

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

The Laurel Board of Education met on Wednesday, February 10, 2021, 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 President, Mr. James McGee, at 7:10 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. James McGee	Mr. Lance Nimmo
Mr. Michael Parker	Mr. Kevin Patterson	Mr. Stephen Sickafuse

Also in attendance:

Mr. Leonard Rich, Superintendent	Mrs. Jennifer Conrad, Business Manager
Mr. Mark Frengel, Principal	Mr. Robert Lee, Director of Administrative Svcs
Mr. Daniel Svirbly, Principal	Mrs. Nicole Bell, Director of Pupil Services
Mrs. Nadia Engel, Interim Secondary Assistant Principal	
Mr. Matthew Mangino, Solicitor	

Eleven in-person and nine online guests.

**Recognition of Meetings:**

- January 13, 2021: 6:00-7:00 PM- Executive Session for personnel & legal,  
7:05 – 7:55 PM – Regular Board Meeting
- February 3, 2021: 7:00–9:27 PM – Board Work Session

**Pride and Promise: Laurel Board of School Directors**

Mr. Svirbly presented the February, 2021, Pride and Promise award to the Parent members of the Return-to-School team: Katie Hudak, Sarah Z, and Christina Ruggeri.

**Report from Standing Board Committees:**

None.

**Administrator Reports:**

Mrs. Conrad reported that the State Audit was progressing.

**Patrons’ Session relative to agenda items:**

None.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Kirkwood, second by Sickafuse to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2021, Regular Meeting of the Board. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes recorded as roll call votes – Yes. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Motion by Sickafuse, second by Kirkwood to approve the Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2021, as follows:

Balance as of December 31, 2020:	\$467,864.02
Receipts during January, 2021:	\$3,355,882.68
Expenditures during January, 2021:	<u>\$1,213,126.53</u>
Balance as of January 31, 2021:	\$2,610,620.17

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

**Investment Report:**

Motion by Sickafuse, second by Patterson to approve the Investment Report as of January 31, 2021. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes recorded as roll call votes – Yes. Motion carried.

**General and Cafeteria Fund Bill Listings:**

Motion by Sickafuse, second by Nimmo to approve:

- A. General Fund Bill Listing for February 11, 2021, in the amount of \$178,828.17 and checks written manually during the month of January, 2021, in the amount of \$329,534.90 for a total of \$508,363.07.
- B. Food Service Fund bill listing for February 11, 2021, in the amount of \$25,173.00. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes recorded as roll call votes – Yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Nimmo, second by Sickafuse to approve the following items A1 through A6:

1. Approve the attendance of Angela Murrman to a PA Department of Education virtual conference on Emotional Support on March 3, 2021 at a cost of \$85 for a substitute.

- 2. Approve the attendance of Don Rodgers to the virtual 2021 Teachers Teaching with Technology International Conference (T3IC) on February 13, 20, and 27, 2021, at a cost of \$49.00 for registration.
- 3. Approve the attached resolution #21021-2 setting the rates of collection for real estate tax for the townships of Hickory, Scott, and Slippery Rock for the 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 tax years for Laurel School District.
- 4. Approve the employment of Melissa Klim-Miller as Junior High Girls' Track Coach for the 20-21 school year at Step 1, \$1,950 (19-20), pending receipt of required clearances/documentation.
- 5. Approve the employment of James Aggas as Junior High Girls' Volleyball Coach for the 20-21 school year at Step 5, \$2,650 (19-20).
- 6. Approve the attached list of additions the Volunteer and Non-Instructional Substitute Listing for the 2020-2021 school year.

The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There was one: Mr. Sickafuse abstained on item A3. All votes recorded as roll call votes – Yes. Motion carried.

- 7. Motion by Nimmo, Seconded by Sickafuse to approve the employment of Laleana Feavey, Volant, PA, as a Custodian at a rate of \$10.50/hour, pending required clearances/documentation, per Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Roll Call vote:

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| 1. Nimmo – Yes        | 4. Parker - Yes  | 7. Patterson – Yes |
| 2. Sickafuse – Yes    | 5. Dicks – Yes   | 8. Enscoe – Yes    |
| 3. Hammerschmidt – No | 6. Kirkwood -Yes | 9. McGee -Yes      |

Motion carried.

**B. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:**

Motion by Dicks, second by Patterson to approve the following items B1 through B1 through B8:

- 1. Approval of the attached Corrective Action Plan for the Vocational Agriculture program.
- 2. Approve the participation of Laurel High School in a study to evaluate 'A Comparison of Students' Interest in STEM Across Science Standard Types' with Brienne May, a doctoral student.

3. Approve Dr. Lori Dado as preceptor for Ms. Laura Crimm, for her last semester in her Doctoral of Nursing Program at Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO. Ms. Crimm will not be in the building; she will be working with Dr. Dado outside of the school day.
4. Approve the attendance of Natalie Alfera to the All-Eastern Honors Ensemble on March 4, 2021, at an approximate cost of \$100.00
5. Adoption of the attached resolution calling for charter school funding reform by the Laurel School District.
6. Accept the bid of \$125.00 from Kimberly Rand for the obsolete card catalog from the High School Library.
7. Approval of the second, and final, reading of policy sections 300, Employees, and 600, Finances.
8. Approve a Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Real Property Tax Exemption of the 2020-2021 Laurel School District real estate taxes in the amount of \$840.64 for Charles D. Leise, 142 Leise Lane, Ellwood City, PA 16117-7952, on parcel #32-4002.-0129.-000 (Slippery Rock Township) and exonerate the Slippery Rock Township tax collector from the collection of said Laurel School District real estate taxes. When and if it is determined that Mr. Leise is no longer eligible for a Veteran's exemption, Laurel School District real estate taxes would become due based on the applicable determination date.

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

#### **New Business**

Mr. Hammerschmidt noted that Mr. Rogers did a great job with the stage tour/lights.

#### **Patrons' Session relative to non-agenda items:**

Joe Fortuna, Amber Drive, Slippery Rock

Mr. Fortuna shared concerns with regard to the Varsity Girls' Basketball program.

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Sickafuse, second by Patterson to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of the Laurel Board of Education at 7:31 PM, followed by an executive session for personnel. Motion carried.

Executive Session from 7:32 PM – 7:43 PM.

Respectively submitted: \_\_\_\_\_



Jennifer L. Conrad, Board Secretary



James McGee, Board President