



# Lower Merion School District

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## LMSD Board of School Directors Business Meeting Highlights

Feb. 19, 2019, Business Meeting

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### **PRESENTATIONS**

The meeting opened with second-grade students from Penn Valley Elementary School sharing examples of reports and investigations they completed during personalized learning. Grace Feeny shared that she wrote a script that answers the question, “Why?”. Victoria Davila shared what she learned when researching cardinals. Grady Walters shared how he learned about growing vegetables and Tyler “Tigger” McMichael shared his research on parakeets.

### **AUDIENCE RECOGNITION**

There was no audience comment on action items.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

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

### **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

Dr. Vann Lynch reported on the February 5, 2019, Curriculum Committee Meeting, where the committee heard presentations from Dr. Paul on her program evaluation of Learning Support and from Dr. Eveslage on the District’s initiatives related to the Achievement Imperative.

The Board approved the purchase of U.S. History resources for the 11<sup>th</sup> grade College Prep and Honors courses.

### **STUDENT SERVICES**

The Board approved agreements for Students receiving Non-District Educational Services, an agreement with Easter Seals for the Extended School Year Summer Program for 2019 and a temporary staffing agreement with the MCIU for behavior management services through June 14, 2019.

### **BUSINESS OFFICE AND FINANCE**

Mr. Driscoll gave a report on the February 14, 2019, Facilities/Purchasing Committee Meeting reviewing the items that were recommended for tonight’s agenda.

The Board approved the List of Bills reviewed through the Facilities and Purchasing Committee as well as the January 2019 LMSD Financial Report.

The Board accepted with gratitude the donation of \$3000 from the Belmont Hills HSA for hardwood floors for the library maker space and an anonymous donation of \$5000 to Ms. Seaman's classroom at Penn Wynne. Ms. Frazier noted that this classroom is a life skills classroom that serves students from all the District's elementary schools.

The Board approved the MCIU School District Membership Services Budget.

### **FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS**

The Board approved the following items:

- A contract for privacy shower stalls at the LMHS pool
- A contract for additional CNG storage at HHS and LMHS
- A contract for pizza oven replacement at WVMS and BCMS
- License agreement with St. Joseph's University for the LMHS and HHS graduations
- An agreement with Reynolds Construction for the demolition of structures at 1800 W. Montgomery Ave. and 1835 County Line Rd. for playing fields for the new middle school
- An amendment to the professional services agreement with Spiezle Architects
- An individual work order with F. Tavani and Assoc. for a traffic study related to 1860 W. Montgomery Ave.
- A proposal from Gilbert Architects for a historical impact study report related to 1800 W. Montgomery Ave. and 1835 County Line Rd.
- A proposal from Gilbert Architects for exploration and analysis of space modifications at CES
- An agreement with Advanced Protection Company to provide security guards at LMSD schools
- An agreement with Raptor Technologies to provide visitor management technology at LMSD schools
  - Ms. DiBonaventura cast the only vote against this item, out of concerns that District Policy didn't adequately cover use of this technology. Ms. Shafer advised that after reviewing current policy with the District Solicitor, it was his opinion that current policy was adequate.
- A quote from ePlus for network hardware and required software licenses
- A quote from ePlus to replace the existing firewall system
- A settlement agreement and release with Land-Tech Enterprises, Inc.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Robinson gave a report on the Feb. 8, 2019, Policy Committee Meeting, where the policies below were discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Board heard first readings on:

- Policy/AR 201 Admission of Beginners
- Policy/AR 203 Blood Borne Pathogens (Repeal)
- Policy/AR 205 Immunization and Communicable Diseases
- Policy 211 Pupil Accident Insurance
- Policy 250 Student Accidents and Injuries
- Policy 357, 457, 557 Outside Business Interests

**AUDIENCE RECOGNITION**

A Harriton High School student asked for a clarification of the different roles of security guards vs. the current campus aides and asked for more precise information about what the expectations are for students during events such as the cancelation of the HHS pep rally due to a concerning social media post.

Mr. Copeland explained that security guards will monitor video feeds and greet and check-in visitors to schools while campus aides interact with students. He added that students will continue to practice lockdown drills with various scenarios.

**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, March 11 – Education Committee and Supplemental Regular Board Meeting

Monday, March 18 – Regular Business Board Meeting

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

Tuesday, March 5 – Curriculum Committee

Friday, March 8 – Policy Committee

Wednesday, March 13 – Finance Committee

Thursday, March 14 – Facilities/Purchasing Committee



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