teresa Cato

Anna Dubnoff

Samantha Gaier

Jacob Gottesman

Adam Hetzelson

Micah-Daniel

Jimoh

Roland Johnson

Eliza Keefe

Zeke Katz

Lewis Kothmann

Jasmine Li

Jeffrey Lipson

Henry Mills

Ezra Mittman

Haley Morgenstern

Julius Murphy

Niklas Fant

Leo Strudler

Talia Trentacoste

Colleen Wang

*National Hispanic Recognition Program

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION ON ACTION ITEMS

No comment was given at this time.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

As Mr. Copeland, along with Mr. Hughes and Mr. Weinstein, had already recognized the National Merit students, no further update was given at this time.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Board approved personnel actions across the District, including staff hires, re-hires and reclassifications for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Board recognized the passing of Mr. William Brubaker, who served the District as a social studies teacher at BC Junior High, assistant principal at BCMS, acting principal at Narberth Elementary, assistant principal and principal at WVMS and principal at Cynwyd Elementary from 1962 until his retirement in January 2000.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Dr. Vann Lynch reported on the Oct. 8, 2019, meeting of the Curriculum Committee, where the committee reviewed the contracts with Dr. Bena Kallick, who is consulting with the District's work on elementary report cards and iTutor, which will provide online tutoring services for the 1:1 Tutoring initiative when face-to-face tutoring is not available. The committee also heard a presentation from Dr. Pratt regarding NoRedInk, which is a program that helps teach grammar and a presentation from Dr. Eveslage about the District's summer programs.

The Board approved the following overnight trips:

- BCMS, WVMS, HHS and LMHS TSA trip to Harrisburg in November
- BCMS, WVMS Student Council trip to Johnstown, Pa. in November
- HHS, LMHS NSBE to Pittsburgh in November and San Antonio in March
- LMHS French students to Quebec in February
- HHS Science Olympiad to Boston in January

The Board approved the following:

- Contract with Dr. Bena Kallick
- Contract with iTutor
- Proposal from The Improve Group in collaboration with WestEd to evaluate special education programming

STUDENT SERVICES

The Board approved the following:

- Educational service agreements for students receiving non-District Educational Services
- Contract with the CCIU to provide 4 behavior specialists for the school year
- Agreement with Achieve 3000 to provide an online tool for differentiated instruction

BUSINESS OFFICE AND FINANCE

Mr. Driscoll gave a report on the Oct. 17, 2019, Facilities/Purchasing Committee Meeting reviewing the items that were recommended for tonight's agenda along with an update from Spieze Architectural Group and Reynolds Construction about the PlanCon process.

The Board approved the following items:

- List of Bills reviewed through the Facilities and Purchasing Committee as well as the September 2019 LMSD Financial Report.
- Accepted with gratitude the donations of \$250 from Abigail and Jascha Rubin towards the District's school lunch fund
- Appointment of the firm of Klehr Harrison for professional services related to the plans for the new middle school and fields

FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS

The Board approved the following items:

- Contracts for a backhoe rental for 425 Belmont and a boiler replacement at PVES
- Transportation carrier contract with Medical Transport Systems
- Seventh amendment to the professional services agreement with Spieze Architectural Group

- Professional services contract with Chester Valley Engineers for temporary classrooms at MES and additional work on the playing fields for the new MS
- Quote and addendum with Kronos Inc. for a software update
- Quote from PowerSchool Enterprise Management Services
- Quotes from StarLite and Anchor Audio Systems to replace wireless microphones that are on a frequency discontinued by the FCC
- Submission of PlanCon Part K for the issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019A for refinancing Bonds from 2013 and 2014
- Change order for hazardous material abatement and demolition at 1860 W. Montgomery Ave.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Robinson gave a report on the Oct. 11, 2019, Policy Committee Meeting where the following Policies had second readings:

- Policy 220 Courses Beyond Instructional Program
- Policy 240 Make-up Work (proposed for repeal, to be incorporated into Policy 207 Attendance)
- Policy 241 Releasing Pupils During the School Day (proposed for repeal, to be incorporated into Policy 207 Attendance)
- Policy 242 Obtaining a High School Diploma in Less than Four Years
- Policy 255 Confidentiality of Social Security Numbers (proposed for repeal because the District doesn't collect Social Security Numbers)
- Policy/AR 800 Records Management

NEW BUSINESS

First Readings:

- Policy 239 Awards, Scholarships and Contests Sponsored by Outside Organizations

The Board approved its meeting dates for 2020.

ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Ms. Finger reported on the Sept. 25, 2019 Communications Committee Report where the following items were discussed

- Implementation of Raptor Visitor Management and Volunteer Management systems
- Blackbaud CRM to be replaced with Finalsite system for Alumni and Ed Foundation

- Residencies implementation
- New MS communications: MS Ambassadors selected, quarterly newsletter will be sent
- Sleep and School Start Time communications plan
- Proposed initiatives: Gold Passes and LMSD 101

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION

A Harriton High School Student asked the Board to consider two non-voting high school students to be appointed to the Board of School Directors as student body representatives.

A Wynnewood resident had questions on the summer school programs from the presentation given at the Education Committee Meeting.

Two Penn Wynne residents urged the Board not to increase the blacktop play area at PWES.

SUNSHINE ACT

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

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Board Meetings: (at 8:00 p.m. in the Board Room, unless otherwise noted)

Thursday, Oct. 24, 2019 **at 7:00 p.m.** – Special Meeting of the Board to hear recommendation on School Start Times in the **LMHS Auditorium**

Monday, Nov. 11, 2019 – Education Committee/Supplemental Board Meeting

Monday, Nov. 18, 2019 – Regular Business Board Meeting

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

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2019 – Curriculum Committee

Friday, Nov. 8, 2019 – Policy Committee

Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019 – Facilities and Purchasing Committee

Thursday, Nov. 21, 2019 – Communications Committee at 7:00 p.m.



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