



Lower Merion School District
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LMSD Board of School Directors December 19, 2022, Business Meeting Highlights

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SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE/PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Klain invited the students attending the meeting to share public comment.

- Elementary, middle and high school students urged the Board of School Directors to preserve trees and structure on the BRMS field site and to look at alternate uses for the property to help the environment.

Ms. Klain then invited the student representatives to share their reports.

- LMHS Student Representative Ms. Wu reported on LMHS beginning of winter sports, concerts, LM Players, who are preparing for their presentation of “Little Women.” She added that the Maroon Madness pep rally raised money for the Sean Hughes Children’s Trust. To prepare for the Season of Giving, students and staff are collecting canned goods and non-perishables, along with toys and games.
- HHS Student Representative Ms. Simmons reported that winter sports season has begun after some very successful fall sports. In preparation for mid-year experience week, HHS will have their first wellness day this Friday. She also shared that the HHS Choir and LMHS Orchestra performed a holiday concert for District administrators last week. Finally, preparations are ongoing for Dr. Harriton.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

Mr. Mooring reported on the November 30, 2022, joint meeting of the Communications Committee and Ad-Hoc Committee on Equity and Anti-racism where there were updates on the #LMSDBuildingBelonging campaign, website updates, translation services, and changing the Equity Committee from Ad-Hoc to Standing Committee status.

Ms. Kalish reported on the December 7, 2022, Curriculum Committee meeting where there were presentations on expanding the music curriculum to include a music technology offerings and changes to the world language program, including course name changes to better reflect the offerings.

Ms. Robinson reported on the December 14, 2022, Finance Committee meeting where the financial audit report was reviewed, including the surplus that will be transferred to the capital reserve fund. The fund balance was also reviewed, including money for the litigation settlement and PSERS costs

Ms. Schafmeister reported on the December 15, 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 Black Rock Middle School, where auditorium AV equipment is being installed and the gym floor is being laid.

Ms. Shurak reported on the December 9, 2022, Policy Committee meeting where Policies listed for First and Second readings below were reviewed. Students also presented their work on the Student Civic Engagement Policy. And the committee liaison is working on mapping which policies will be reviewed for the rest of the school year.

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION

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

- Merion station resident spoke about healthy start times
- Belmont Hills, Gladwyne, PV, Cynwyd, Merion Station, residents all spoke in favor of preserving the BRMS field site
- A Wynnewood resident spoke about the Township's conditions of approval for sports fields, noting that the Board should plan for growth in interest of middle school sports.
- A Wynnewood resident spoke to how Equity is tied to all of the current issues being discussed

Prior to approving the agenda via consent, Ms. Klain pulled out the following items for a separate vote. The Board approved:

- Resolution not to raise school taxes above the Pa. Act 1 Index of 4.1% for the 2023-2024 fiscal year
- Act 57 resolution in accordance to requirements

CONSENT AGENDA

The items below were approved as a consent agenda.

ROUTINE/BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT

The Board approved the minutes of prior Board meeting and committee meetings.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Board approved:

- Personnel actions across the District, including staff hires, re-hires and reclassifications for the 2022-2023 school year.

STUDENT SERVICES

The Board approved:

- Educational Service Agreements for students receiving non-District educational services.
- Addendum agreement with Pediatric Therapeutic Services for speech therapy services

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

The Board approved:

- Renewal agreement with Hanover Research
- The following overnight field trip requests:
 - LMHS Science Olympiad 1/20/23 - 1/22/23
 - HHS and LMHS Concert Choirs - 1/12/23 - 1/14/23
 - BRMS Model UN - 1/27/23 - 1/29/23
 - HHS Boys Lacrosse Team - 4/2 to 4/7/23
 - HHS, LMHS, BCMS, BRMS, WVMS Technology Student Association - TSA State Conference, 4/19 - 4/22/23
 - HHS, LMHS, BCMS, BRMS, WVMS Technology Student Association - TSA National Conference, 6/28 - 7/2/23
 - LMHS NSBE Jr. Chapter - NSBE National Conference, 3/22 - 3/26/23

BUSINESS OFFICE AND FINANCE

The Board approved the following items:

- List of Bills
- November 2022 LMSD Financial Report
- Resolution not to raise school taxes above the 4.1% Act 1 index set by the state
- Act 57 Resolution

FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS

The Board approved the following items:

- Contracts for scoreboard at WVMS and library furniture at BCMS and WVMS
- License agreement with Main Line School Night for use of LMHS during the spring semester
- Quote from ePlus for cloud-based backup and archiving
- Transportation contract with Assist Services LLC
- Annual subscription with Fleetio Advanced Plan
- Three-year contract with Transfinder Corp. for software licensing and hosting agreement for Routefinder
- Individual Work Order with Chester Valley Engineers for design of pedestrian path at BRMS
- Change orders for BRMS construction

OLD BUSINESS

The following Policy was reviewed for adoption:

- Policy 137 District-issued Electronic Devices

NEW BUSINESS

The Board approved:

- Reappointment of Victor Orlando as Assistant Board Secretary
- Donation of surplus laptops to Change Agent Network in Liberia in accordance with Policy 701

The Board heard First Readings of:

- Policy 153 Student Voter Engagement
- Policy 808 Nutritional Services - Free and Reduced Price Meals for Students
- Policy 720 Employee Personal Use of District Property (FOR REPEAL)

SUNSHINE ACT

Mr. Roos, Solicitor from Wisler Pearlstine, reported that the Board of School Directors met for executive sessions on December 5 and 19, 2022.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

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

- January 9 Education Committee & Supplementary Regular Board Meeting
- January 23 Regular Business Board Meeting

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

- December 21 Equity & Anti-Racism @ 7:00 PM via Zoom
- January 4 Curriculum
- January 6 Policy
- January 18 Legislative @ 7:00 PM
- January 19 Facilities/Purchasing
- January 25 Communications @ 7:00 PM via Zoom

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