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LMSD Board of School Directors Business Meeting Highlights

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SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE - RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

Harriton, LMHS TSA Teams Excel at National Competition

Congratulations to the Harriton and Lower Merion High School TSA teams for their outstanding performances at the recent 2016 National TSA Conference in Nashville. Both schools earned three top ten event finishes at a conference attended by 5,000 qualifiers from TSA chapters nationwide. Additionally, Harriton’s Etan Ginsberg earned an individual National Championship in the “Chapter Team-Written” category, a test designed to evaluate a student’s knowledge of parliamentary procedure. Harriton TSA was also awarded The American Cancer Society’s “Spirit of Service Award” for raising over \$1000.00 for ACS this season.

The highest finish by an LMSD high school team was 3rd place overall in the “Children’s Stories” category by the LMHS team of Vanessa Roser, Vivian Klotz and Oliva Johnston. The trio wrote, illustrated and published an original children’s book.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Several LMSD staff members announced their retirement this month. Best wishes to James Carsia (Transportation), Michael Pilling (Instructional Aide/LMHS) and Susan Spatocco (Secretary/Gladwyne).

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES ACTIONS

Among the items approved by the Board included the purchase of American Government/Social Studies digital courseware licenses and resource materials, the completion of an agreement with True North Logic for employee evaluation management and SLO (student learning objective) management services and a contract with consultant Peter Noonan for staff training related to Professional Learning Communities.

STUDENT SERVICES ACTIONS

Among the items approved by the Board included independent consultant agreements for: Wilson Language Training, school psychology services, physical therapy services, physician services, and professional development and consultation services to District personnel regarding socio-cultural identities and social-emotional support.

BUSINESS OFFICE AND FINANCE

The Board approved a List of Bills reviewed through the Facilities & Purchasing Committee as well as the June 2016 LMSD Financial Report. The Board accepted the following donations:

- \$1,000 from David and Hallee Adelman to Welsh Valley Middle School so that future students will continue to enjoy all that WVMS has to offer
- \$7,100 from the Penn Valley Elementary Home and School Association to support the purchase of technology/laptops (\$5000), \$1,100 for the school library, \$500 for a Buddy Bench from the Class of 2015, \$500 for a Buddy Bench from the Class of 2016
- \$6,666 from the Education Foundation of Lower Merion to purchase video production equipment for the benefit of Harriton and Lower Merion high schools
- \$9,000 from Cynwyd Elementary Home and School Association towards the purchase of new tables and chairs for the school library

FACILITIES & OPERATIONS

In an effort to enhance the safety and security of our students and staff, the Board awarded a bid via a state technology purchasing consortium to Pro-Vision Video Systems for the installation of security cameras on 95 LMSD school buses. The cameras have proven to be an effective tool for districts nationwide seeking to deter misconduct on buses and can provide critical information in situations when disciplinary action may be considered. The District successfully piloted the use of security cameras on two school buses this year. Also this year, the Board of School Directors approved an amendment to the District's student transportation policy that establishes parameters for the implementation and use of security cameras and related audio/video recording on buses. To review the full Board Policy (Policy 810) along with administrative regulations that cover implementation and access, [click here](#).

Additional Approvals:

Purchasing agreement with Lenel Door and Camera Security Controls for the installation of security cameras and door controls at entrances of newly-renovated areas of the District Administration building that have been converted to classroom space for Lower Merion HS as well as in the newly-installed modular classrooms at Penn Wynne Elementary School. These systems are similar to those currently being used in school facilities and enable secure access for staff and students...Four-year lease agreement with Ricoh USA to provide document management/copier services...Lease agreement with Montgomery Early Learning Center for extended day child care sites at Lower Merion elementary schools for the 2016-17 school year...Renewal of agreement with Reconstructive Orthopaedic Associates for high school athletic trainer services for the 2016-17 school year to include two full-time and two part-time high school athletic trainers...Renewal of agreement with NovaCare Rehabilitation for middle school athletic trainer services for the 2016-17 school year...License agreement with Merion Mercy Academy for use of the Merion Elementary School gymnasium for basketball practice during the 2016-17 high school basketball season...Purchase of Ironport software for spam filtering and anti-virus protection...Purchase of Netwrix system monitoring software products to support network security...License renewal with Kronos Incorporated for human resources support services used to record time and attendance and assist in payroll functions...Change order to relocate a stormwater basin for the Penn Wynne temporary classroom project...Work Order for Professional Services with Chester Valley Engineers, Inc. to include land surveying services at Bala Cynwyd Middle School in preparation for potential additions to the school.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board approved the following meeting dates for September-December 2016:

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| Monday, September 12 | Education Committee & Supplementary Regular Board |
| Monday, September 19 | Regular Business Board |
| Monday, October 10 | Education Committee & Supplementary Regular Board |
| Monday, October 17 | Regular Business Board |
| Monday, November 14 | Education Committee & Supplementary Regular Board |

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| Monday, November 21 | Regular Business Board |
| Monday, December 5 | Reorganization |
| Monday, December 19 | Regular Business Board |

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Upcoming Meeting Dates: August 11 Facilities/Purchasing Committee @ 8:30 AM and the August 15 Regular Business Board @ 8:00 PM

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