

January 8, 2019

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

Members Present

The Laurel Board of Education met on Tuesday January 8, 2019, for their regular meeting at 7:00 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. Mark Frengel, Principal; Mr. Daniel Svirbly, Principal; Mrs. Nicole Bell, Director of Pupil Services; and Mr. Matthew Mangino, Solicitor. There were 67 guests. A newspaper representative was in attendance.

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Board President, Mr. Eppinger.

Waive Formal Speaking Rules

Motion by Sickafuse second by Patterson to waive the formal rules per Board Policy regarding speaking at a Board meeting. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes - Yes.

Time given to sign up to speak

Time given to sign up to speak at 7:06 pm and the meeting reconvened at 7:11 pm.

Recognition of Meetings

December 4, 2018-6:00 PM-7:04 PM - Executive Session Personnel  
January 2, 2019 - 6:30 PM-7:53 PM - Executive Session - Personnel

Presentations

Ms. Verity Green - Student Counsel Representative  
Laurel Board of Education was the January 2019 Pride and Promise Recipients.  
Mr. Aaron Bernstine - Mr. Leonard Rich (Contract)  
Mrs. Jodi Disman- Mr. Leonard Rich (Contract)  
Mrs. Charlene Kirkwood, Mr. James Miles and Mr. Mark Smith also spoke.  
Mr. Leonard Rich - Academic Report

- Superintendent's Contract      Motion by Carlson second by Redfoot to approve and authorize the Board President and Secretary to formally notify the Superintendent of School, Mr. Rich, via written letter that the Board does not intend to retain him for another term and that the Board intends to consider other candidates for the position of Superintendent of School at the conclusion of his term. The President requested a roll call vote: Mr. Carlson, Mr. Eppinger, Mr. Nimmo, Mr. Redfoot and Mr. Williams - Yes. Mr. Hammerschmidt, Mr. Kirkwood, Mr. Patterson and Mr. Sickafuse - No.
- Employ Aide - Griffith      Motion by Carlson second by Sickafuse to employ Mrs. Cheryl Griffith as a personal care aide in the elementary in the amount of \$8.50 per hour.
- A Motion to Postpone Indefinitely Employment of Griffith      Motion by Patterson second by Sickafuse to postpone indefinitely the motion to employ Mrs. Cheryl Griffith as a personal care aide in the elementary in the amount of \$8.50 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.
- Consent Agenda      Motion by Redfoot second by Williams to approve a consent agenda for the items that follow:
- Approve Minutes      approve the minutes from the December 4, 2018 Reorganization Meeting and the December 4, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Board.
- Treasurer's Report      approve the Treasurer's Report to the Board. Cash Balance for December 31, 2018 was \$3,311,949.51. Receipts during December 2018 were \$591,592.49. Expenditures at the end of December 2018 were \$990,164.99.
- Approve Investment Report      approve the Investment December 31, 2018.
- Approve General Fund Bill Listings      approve the General Fund Bill Listings for the month of January 2019 for payment in the amount of \$352,714.16 and checks written manually during the month of December 2018 in the amount of \$31,066.59 for a total of \$383,780.75.
- Athletic Association Bill Listing      approve the Laurel Athletic Association Bill Listing for the month of December 2018 in the amount of \$4,958.

Approve the following  
Activities

approve the following student activities:

- The attendance of Mr. Matthew Pertile and the Junior Class to the College Awareness and Readiness Day at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center on February 8, 2019. Cost to the district is for transportation.
- Mrs. Dawne Skerbetz, Mrs. Patricia Miles and student finalists to attend the FBLA State Leadership Conference on April 7-10, 2019 in Hershey, PA. Cost to the district is \$2,125 for registration, \$10,026 for lodging and \$4,250 for transportation for a total of \$16,401. Student fundraising and contributions in the amount of \$2,800 for a net district cost of \$13,601.

WPIAL/PIAA  
Championship

grant approval for any coaches, student finalists and/or teams in Basketball, Cheerleading and Wrestling to participate in the WPIAL/PIAA Championship finals should they qualify.

District Volunteer and Non-  
Instructional Listing  
Additions

approve the additions to the District Volunteer and Non Instructional Substitute Listings for the 2018-2019 school year.

Workshops/Seminars

grant approval for the following workshops/seminars:

- Mr. Mark Fregel to attend the PDE Data Summit on March 24-27, 2019 in Hershey, PA. Cost to the district is \$300 for registration, \$456.21 for lodging and \$299.28 for transportation for a total cost of \$1,055.49
- Dr. Lori Dado to attend the APEA (Advanced Practice Education Associates) Conference on March 10-12, 2019 at the Power Center in Pittsburgh, PA. Cost to the district is \$500 for registration, \$160 for substitutes, \$59.16 for transportation, \$245 for lodging and \$105 for meals and miscellaneous expenses for a total of \$1,069.16. All costs will be paid with ACCESS funds.
- Mrs. Annmarie Santini to attend the NGPF (Next Generation Personal Finance) Camp on March 29, 2019 at the Hotel Indigo in Pittsburgh, PA. Cost to the District is \$39.16 for transportation.
- Mr. Matthew Pertile to attend the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual College Success Forum on January 29, 2019 at Robert Morris University. Cost to the district is \$56.84 for transportation.

Policy 425 - Second  
Reading and Adopt

approve the Second Reading and Adopt Policy 425 - Dress and Grooming.

Policy 011 - Re-adopt

Re-adopt Policy 011 - Principles of Governance and Leadership.

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

Adjournment

Motion by Sickafuse second by Patterson to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of the Laurel Board of Education at 8:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted



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Mary A. Kosek, Board Secretary



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James Eppinger, Board President