

Standing Rule on Roll Call Votes, Passed September 12, 2017,  
Policy 006.2

- Members Present                   The Laurel Board of Education met on Tuesday, December 5, 2017, for their regular meeting at 7:02 p.m. There were nine (9) Board members present: Mr. Alan Carlson, Mr. James Eppinger, Mr. Jeff Hammerschmidt, Mr. Justin Kirkwood, Mr. Lance Nimmo, Mr. Kevin Patterson, Mr. Timothy Redfoot, Mr. Stephen Sickafuse and Mr. Earl Williams. Also in attendance were Mr. Leonard Rich, Superintendent; Ms. Mary Kosek, Business Manager; Mr. Robert Ord, Director of Administrative Services; Mr. Kevin Mahoney, Principal; Mr. Daniel Svrbly, Principal; and Mr. Matthew Mangino, Solicitor. There were sixteen guests. A newspaper representative was not in attendance.
- Meeting Called to Order        The meeting was called to order by the Board President, Mr. Eppinger.
- Recognition of Meeting         November 14, 2017 6:00 PM-7:02 PM-Executive Session-Personnel
- Pride & Promise Award         December 2017 Pride and Promise recipient was Mr. Dan Pontius.
- Presentation                    Mr. Bruce Lawrence presented the Local District Audit Report for the year ending June 30, 2017.
- Approve Minutes                Motion by Nimmo second by Kirkwood to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes - Yes.
- Approve Treasurer's Report    Motion by Patterson second by Kirkwood to approve the Treasurer's Report to the Board. Cash Balance on November 30, 2017 of \$3,236,153.61. Receipts during November 2017 were \$1,403,559.07. Expenditures at the end of November 2017 were \$968,408.92. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes - Yes.
- Approve Investment Report     Motion by Patterson second by Sickafuse to approve the Investment Report as of November 30, 2017. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes - Yes.

- Approve General Fund Bill Listings  
Motion by Patterson second by Kirkwood to approve the General Fund Bill Listings for the month of December 2017 for payment in the amount of \$63,126.57 and checks written manually during the month of November 2017 in the amount of \$63,876.10 for a total of \$127,002.67. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes - Yes.
- Approve Laurel Athletic Association Bills  
Motion by Patterson second by Sickafuse to approve the listing of Laurel Athletic Association Bills for November 2017 for payment in the amount of \$4,115.62. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes - Yes.
- Band to take trailer/truck to Disney  
Motion by Carlson second by Nimmo to grant approval for the band to take the band trailer and school district truck to Disney in March of 2018. There will be no cost to the district. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes - Yes.
- National College Fair - Pertile and students  
Motion by Carlson second by Williams to grant approval for Mr. Matthew Pertile and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students to attend the National College Fair at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh, PA on February 8, 2018. Cost to the district will be for transportation. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes - Yes.
- Table to advertise for baseball dugouts  
Motion by Redfoot second by Sickafuse to grant approval for the Administration to advertise for bids to renovate the Baseball dugout. After some discussion motion by Hammerschmidt second by Carlson to table the above motion. The President requested a roll call vote. All votes were recorded as roll call votes - Yes.
- Local Audit Report Year Ending June 30, 2017  
Motion by Patterson second by Kirkwood to accept and approve the Audit Report for the school year ending June 30, 2017, as presented by Mr. Bruce Lawrence from the firm McGill, Power, Bell & Associates, LLP, district auditors. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes - Yes.
- District Volunteer and District Non-Instructional Substitute Listing 17-18  
Motion by Sickafuse second by Williams to approve the additions to the 2017-2018 District Volunteer and District Non-Instructional Substitute Listings (per the attached list.) The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes - Yes.

- Increase Substitute Custodian and Secretarial substitute hourly wage
- Motion by Sickafuse second by Nimmo to grant approval for the district to increase the custodian and secretarial substitute rate to \$8.50 per hour and the cafeteria substitute rate to \$7.75 per hour effective immediately. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes – Yes.
- Origins of the American Idea Workshop - McGarrah
- Motion by Sickafuse second by Nimmo to grant approval for Mrs. Jennifer McGarrah to attend the Origins of the American Idea workshop on March 7, 2018 at the Beaver Valley IU. Cost to the district will be \$80 for a substitute and the cost for transportation. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes – Yes.
- Introduction to Global Education - Ernst
- Motion by Sickafuse second by Nimmo to approve Mrs. Elizabeth Ernst to participate in the Introduction to Global Education. This course will be held in Panama from January 11-12, 2018. The course awards 25 professional development hours. Cost to the district will be for a substitute for school business. All other costs and liabilities for the trip are the responsibility of Mrs. Ernst. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes – Yes.
- FMLA - McConahy
- Motion by Sickafuse second by Kirkwood to approve a Family Medical Leave for Mrs. Buffy McConahy beginning November 21, 2017. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes – Yes.
- Employ Personal care/Instructional Aide - Shiderly
- Motion by Sickafuse second by Patterson to employ Ms. Brenda Shiderly as a personal care/instructional aide in the amount of \$8.25 per hour. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes – Yes.
- Computer Science for Elementary - Svirbly, Dean and Germanski
- Motion by Sickafuse second by Nimmo to grant approval for Mr. Dan Svirbly, Mrs. Jean Ann Dean and Mr. David Germanski to attend the Computer Science for Elementary School – Coding workshop on December 19, 2017 at the MIU IV in Grove City, PA. Cost to the district will be \$160 for substitutes and the cost for transportation. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes – Yes.

