

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

- Members Present The Laurel Board of Education met on Wednesday, August 12th, 2020, for their regular meeting at 7:34 p.m. There were nine (9) Board members present: Mr. Robert Dicks, Mrs. Korie Enscoe, Mr. Jeff Hammerschmidt, Mr. Justin Kirkwood, Mr. James McGee, Mr. Lance Nimmo, Mr. Michael Parker, Mr. Kevin Patterson and Mr. Stephen Sickafuse. Also in attendance were Mr. Leonard Rich, Superintendent; Mrs. Jennifer Conrad, Business Manager; Mr. Robert Lee, Director of Administrative Services; Mr. Kevin Mahoney, Principal; Mr. Mark Frengel, Principal; Mr. Daniel Svirbly, Principal; Mrs. Nicole Bell, Director of Pupil Services; Mr. Matthew Mangino, Solicitor; Mrs. Heather Walzer, Science Teacher; Mrs. Jenna Chengoway, Elementary Teacher, and Mrs. Patricia Miles, Social Studies Teacher. There were 2 in-person guests and 39 online guests.
- Meeting Called to Order The meeting was called to order by the Board President, Mr. Stephen Sickafuse.
- Recognition of Meetings August 5, 2020: 7:00 – 9:25 PM Board Work Session, Executive Session for Personnel/Contract
August 12, 2020: 7:00 – 7:30 PM - Executive Session for Personnel
- Administrator Report Mr. Rich informed the Board that there are two additional agenda items for this evening related to reopening school: recommendations to change August 26-28, 2020 to Act 80 days and to delay the school start time by one hour each day for the first semester. Teaching staff Mrs. Walzer, Mrs. Chengoway, and Mrs. Miles presented the rationale and plans behind both additional motions. Mr. Rich and teaching staff responded to questions by Board members.
- Approve Minutes Motion by Magee, second by Enscoe to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2020 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.
- Treasurer’s Report Motion by McGee, second by Nimmo to approve the Treasurer’s Report to the Board. Cash Balance for June 31, 2020 was \$1,584,970.32. Receipts during July, 2020 were \$2,054,363.14. Expenditures at the end of July, 2020 were \$1,320,336.78. 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 McGee, second by Kirkwood to approve the Investment Report as of July 31, 2020. 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 McGee, second by Kirkwood to approve the General Fund Bill Listings for the month of August, 2020 for payment in the amount of \$470,482.46 and checks written manually during the month of July, 2020 in the amount of \$130,594.08 for a total of \$601,076.540. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes – Yes.
- Athletic Association Bill Listing There were no expenses for the Athletic Association for July, 2020, for approval.
- Activities Account There were no expenses for July, 2020, for approval.
- Personnel:** Motion by Kirkwood, second by Nimmo to approve the following items:
- District Substitute Aide Listing approve additions to the substitute aide listing for 2020-2021 school year.
- Leave of absence approve child rearing leave for Mrs. Amanda Long beginning August 24, 2020 and ending October 2, 2020.
- Instructional Aide employ Ms. Patty Morrison as an instructional aide for the 2020-2021 school year at \$10.00/hour.
- Resignations/Retirements Approve the following resignations/retirements:
-Retirement of Ms. Joanne Book as Cafeteria Employee effective August 3, 2020
-Retirement of Ms. Laurie Pollio as Cafeteria Employee effective August 3, 2020.
-Resignation of Mr. Shawn King, Sr. as Junior High Baseball Coach effective July 20, 2020.
-Resignation of Katie Majors as Musical Assistant Choreographer effective July 14, 2020.
- Police Officers employ the following individuals as School Police Officers to be paid a rate of \$20.00 per hour with no other benefits. Those individuals are: Fred Buswell, Christopher Fabian, James Heaney, Michael Mrozek, and Armande Perrotta.
- Mentor Teachers approve the following mentor teachers for the 2020-2021 school year. Compensation is in accordance with the stipend articulated in

the collective bargaining unit agreement:

- Mrs. Angela Murrman for Ms. Kellie Jones
- Mrs. Patricia Panek for Mrs. Kimberly Stewart
- Mrs. Michele Mrozek for Ms. Emily Discello

Supplemental Contracts approve supplemental contracts for 2020-2021.

