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## **LMSD Board of School Directors Business Meeting Highlights**

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#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

##### **National Merit Recognition Ceremony**

The Board of School Directors held its annual recognition ceremony for LMSD's 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program honorees. This year, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation recognized 60 LMSD seniors for exceptional academic achievement and high scores on the PSAT. The list includes 24 National Merit Semifinalists, 30 Commended students and a District-record 7 National Hispanic Recognition Program Nominees. This is one of the largest groups of National Merit honorees on the East Coast.

Approximately 1.6 million juniors in over 21,000 high schools entered this year's National Merit program by taking the 2016 PSAT. Fewer than 16,000 students — less than one percent of all U.S. high school students — achieved the status of National Merit Semifinalist. Commended students placed among the top 5% of all entrants. Those deemed "Scholars" must achieve a GPA of 3.5 or higher. The National Hispanic Recognition Program recognizes the outstanding performances of the top Hispanic/Latino students participating in the qualifying test.

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

The Board approved personnel actions across the District, including staff hires, re-hires and reclassifications for the 2017-18 school year.

Several longtime staff members announced their retirement and resignation this month. Best wishes to Barbara Stevenson (Specialist/Human Resources) on her retirement and Doug Young (Director of Communications/Administration) on his new career opportunity.

#### **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

The Board approved several field trips and a renewal of MyLearningPlan for the 2017-18 school year.

#### **STUDENT SERVICES**

The Board approved the renewal of an agreement with Leader Services to provide IEP Writer/Children Count Licenses for the 2017-18 school year.

#### **BUSINESS OFFICE AND FINANCE**

- The Board approved a List of Bills reviewed through the Facilities & Purchasing Committee as well as the September 2017 LMSD Financial Report.
- The Board accepted with gratitude the following donations: a droid kit to the CYES STEM program from Lilach Mollick; \$12,000 to CYES STEAM program from CYES Home and School Association; drone and related equipment from Jay Gorodetzer to HHS's TV station and other clubs; 15 Raspberry Pi kits valued at \$89.95 per

kit from Cyber Innovation Center to HHS's Computer Science Program.

## **FACILITIES & OPERATIONS**

- Bids awarded to furnish and install team shelters at South Ardmore Park and replace the boiler at GLES.
- License agreements approved with Saint Joseph's University for Harriton and Lower Merion high school graduation ceremonies on June 5 and June 6.
- License agreement approved with Lower Merion Township to install and maintain four team shelters at South Ardmore Park.
- Proposal approved from Gilbert Architects, Inc. to conduct a study of the property at 1860 W. Montgomery Avenue to determine the feasibility of constructing a new elementary school or middle school/
- Change orders approved for storm water system maintenance at HHS; modular units at BCMS; electrical work at PVES and PWES

## **POLICY**

The following policies were reviewed for a second reading: 1. [Policy/AR 200 Enrollment of Students](#); 2. [Policy/AR 202 Non-Resident Pupils](#); and 3. [Policy/AR 216 Administration of Student Records](#).

The following policies were reviewed for a first reading: 1. [Policy/AR 002 School Board Organization and Responsibility](#); 2. [Policy/AR 007 Board Meetings](#); 3. [Policy/AR 605 Tax Levy](#); 4. [Policy/AR 262 Homeless Students](#); and 5. [Policy/AR 003 Local Board Procedures for Repeal](#).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Board of School Directors approved meeting dates for January 2018 – August 2018 (All meetings are held on Monday except where noted due to holiday): January 8 Education Committee Meeting; January 22 Regular Business Board Meeting; February 12 Education Committee; February 20 Regular Business (Tuesday); March 12 Education Committee; March 19 Regular Business; April 9 Education Committee; April 16 Regular Business; May 14 Education Committee; May 21 Regular Business; June 11 Regular Business; July 16 Regular Business; August 20 Regular Business

## **UPCOMING MEETING DATES**

Board Meetings @ 8:00 PM: Monday, November 13 Education Committee and Supplementary Regular Board and Monday, November 20 Regular Business Board. Committee Meetings: SEE TIMES LISTED - HELD IN THE ADMIN BLDG BOARD ROOM: Wednesday, October 25 Legislative Committee; Monday, November 6 Curriculum Committee @ 8:30 AM; Friday, November 10 Policy Committee @ 8:30 AM; Thursday, November 16 Facilities & Purchasing Committee @ 8:30 AM; Wednesday, November 22 Communications Committee @ 8:30 AM. All meetings held in the DAO Board Room

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