



Lower Merion School District
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LMSD Board of School Directors October 17, 2022, Business Meeting Highlights

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SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE/PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Klain, Board President, and Dr. Mumin, Superintendent of Schools, welcomed Harriton High School Principal Mr. Weinstein and Lower Merion High School Principal Dr. Johnson to recognize the LMSD students who were named 2023 National Merit Semifinalists and Commended Students.

The Harriton Semifinalists are:

Meredith Bacine	Leah Kallen	Alexandros Pratsos
Hana Boulware	Ray Zhou Ma	Kevin Shen
Hanna Chen	Tessa Mahoney	Sridhar Shenoy
Francis Fan	Norah Mezey-McMahon	Veikko Toikka
Hanna Gao	Sofia Patel	Clara Zhu
Sonia Gomes	Christian Potts	Benjamin Zhuang

The Lower Merion Semifinalists are:

Michael Aizenberg	Kallista Hachadoorian	Andrew McCann
Stoyan Angelov	Amy Huang	Sarah Stanger
Julia D. Dubnoff	Michelle Kelly	Poppy Wagner
Katherine Fang	Mark Lancaster	Claire Wang
Angela Ge	David Liu	Nathan Yu

The Harriton Commended Students are:

Dashiel Albright	Anna Luna Furer	Isaac Lo
Joseph Beh	Sophie Goldman	Jade-Sophie Martins
Noah Berger	Owen Huntingdon	Adami
Ethan Brookshier	Alexandra Lasky	Carmen Miskel
Jason DiMartino	Chandric Lee	Samuel Palmer
Loretta Farrell	Sabrina Lee	Maya Pasternack

Surya Penna
Tristan Prosper
Justin Rosini

Rose Weathers
Tiffany Wenzinger
Benn Wheeler

Stella William
Albert Young
Catherine Yuan

The Lower Merion Commended Students are:

Ava Altman
Niccolo Barr Bono
Cyrus Bernstein
Noah Bissell
Sajan Blum
Nathan Cohen
Charles Coyle
Nathalie Difuntorum
Maria Dymek

Aniah Gagliano
Andrue Herold
Sophia Kasner
Lauren Kelz
Adam Lee
Grace Monahan
Jintae Park
Jacob Ross
Sophia Schur

Andy Sun
Gabryelle Tepper-
Waterman
Benjamin Timberlake
Sophia Weatherwax
Asher Weisman
Emerald Wu
Anika Xi
Justin Yi

Ms. Klain stated that the Board met with Dr. Mumin to evaluate his first year with the District and that he had met or exceeded all of the goals set by the Board. Dr. Mumin expressed his gratitude at being able to serve in LMSD

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

LMHS Student Representative Ms. Wu reported students have settled in, with academics and activities all in full swing. Players will be performing “Beauty and the Beast” in November. Players and the Music Department hosted a fun day for the community. She added that Homecoming is coming up, as is the Radnor Game Spirit Week. The Merionite published its first issue. PSATs were taken by sophomores and juniors.

HHS Student Representative Ms. Simmons reported that Harriton is seeing an increase in school spirit, and activities such as HTC, the Banner, sports and Science Olympiad are in full swing. Harriton is also planning Homecoming and the HTC will be performing “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.” PSATs were taken by sophomores and juniors.

Mr. Lee reported on the Sept. 28, 2022, Communications Committee meeting, where topics included summer projects such as the District art calendar, videos, recruitment ads and community engagement events; the #LMSDBuildingBelonging campaign; community meetings on full-day kindergarten and healthy start times; and the community newsletter, which is in production. Finally, there will be a pilot of recording committees, beginning with the Ad-Hoc Committee on Equity and Anti-Racism and the Communications Committee.

Ms. Kalish reported on the Oct. 4, 2022, Curriculum Committee meeting where curricular contracts were reviewed and there was a presentation on PAYS survey results. LMSD answers were more favorable than statewide data; however, some areas were identified for further investigation by the District. There was also an update on the Foundations program implementation and a review of the District's summer programs, in which more than 1000 students participated.

Ms. Shurak reported on the Oct. 7, 2022, Policy Committee meeting where the Policies listed for First Readings were reviewed, concentrating on technology devices and student rights and responsibilities.

Ms. Schafmeister reported on the Oct. 13, 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, including some disputed charges and the delayed surfacing the track, which will occur after the end of the academic year to ensure access to the field is not impeded.

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION

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

- Cancellation of Halloween parades
- District concentration on academics
- Opposition to BRMS field site
- Policy 901 and Board deliberations
- Diversity and summer school STEM program
- Potential for fights at night football games
- Full-day kindergarten committee membership
- Possible building acquisition for a kindergarten center
- Student mental health

ROUTINE/BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT

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

CONSENT AGENDA

All of the items below were approved as a consent agenda, with the exception a Student Services consultant contract with Amy Barnett for literacy specialist/Wilson training, which was pulled for discussion and a separate vote.

Ms. Fraser explained that Ms. Barnett would provide ten teachers with Level 1 certification. She also consults on cases, is a reading specialist and provides ongoing training, with a goal of having all special education teachers trained in the Wilson methodology. The consultant has

worked with LMSD for a number of years and District Administration has assessed her work to be positive.

The Board voted to approve the contract with three members dissenting.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Board approved:

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

The Board noted the passing of Virginia Jeffries, who taught French at Lower Merion High School from 1968 until her retirement in 2004.

STUDENT SERVICES

The Board approved:

- Educational Service Agreements for students receiving non-District educational services.
- Contract with Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. for a substitute Registered Nurse

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

The Board approved:

- The following overnight field trip requests:
 - HHS Girls basketball to Orlando
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 - HHS Girls basketball to Wildwood
 - HHS Music Department to Orlando
 - HHS Girls lacrosse to Colorado Springs
 - LMHS Golf to State College
- Quote from Curriculum Associates
- Renewal of World Book Online
- Renewal of SAVVAS Words Their Way

BUSINESS OFFICE AND FINANCE

The Board approved the following items:

- List of Bills
- September 2022 LMSD Financial Report
- Settlement Agreement with PA Leadership Charter School

The Board accepted with gratitude the following donation:

- Kohler and Campbell upright piano valued at approximately \$1000 from Mordechai Schwartz for PWES

FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS

The Board approved the following items:

- Contracts for fire alarm panel at PWES, circuit board sock for Lenel System Districtwide, chiller control replacement for LMHS, replacement stage curtains for BHES
- Transportation contract with Sarah Car Care, Inc.
- Individual Work Order with F. Tavani for post-development work at BRMS
- Quote from ePlus, Inc. for renewal of Nutanix subscription
- Change orders for BRMS

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

- Board discussion and endorsement of PSBA officers
- The Board approved meeting dates for 2023
- The following Policies were reviewed for First Readings
 - Policy 302 Standards of Conduct
 - Policy 224 Care of School Property
 - Policy 234 Restrictions on Use of Electronic Devices
 - Policy 137 District-issued Laptops: Student Use, Rights and Responsibilities

SUNSHINE ACT

Mr. Roos, Solicitor from Wisler Pearlstine, reported that the Board of School Directors met for an executive session regarding a personnel matter on Oct. 10, 2022.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

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

- November 14 Education Committee and Supplementary Regular Board Meeting
- November 21 Regular Business Board Meeting

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

- October 26 Ad-Hoc Committee on Equity and Anti-Racism (*7:00 p.m.)
- November 2 Curriculum Committee
- November 4 Policy Committee
- November 17 Facilities and Purchasing Committee
- November 30 Communications Committee (*7:00 p.m.)

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