Professional Development grant permission for Mrs. Kimberly Stewart to attend LETRs 3rd Edition Training held both virtual and in-person, first session starting August 31, 2020, and last session held May 25, 2021. The cost to the District is \$350.00 for registration plus transportation.

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

Superintendent Evaluation Motion by Nimmo, second by Patterson to table the approval of the Superintendent’s evaluation for the 2019-2020 school year due to incomplete participation. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes - Yes.

Shared Service Agreement for Business Manager Motion by Kirkwood, to approve a shared services agreement with Hopewell Area School District for business manager. Motion by Nimmo, second by Hammerschmidt to table the motion. Discussion ensued. Roll call vote to table motion: Dicks, Enscoe, Kirkwood, McGee, Patterson, and Sickafuse - Yes. Hammerschmidt, Nimmo, and Parker - No. Motion defeated 6-3.

Original motion by Kirkwood, second by McGee to approve a shared services agreement with Hopewell Area School District for business manager with two changes subject to solicitor review: three days’ presence at Laurel and 60-day termination for Hopewell. Roll call vote: Enscoe, Kirkwood, McGee, Parker, Patterson, Sickafuse, and Dicks - Yes. Hammerschnidt and Nimmon - No. Motion carried 7-2.

Supplemental Contract for Business Manager Motion to approve a supplemental contract for Jennifer Conrad, Business Manager, contingent upon the aforesaid shared services agreement with the Hopewell Area School District. Roll call vote: Kirkwood, McGee, Parker, Patterson, Sickafuse, Dicks, Enscoe - Yes. Hammerschmidt and Nimmo - No. Motion carried 7-2.

Committee of the Whole: Motion by Patterson, second by Enscoe to approve the following items B1 through B15:

rescind the approval of two Shenango Area School District Students to attend the Laurel Middle High as students in the Agriculture Education Program.

grant permission for a New Castle Area School District Student to attend the Laurel Middle High School as a tuition student in the Agriculture Education Program (permission from New Castle Area School Board was received). Transportation will be the responsibility of the parents. Tuition will be paid by the student's home district as long as the student is a resident of the District.

grant permission for an Ellwood School District Student to attend the Laurel Middle High School as a tuition student in the Agriculture Education Program (permission from Ellwood City School District was received). Transportation will be the responsibility of the parents. Tuition will be paid by the student's home district as long as the student is a resident of the District.

approve COVID-19 Resolution declaring an emergency.

approve COVID-19 Emergency Instructional Template.

approve the Laurel School District Health and Safety Plan for the re-opening of school.

No action was taken on agenda item B7.

approve the District's Flexible Instructional Days application to PDE.

approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Laurel School District and the Laurel Teachers Association with regard to teaching alternative/remote lessons during the 20-21 school year.

grant approval for Ms. Abigail Schauf, Slippery Rock Graduate, to receive practicum and internship training during the 2020-2021 school year with the Laurel School District.

approve Victoria Pasquale as a student teacher for the middle high school for the 2020-2021 school year under the supervision of Mr. Steve Skerbetz.

approve the bus routes for the 2020-2021 school year.

approve Day Student Education Agreement between the Laurel

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school District and Glade Run Lutheran Services for the 2020-2021 school year.

approve an amendment to the school calendar to make August 26-28, 2020, Act 80 days.

approve the delay of the start of the school day by one (1) hour for the first semester of the school year.

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

Adjournment

Motion by Kirkwood, second by Patterson to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of the Laurel Board of Education at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted



Jennifer L. Conrad, Board Secretary



Stephen Sickafuse, Board President