



Lower Merion School District
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LMSD Board of School Directors May 16, 2022, Business Meeting Highlights

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SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE/PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Mumin and the Board recognized staff members who have served the District for 25 years. Those recognized were:

Anthony Carangi	Doreen MacGillivray	Edie Lewis
Mary Pat McFarland	Lori McCrudden	Donna Popko
Gary Nieberly	Karen Corkery	Kellie Vaccaro
Noelle Samulewicz	Katherine Demaray	Marguerite Papiano
Andrew Thomas	Mary Beth Gehret	Kathleen Templeton
Andi Tzabari	Thomas O'Brien	Janet Chung
Michele Wilson	Patricia Berry	Brett Davis
Patricia Breen	Gregg Downer	Dean Munro
Elizabeth Johanna Folgias	Jon Fadely	Andrea Fina-Dignam
Aimee Avellino	Deborah Gavin	Edward Stahl
Mindy Housman	Vernon Jones	Charles Schnapp
Lisa McDevitt	Marsha Rosen	Margaret Kaercher
Lisa Ruzzi	Tina L. Scott-Williams	Kathleen Schick
Karen Salladino	Ann Friedlander	Debra Williams
Maria Wells	Brian Kerper	

Dr. Mumin asked Ms. Shafer, Assistant to the Superintendent for Administration, to give an update on Health and Safety. Ms. Shafer acknowledged that the District is seeing a surge in reported cases of COVID-19 among students and staff, which aligns with higher case counts in the larger community. The District continues to follow the guidance of the Montgomery County Office of Public Health (MCOPH), which in turn follows the CDC. At this time, the [county is in the "medium" category for COVID-19](#). The guidance in this level is:

- If you are [at high risk for severe illness](#), talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions
- Stay [up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines
- [Get tested](#) if you have symptoms

Ms. Shafer added that the District has KN-95 masks available for students and staff who want them and the other mitigation efforts -- such as MERV-13 filtration, distancing during lunch (when masks cannot be worn), notification of families of students in outbreaks, and participation in the Mask-to-Stay program -- continue in LMSD.

Next, Dr. Mumin accepted the donation of the ISC Mini-Grants. This year, the ISC awarded 44 elementary school grants, 13 middle school grants and 12 high school grants, for a total amount of \$13,815. Individual awards ranged from \$60-\$791.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Lower Merion High School Student School Board Representative Emmi Wu reported that Boys Track and Field will be competing in Districts and Boys' Tennis is headed to States. Elections were held for Student Council for the upcoming school year. TSA is preparing for Nationals and students from both TSA and Dawgma mentored elementary students at Lego League. Culminating spring events, including the art show, spring concerts and the senior prom were all held in recent weeks. Seniors are working on senior projects. And students are taking AP and Keystone exams. The National Honor Society induction will be held Wednesday.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

Ms. Robinson reported on the April 27, 2022, Finance Committee meeting where the budgets for Staffing and Information Systems were reviewed. The meeting [can be viewed here](#).

Ms. Robinson also reported on the May 11, 2022, Finance Committee meeting where the budget for Curriculum and Instruction and the Fund Balance were reviewed. The meeting [can be viewed here](#).

Mr. Mooring reported on the April 27, 2022, meeting of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Equity and Anti-Racism, where the new DEI Director, Shawanna James-Coles, was introduced and the committee heard an update on the Equity Continuous Improvement Project from Education Northwest. The presentations were followed by continued workshopping of the Administrative Regulations for Policy 101 Equity.

Mr. Mooring also reported on the May 4, 2022, meeting of the Curriculum Committee of the Board, where social studies and chemistry texts and resources were reviewed, as well as the contracts for Education Northwest, Peardeck, Edulink, Illuminate, Learning without Tears Keyboarding and annual renewals. There was also a presentation on early literacy assessments and District data.

Ms. Schafmeister reported on the May 6, 2022, meeting of the Policy Committee, where the policies listed below for First and Second Readings were reviewed. There were updates on

moving Policies to BoardDocs to make them more easily searchable on the website and also on revisions to Student Handbooks.

Mr. Lee reported on the May 12, 2022, Facilities and Purchasing Committee meeting, which included review of the following items: the list of bills, the contracts and purchasing report items listed on tonight's agenda and an update on construction of the new middle school.

