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LMSD Board of School Directors Business Meeting Highlights

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SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Earlier this year, the District requested PennDOT review of the safety of a walking route near Penn Wynne Elementary School following a pedestrian incident at the intersection of Remington Road and Haverford Road. Superintendent Copeland reported that the District recently received results of the study, which concluded that this section of Haverford Road (between Beechwood Road and Suffolk Lane) is not a hazardous walking route.

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 this month. Best wishes to Theodore Dubbs (Bus Driver/Transportation), Nancy Lovitch (Instructional Aide/Penn Wynne), James Morgan (Assistant Director of Operations) and Jamison Shrut (Speech & Language Pathologist/Cynwyd).

The District mourns the passing of three longtime former employees: Health/Physical Education Teacher Robert Davidson (Merion Elementary School) was employed in LMSD from September 1970 until his retirement in June 2006; Operations Foreman Joseph Kelly was employed in LMSD from October 1972 until his retirement in December 2005; and English/German/Social Studies Teacher Ken Trotter (Ardmore Junior High/Bala Cynwyd Middle/Lower Merion High), who was employed in Lower Merion School District from September 1957 until his retirement in June 1993.

The Board approve a quote from Kronos Incorporate for HR software and equipment maintenance support for the 2017-18 school year.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

The Board approved the following items:

- Subscription renewals with Knowledge Matters Virtual Business and Questar
- Renewal of the Achieve 3000 Pro Differentiated Literacy Solution
- Purchase of Keyboarding Without Tears licenses for all students in grades 1-5 for the 2017-18 school year
- Contract renewal with College Board for the purchase of the PSAT/NMSQT test for the 2017-18 school year
- License renewal with ProQuest
- Contract with College Settlement Outdoor School for Harriton High School's International Baccalaureate program
- Contract renewal with PowerSchool/PerformancePLUS

STUDENT SERVICES

Among the items approved by the Board included: a full service training agreement with American Red Cross for First Aid/CPR/AED, bloodborne pathogen and Epinephrine auto-injector training; Quote from Achieve3000 for literacy programs for the 2017-18 school year; Quote from NCS Pearson, Inc. for the Aimsweb program for the 2017-18 school year; Independent Consultant Contract with Amy Barnett for literacy specialist/Wilson training for the 2017-18 school year.

year; Contract with Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. for In-School Nursing Services during the 2017-18 school year; Proposal from Pearson, Inc. for learning assessment material and training for the 2017-18 school year; Service Agreement with The Lincoln Center for Family and Youth for the Transformational Education Advanced Counseling Help service for the 2017-18 school year; License Agreement with Wilson Language Training to conduct Wilson Professional Learning during 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 June 2017 LMSD Financial Report.
- The Board accepted with gratitude a donation of \$529 from Vanguard Charitable for purchase of an autism steam roller for the Autism Support Program at Gladwyne Elementary School and donation of a water filling station for refilling reusable water bottles from Harriton Home and School Association to Harriton High School, valued at approximately \$1,400.

Additional items approved by the Board included a consulting agreement with Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc.; a settlement agreement for the Rock Hill Road Flume; and a proposal and professional services regarding property assessment appeals from Valbridge Property Advisers - Lukens & Wolf LLC.

FACILITIES & OPERATIONS

- Contracts awarded for sealcoat asphalt at HHS and LMHS; painting of courtyard canopies at WVMS; cleaning of kitchen hoods, ducts, fans; inspection and certification of Ansul Systems; elevator preventive maintenance and inspection; installation of bus radio repeater system.
- Lease agreement approved with Montgomery Early Learning Center, to conduct before and after school child care at district elementary schools.
- License agreement approved with Lower Merion Aquatic Club, Inc. for use of Lower Merion High School's swimming pool during the 2017-18 school year.
- Renewal agreement approved with West Interactive Services Corporation for renewal of SchoolMessenger notification system.
- Work order approved with Shephard Restoration Engineers for repairs to the masonry wall.
- Quote approved from ePlus for annual hardware maintenance and license renewal for Cisco Ironport email spam filtering device.
- Quote approved from Netwrix Corporation for software for auditing file access and modification.
- Quote approved from Presidio Networked Solutions for Cisco network equipment for BCMS modular classrooms.
- Quote approved from Presidio Networked Solutions for maintenance and support contract for Lancope hardware and software.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Monday, August 21 Regular Business Board @ 8:00 PM; Thursday, August 17 @ 8:30 AM - Facilities/Purchasing Committee.

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