

- Members Present The Laurel Board of Education met on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, for their regular meeting at 7:05 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. Mark Frengel, Principal; Mr. Daniel Svirbly, Principal; Ms. Nicole Bell, Director of Pupil Services; and Mr. Matthew Mangino, Solicitor. There were 78 guests. A newspaper representative was in attendance.
- Meeting Called to Order The meeting was called to order by the Board President, Mr. Kirkwood.
- Pride & Promise Award Mrs. Betty Bartolomeo, Mrs. Debra Garrett, Mrs. Denise Moccia, and Mrs. Toni Schooley were the recipients of the May 2017 Pride and Promise Award.
- Recognition of Meetings April 11, 2017- 6:00 PM-7:03 PM – Executive Session – Personnel
May 3, 2017- 9:02 PM-9:47 PM – Executive Session – Personnel
- Presentations Mr. Rick Rylott – Band Shell
Dr. Lori Dado – Hiring of Nurse
Ms. Julia Bumgardner – Nurse
Administration – Middle School Presentation
- Mr. Earl Williams steps out of the meeting – 8 members are now present.
- Approve Minutes Motion by Redfoot second by Sickafuse to approve the minutes from the April 11, 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 affirmative votes.
- Approve Treasurer’s Report Motion by Patterson second by Nimmo to approve the Treasurer’s Report to the Board. Cash Balance on April 30, 2017 was \$1,600,400.39. Receipts during April 2017 were \$160,733.36. Expenditures at the end of April 2017 were \$166,819.91. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as affirmative votes.
- Mr. Earl Williams returns to the meeting – 9 members are now present.

- Approve Investment Report Motion by Patterson second by Hammerschmidt to approve the Investment Report as of April 30, 2017. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as affirmative votes.
- Approve General Fund Bill Listings Motion by Patterson second by Nimmo to approve the General Fund Bill Listings for the month of May 2017 for payment in the amount of \$159,785.93 and checks written manually during the month of April 2017 in the amount of \$33,713.20 for a total of \$193,499.13. The President requested a roll call vote. All votes were recorded as Roll Call Votes - Yes.
- Approve Laurel Athletic Association Bills Motion by Patterson second by Hammerschmidt to approve the listing of Laurel Athletic Association Bills for April 2017 for payment in the amount of \$4,455. The President requested a roll call vote. All votes were recorded as Roll Call Votes - Yes.
- FBLA National Leadership Conference - Skerbetz Motion by Carlson second by Redfoot to grant approval for Mrs. Dawne Skerbetz and a student to attend the FBLA National Leadership Conference on June 27-July 3, 2017 in Anaheim, CA. The cost to the district will be for registration, lodging, and meals in the estimated amount of \$3,814 (less the amount from fundraiser). The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as affirmative votes.
- River City Brass Concert - Croach Motion by Carlson second by Williams to grant approval for Mr. Brian Croach and 7 students to attend the River City Brass Concert at the Carnegie Music Hall in Pittsburgh, PA on May 11, 2017. Transportation will be by school van. There is no other cost to the district. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as affirmative votes.
- FFA State Convention - Harrold Motion by Carlson second by Sickafuse to grant approval for Mr. Randy Harrold and 20 students to attend the FFA State Convention on June 13-15, 2017 in State College, PA. Cost to the district will be for registration, transportation, and meals in the estimated amount of \$505.00. The President requested a roll call vote. All votes were recorded as Roll Call Votes - Yes.
- Boys' Basketball Team Camp Motion by Hammerschmidt second by Nimmo to grant approval for the Boys' Basketball team to attend team camp at the University of Pittsburgh June 16-18, 2017. 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 affirmative votes.

Assistant Volleyball Coach - Gibson Motion by Hammerschmidt second by Sickafuse to employ Ms. Aubrey Gibson as the Assistant Volleyball Coach on Step 1 per the negotiated agreement for the 17-18 school year. The President requested a roll call vote. All votes were recorded as Roll Call Votes - Yes.

Advertise Band Shell Bids Motion by Redfoot second by Williams to grant approval for the district to advertise for bids for the modifications to the band shell. Modifications will be paid with ACCESS Funds. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as affirmative votes.

Retirements/Resignations Motion by Sickafuse second by Williams to recognize and accept the following resignations:

Mr. Autumn Rodgers - Cafeteria - Effective April 19, 2017
 Mrs. Marsha Martin - Bus Driver - Effective June 2, 2017

The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as affirmative votes.

AIU Code Training for Robotics - Lenox Motion by Sickafuse second by Redfoot to grant approval for Mrs. Paula Lenox to attend the AIU code training for robotics on May 11, 2017 at the Allegheny Intermediate Unit. The cost to the district is for a substitute and transportation in the amount of \$131.20. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as affirmative votes.

Herb Hunt School Safety Seminar - Frengel & Svirbly Motion by Sickafuse second by Patterson to recognize the attendance of Mr. Mark Frengel and Mr. Dan Svirbly on May 5, 2017 to the Herb Hunt School Safety Seminar at Slippery Rock University. Cost to the district is for transportation in the amount of \$9.20. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as affirmative votes.

District Volunteer and Non-Instructional Substitute Listings Motion by Sickafuse second by Eppinger to approve the additions to the District Volunteer and District Non-Instructional Substitute Listings for the 2016-2017 school year. The President requested a roll call vote. All votes were recorded as Roll Call Votes - Yes.

PA Literacy Conference Motion by Sickafuse second by Redfoot to grant approval for Mr. Mark Frengel, Mrs. Michele Mrozek, and Mr. Dan Svirbly to attend the PA Literacy Conference on June 27-29, 2017 in Hershey, PA.

This conference is mandatory for KtO recipients and all costs will be paid with KtO funds. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as affirmative votes.