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION

During audience recognition, students and residents commented on the following topics, in person and via the chat feature on Zoom.

- COVID mitigation efforts, mandatory masking and ventilation
- Full day kindergarten
- Black Rock Middle School field site
- Board responses to public comments and emails, digital suggestion box for equity continuous improvement project
- Later start times

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were approved as a consent agenda:

ROUTINE/BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT

The Board approved the minutes of prior Board meeting and committee meeting(s).

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Board approved:

- Personnel actions across the District, including staff hires, re-hires and reclassifications for the 2021-2022 school year, the summer of 2022 and the 2022-2023 school year.
- The Board noted the passing of
 - Norton Seaman, who served as principal at both Harriton and Lower Merion high schools. He was employed by the District from 1969 until his retirement in 1998, and then returned in post-retirement between 2004-2008.

STUDENT SERVICES

The Board approved:

- Educational Service Agreements for students receiving non-District educational services.
- Special Education Service Cost Plan Agreement for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Renewal Agreement with Leader Services to provide IEP Write/Children Count Licenses
- Agreement with Pediatric Therapeutic Services for contracted therapists for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

The Board approved:

- Revised contract with Education Northwest
- Purchase of AP Chemistry books for both high schools
- Purchase of American Government textbooks for both high schools
- District Contract Renewals:
 - Illuminate Education
 - Learning Without Tears
 - EDULINK/PA-ETEP
 - Explore Learning
 - Degrees of Reading Power
 - MackinVIA
 - Newsela
 - No Red Ink
 - PebbleGo
 - ProQuest

BUSINESS OFFICE AND FINANCE

The Board approved the following items:

- List of Bills.
- April 2022 LMSD Financial Report.
- Appointment of Kenneth A. Roos of Wisler Pearlstine, LLP, as District Solicitor for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Election of Christopher J. Stoffere as Treasurer from July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023
- School Year stipend for Denise LaPera

The Board accepted with gratitude these donations:

- \$4315.08 from the GES HSA for library furniture and improvements
- \$2500 in \$50 gift cards from Acme's Nourishing Neighbors Campaign to the LMSD community

FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS

The Board approved the following items:

- Contracts for heating oil, bio-diesel and gasoline through MontCo joint purchasing; elevator maintenance; installation for Woodcarpet safety mulch; Johnson Controls monitoring, fire extinguishers, kitchen systems and sprinkler renewal; renewal of facility and maintenance management software; and construction of long jump and high jump area at BRMS
- Proposal from National Insurance Services for renewal of group long-term disability insurance
- Proposal from Delta Dental of PA for employee dental benefits for two years
- Comcast Internet Essentials third amendment
- Independent Consultant contract for freelance photography services
- Service Agreement with Rothman for Athletic Trainer services
- Subscription upgrade with Lancaster-Lebanon IU Enrollment for Education

- Quote from ImageTech Systems for Nintex software assurance and tech support
- Quote from Silvereye Technologies, Inc. for print server software licenses and support
- Parking License Agreement with Beaumont
- Amendment to the Agreement with Bytecurve LLC
- Quote from Samsara GPS for 36-month license
- Authorization for the Administration to approve up to \$100,000 in change orders for construction projects over the summer
- Change orders for BRMS construction

OLD BUSINESS

The Board heard Second Readings of:

- Policy 217 Graduation Requirements
- Policy 810 Student Transportation

NEW BUSINESS

The Board heard First Readings of:

- Policy 235 Student Rights and Responsibilities
- Policy 114 Individualized Student Supports and Services (Policy 114 was reviewed with no substantive changes)

SUNSHINE ACT

Mr. Roos, Solicitor from Wisler Pearlstine, reported that the Board of School Directors met for in executive sessions on May 9 & 16, 2022, to review pending litigation.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Board Meetings will be held at 8:00 p.m. in the DAO Board Room:

- June 13 Regular Business Board Meeting

Committee Meetings will be held in the Board Room (and livestreamed) starting at 8:30 a.m. unless noted otherwise:

- June 1 Curriculum Committee
- June 3 Policy Committee
- June 9 Facilities/Purchasing Committee
- June 15 Ad-Hoc Committee on Equity and Anti-Racism (7:00 p.m. via Zoom)

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