

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

The Laurel Board of Education met on Wednesday, December 2, 2020, for their regular meeting in the Board Room at the Middle/High School. The meeting was also available virtually.

The meeting was called to order by the Board Vice President, Mr. Jeff Hammerschmidt, at 7:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Roll call by the Board Secretary for Board members present:

Mr. Robert Dicks	Mrs. Korie Enscoe	Mr. Jeff Hammerschmidt
Mr. Justin Kirkwood		Mr. Lance Nimmo
Mr. Michael Parker	Mr. Kevin Patterson	Mr. Stephen Sickafuse

Mr. James McGee was absent.

Also in attendance:

Mr. Leonard Rich, Superintendent (online)	Mrs. Jennifer Conrad, Bus. Mgr (online)
Mr. Mark Frengel, Principal	Mr. Robert Lee, Director of Administrative Svcs
Mr. Daniel Svirbly, Principal	Mrs. Nicole Bell, Director of Pupil Services

Mrs. Nadia Engle, Interim Secondary Assistant Principal
Mr. Matthew Mangino, Solicitor

Recognition of Meetings:

November 11, 2020: 6:00 – 7:20 PM Executive Session for personnel and student matters; 7:24-7:46 PM Board Work Session

Report from Standing Board Committees:

Mr. Kirkwood encouraged donations to Project Hope; distribution will be on December 18th at the United Brethren Church, or dial #4673 on the school's phone system.

Administrator Reports:

Mr. Lee reported that he will be updating the mass communication system in the next few weeks.

Mrs. Conrad reported that our new Accounts Payable person started this week.

Patrons' Session relative to agenda items:

None.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Kirkwood, second by Sickafuse to approve the minutes from the November 11, 2020, Regular Meeting of the Board. The Vice President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes recorded as roll call votes – Yes.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Kirkwood, second by Patterson to approve the Treasurer's Report to the Board as of November 30, 2020:

Balance as of October 31, 2020:	\$1,850,158.95
Receipts in November, 2020:	\$ 440,061.51
Expenditures in November, 2020:	<u>(\$1,488,142.36)</u>
Balance as of November 30, 2020:	\$ 802,078.10

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

Investment Report:

Motion by Kirkwood, second by Sickafuse to approve the Investment Report as of November 30, 2020. The Vice President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes recorded as roll call votes – Yes.

General and Cafeteria Fund Bill Listings:

Motion by Kirkwood, second by Dick to approve the General Fund Bill Listing for December 2, 2020, in the amount of \$131,986.15 and checks written manually during the month of November, 2020, in the amount of \$353,903.53 for a total of \$485,889.68. The Vice President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes recorded as roll call votes – Yes.

Motion by Kirkwood, second by Nimmo to approve the Food Service fund payments written manually in the month of November, 2020, in the amount of \$91,070.60. The Vice President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes recorded as roll call votes – Yes.

Board action items:**A. Personnel:**

Motion by Kirkwood, second by Sickafuse to approve the following items A1 through A3:

1. Approve the attendance of Anne Harris to a one day online webinar entitled Providing Therapy in a Distance Learning Environment on January 28, 2021, at a cost of \$279.00.
2. Approve the attendance of Anne Harris to a one day online webinar entitled Practical Intervention Strategies for Language Disorders on February 8, 2021, at a cost of \$279.00.
3. Approve the attendance of Anne Harris to a one day online webinar entitled What’s NEW in Technology to Save Time & Accelerate Therapy Outcomes on February 24, 2021, at a cost of \$279.00.

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

B. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

Motion by Hammerschmidt, second by Sickafuse to approve the following items B1 through B1 through B3:

1. Grant approval for coaches, student finalists and/or teams in Basketball, Cheerleading and Wrestling to participate in the WPIAL/PIAA Championship finals should they qualify.
2. Grant approval for Ms. Emily Dalton, Slippery Rock Undergraduate Student, to receive internship training from January - April, 2021, with the Laurel School District Guidance Department.
3. Approval/Ratification of the attached Attestation Form dated November 27, 2020, as required by the PA Department of Education for school districts located in counties with a “substantial” rate of transmission of COVID-19. Discussion ensued regarding the PA Department of Health and the Dashboard information. Lawrence and the four counties surrounding Lawrence are all designated as being in the ‘substantial’ rate of transmission.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Recommendation of the Superintendent to the Board to resubmit an Attestation dated December 3, 2020, to return to limited in-person instruction specific to certain special education students. Motion by Kirkwood, second by Nimmo to approve the resubmission. Mr. Hammerschmidt noted that if open for a few, then should be open for all students. Mr. Sickafuse agreed with the recommendation.

Roll call vote:

Dicks – Yes	Enscoe - Yes	Hammerschmidt - No
Kirkwood – Yes	McGee – not present	Nimmo - Yes
Parker - Yes	Patterson - No	Sickafuse - Yes

Motion carried to resubmit Attestation Form dated December 3, 2020.

Patrons’ Session relative to non-agenda items:

None.

Adjournment:

Motion by Hammerschmidt, second by Sickafuse to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of the Laurel Board of Education at 7:40 PM. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted:



Jennifer L. Conrad, Board Secretary



James McGee, Board President