On the Job Training

Motion by Sickafuse second by Eppinger to grant approval for four students to participate in the On the Job training summer program at the Laurel School District. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as affirmative votes.

Slippery Rock University placements

Motion by Sickafuse second by Redfoot to grant approval for the Slippery Rock University placements as follows:

- a. Kayleigh Shenker - 17-18 Fall Semester - Carrie Mason
- b. Elizabeth Hill - 17-18 Fall Semester - LeighAnn Canciello
- c. Levi Yoder - 17-18 Fall Semester - Jennifer Hordodyski

The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as affirmative votes.

Award District Bids

Motion by Redfoot second by Williams to award district bids in the amount of \$39,603.63 for the 2017-2018 school year. The President requested a roll call vote. All votes were recorded as Roll Call Votes - Yes.

Second Reading and Adopt Policy 006.1

Motion by Sickafuse second by Patterson to approve the Second Reading and Adopt Policy 006.1 - Meetings Via Electronic Communications. The President requested a roll call vote. There were 2 negative votes - Carlson and Hammerschmidt. The remaining 7 votes were Yes.

First Reading Policy 246

Motion by Sickafuse second by Nimmo to approve the First Reading of Policy 246 - School Wellness. The President requested a roll call vote. All votes were recorded as Roll Call Votes - Yes.

Anticipated Graduates - Class of 2017

Motion by Redfoot second by Patterson to approve the listing of anticipated graduates for the Class of 2017. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as affirmative votes.

Contributions to Fire Departments

Motion by Sickafuse second by Nimmo to grant approval for the district to make contributions of \$200 to each of the three township fire departments located within the district (Hickory, Scott and Slippery Rock.) The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as affirmative votes.

Laurel Agriculture
Advisory Committee Motion by Redfoot second by Patterson to recognize and accept the minutes for the Laurel Agriculture Advisory Committee Meeting held on April 25, 2017. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as affirmative votes.

Depository/Treasurer –
General Fund Motion by Sickafuse second by Nimmo to approve PNC Bank, Washington Centre, New Castle, PA as the Depository/Treasurer for the Laurel School District General Fund for the 2017-2018 school year. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as affirmative votes.

Depository – Other Funds Motion by Patterson second by Nimmo to approve First National Bank, Laurel Office, as the Depository for the following Laurel School District Funds for the 2017-2018 school year:

- Jr./Sr. High Activity Fund
- Elementary Activity Fund
- Laurel Athletic Association Fund
- Cafeteria Fund

The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as affirmative votes.

IU4 Special Education
Instructional Programs Motion by Redfoot second by Williams to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Laurel School District and the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV for Special Education Instructional programs and services for the 2016-2017 school year. The estimated cost for this service is \$16,849. The President requested a roll call vote. All votes were recorded as Roll Call Votes - Yes.

Medical Deposit Rates Motion by Nimmo second by Redfoot to recognize the 2017-2018 Medical Trust Deposit rates (Reschini Health Insurance Rates) as follows (this is a 14% increase over the 2016-2017 rates):

- Single - \$642.19
- Parent/Child - \$1,517.16
- Two People - \$1,660.58
- Family - \$1,808.81

The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as affirmative votes.

School Counsel

Motion by Redfoot second by Nimmo to approve the following as counsel for the 2017-2018 school year:

Matt Mangino - School Solicitor - \$125/hour (same as last year)
Dillion McCandless King Coulter and Graham - Labor Solicitor - \$170/hour (increase of \$5/hour from last year)
Andrews and Price - Special Education Counsel - \$135/hour (increase of \$10/hour from last year)
The President requested a roll call vote. All votes were recorded as Roll Call Votes - Yes.

LCCTC Budget

Motion by Nimmo second by Sickafuse to approve the LCCTC budget for the 2017-2018 school year in the total budgeted amount of \$6,872,743 - the participating school districts' share is a total of \$5,630,052. The cost per regular education student is \$12,500 with an additional \$4,208.77 for a special education student (same as the 2016-2017 school year.) The President requested a roll call vote. All votes were recorded as Roll Call Votes - Yes.

IU4 Budget

Motion by Redfoot second by Sickafuse to approve the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV 2017-2018 General Fund Operating Budget in the amount of \$4,209,396. The Laurel School District's portion is estimated at \$12,546 (same as last year.) The President requested a roll call vote. All votes were recorded as Roll Call Votes - Yes.

District 17-18 Budget

Motion by Sickafuse second by Patterson to approve the First Reading of the 2017-2018 Laurel School District General Fund Budget as follows:

Millage increase of .885
Revenues in the amount of \$17,520,515
Expenditures in the amount of \$18,158,831
Allocation from Fund Balance in the amount of \$638,316

The President requested a roll call vote. There were 2 No Votes - Redfoot and Williams. The remaining 7 votes were Yes Votes.

Laurel Middle School

Motion by Redfoot second by Patterson to grant approval for the district to apply for instructional configuration to include a Laurel Middle School beginning the 2017-2018 school year. The President requested a roll call vote. There were 5 No Votes - Eppinger, Kirkwood, Nimmo, Redfoot and Williams. The remaining 4 votes were Yes Votes. Motion Fails.

Humanities in Technology Course

Motion by Nimmo second by Sickafuse to grant approval for the addition of the Humanities in Technology class to be added to the 2017-2018 course selection guide. The President requested a roll

call vote. There was 1 No Vote - Patterson. The remaining 8 Votes were Yes Votes.

Meeting Recess

9:16 pm - 9:24 pm - Executive Session - Personnel

Reconvene Meeting

9:24 PM

Adjournment

Motion by Nimmo second by Patterson to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of the Laurel Board of Education at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted



Mary A. Kosek, Board Secretary



Justin Kirkwood, Board President