- PSSA Math Open-Ended Item – Lenox and Murrman      Motion by Sickafuse second by Redfoot to grant approval for Mrs. Paula Lenox and Mrs. Angie Murrman to attend the PSSA Math Open-Ended Item workshops during the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year at the Allegheny IU 3. Cost to the district will be \$1,200 for registration, \$640 for substitutes and \$497 for mileage. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes – Yes.
- National Reading Recovery & K-6 Literacy Conference – Lorelli and Mrozek      Motion by Sickafuse second by Nimmo to grant approval for Mrs. Christina Lorelli and Mrs. Michele Mrozek to attend the National Reading Recovery & K-6 Literacy Conference on February 18-20, 2018 in Columbus, Ohio. Cost to the district is \$945 for registration, \$650 for lodging, \$80 for a substitute and \$450 for mileage. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes – Yes.
- High School Education 3.0 - Skerbetz      Motion by Sickafuse second by Redfoot to grant approval for Mrs. Dawne Skerbetz to attend the High School Education 3.0: Educating Generation Next on January 16, 2018 at the Pittsburgh Technical College in Oakdale, PA. Cost to the district will be \$80 for a substitute and \$42.80 for mileage. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes – Yes.
- Google Tools for Educators – Frengel, Rodgers, Skerbetz, Walzer, Scott and Pauline      Motion by Sickafuse second by Williams to grant approval for Mr. Mark Frengel, Mr. Don Rodgers, Mrs. Dawne Skerbetz, Mrs. Heather Walzer, Mrs. Nicole Scott and Mrs. Nicole Pauline to participate in the 6 week Google Tools for Educators online course through the MIU IV. Cost to the district is \$2,520 for registration. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes – Yes.
- Resignations      Motion by Sickafuse second by Redfoot to recognize the following resignations:
- a. Buffy McConahy – cafeteria head cook
  - b. Jodi Smith – Life Skills Instructional Aide
  - c. Shaelyn Barrett – Assistant Girls Softball Coach
  - d. Jamie Telesz – Head Volleyball Coach
- The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show

of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes - Yes.

Head Cook position -  
Arblaster

Motion by Sickafuse second by Nimmo to approve the transfer of Mrs. Mary Jo Arblaster from her current cafeteria position to the Head Cook position. She will receive an additional \$.25 per hour for this position according to the negotiated contract. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes - Yes.

27.5 per week cafeteria  
position - McCosby

Motion by Sickafuse second by Williams to transfer Amy McCosby from her current cafeteria position to the vacant 27.5 hour per week cafeteria position. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes - Yes.

SRU Student Teachers

Motion by Sickafuse second by Patterson to approve the Slippery Rock University student teacher placements for the second semester of the 2017-2018 school year:

- a. Jason Christy - Holzhauser and Miles
- b. Melinda Whelan - Morrison and Levisch
- c. Kelsey Musich - Gibson and Walzer
- d. Levi Yoder - Horodyski and Wade

The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes - Yes.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adopt  
Policy 918

Motion by Redfoot second by Nimmo to approve the Second Reading and Adopt Policy 918 - Title I Parent/Family Engagement. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes - Yes.

2018 Joint Purchasing  
Agreement

Motion by Carlson second by Sickafuse to approve the 2018 Joint Purchasing Agreement with the MIU IV. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes - Yes.

Resolution #120517-2

Motion by Williams second by Patterson to approve Resolution #120517-2 stating that the Laurel School District elects not to increase its taxes above the adjusted index of 3.4 percent for the 2018-2019 school year. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes - Yes.

Tentative Agreement -  
Laurel Teachers'  
Association

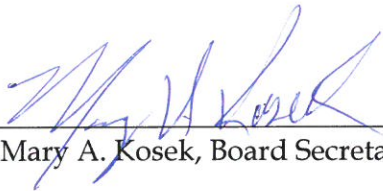
Motion by Williams second by Redfoot to approve the tentative agreement with the Laurel Teachers' Association for the school years of 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 according to the terms that were negotiated between the Laurel Board of Education and the Laurel Teachers' Association. The President requested a roll call vote. There were two abstentions - Carlson and Nimmo. All other votes (7) were recorded as roll call votes - Yes.

Citizen's Presentation

Ms. Julie Lewis addressed the board with her concerns regarding the Middle School Concept.

Adjournment

Motion by Patterson second by Sickafuse to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of the Laurel Board of Education at 8:56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted   
Mary A. Kosek, Board Secretary

  
James Eppinger, Board President