

LAUREL SCHOOL DISTRICT

PURPOSE: Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board
DATE: August 5, 2020
TIME: 7:00 PM
LOCATION: Board Conference Room

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_____ Robert Dicks	_____ Korie Enscoe	_____ Jeff Hammerschmidt
_____ Justin Kirkwood	_____ James McGee	_____ Lance Nimmo
_____ Michael Parker	_____ Kevin Patterson	_____ Stephen Sickafuse
_____ L. Rich	_____ M. Kosek	_____ R. Lee
_____ M. Frengel	_____ K. Mahoney	_____ D. Svirbly
_____ N. Bell	_____ E. Novad	_____ J. Sager
_____ Visitors		

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AGENDA

A. Administrator/Director Reports – Questions:

B. Possible Action Items:

1. Rescind the approval of two Shenango Area School District Students to attend Laurel Middle High School as students in the Agriculture Education Program.
2. 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.
3. Grant permission for an Ellwood City Area School District Student to attend the Laurel Middle High School as a tuition student in the Agriculture Education Program (permission from Ellwood City Area 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.
4. Approve COVID-19 Resolution declaring an Emergency
5. Approve COVID-19 Emergency Instructional Template
6. Amend the school calendar to reflect the addition of Act 80 time for the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year.

7. Approve the Laurel School District Health and Safety Plan for the re-opening of school.
8. Approve the additions to the substitute aide list.
9. Approve Child Rearing Leave for Mrs. Amanda Long beginning August 24, 2020 and ending October 2, 2020.
10. Employ Ms. Patty Morrison as an instructional aide for the 2020-2021 school year in the amount of \$10.00 per hour.
11. 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 plus transportation.
12. Approve the following resignation/retirement:
 - Ms. Joanne Book as Cafeteria Employee – Effective August 3, 2020 (retirement)
 - Ms. Laurie Pollio as Cafeteria Employee – Effective August 3, 2020 (retirement)
 - Mr. Shawn King, Sr. as Junior High Baseball Coach – Effective July 20, 2020
 - Katie Majors as Musical Assistant Choreographer - Effective July 14, 2020
13. 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.
14. Approve the following mentor teachers for the 2020-2021 school year:
 - Mrs. Angela Murrman for Ms. Kellie Jones
 - Mrs. Patricia Panek for Mrs. Kimberly Stewart
 - Mrs. Michele Mrozek for Ms. Emily Discello
15. Approve a shared services agreement with the Hopewell SD for business manager.
16. 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.
17. Approve the bus routes for the 2020-2021 school year.
18. Approve supplemental contracts for the 2020-2021 school year.
19. Approve Day Student Education Agreement between the Laurel School District and Glade Run Lutheran Services for the 2020-2021 school year.
20. Approve the Superintendent's evaluation for the 2019-2020 school year.
21. Employ the following as School Police Officers:
 - Mr. Fred Buswell
 - Mr. Christopher Fabian
 - Mr. James Heaney
 - Mr. Armande Perrotta
 - Mr. Michael Mrozek

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Resolution

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared that the current outbreak of COVID-19 is a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Education has determined that the COVID-19 pandemic constitutes an “emergency” within the meaning of Section 520.1 of the Public School Code; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Education (“the PDE”) has published guidance entitled *Instructional Days/Hour During the 2020-2021 School Year, Implications Related to COVID-19* (“the PDE Guidance”); and

WHEREAS, the PDE Guidance provides, in part, that it “considers the World Health Organization-declared Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) global pandemic an emergency as contemplated by section 520.1,” 24 P.S. §5-520.1; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors has determined that the risks COVID-19 presents to our students, employees and community requires an extraordinary response;

NOW THEREFORE, *be it resolved*, that:

1. the Laurel School District of School Directors hereby finds and declares that the COVID-19 pandemic is an emergency within the meaning of Section 520.1 of the Public School Code;

2. for the duration of said pandemic but in no event for any period exceeding four (4) years, the Superintendent shall have the duty and the authority to develop and amend as necessary and as required by law a Health and Safety plan (“the Plan”) in a form and manner prescribed by the PDE that ensures a minimum of 180 days of instruction, allowing for a minimum of 900 hours of instruction at the elementary level and 990 hours of instruction at the secondary level, employing any combination of in-person, virtual, and distance learning as the Superintendent deems appropriate to address the health and safety of students, employees and community and the learning needs of students;

3. such instruction shall comply with: (a) the requirement of Chapter 4 of the regulations of the State Board of Education, 22 Pa. Code, Chapter 4; (b) the curriculum standards published in accordance therewith; and (c) other applicable law;

4. the Superintendent or his/her designee shall prepare and/or file such documents or other instruments necessary to implement this Resolution and obtain approval from any regulatory agency as may be necessary, including PDE and the United States Department of Education;

5. the Superintendent or his/her designee shall ensure that the Intermediate Unit has the systems, infrastructure policies, Administrative Regulations and protocols in place to implement the Plan;

6. the Superintendent shall keep the School Board advised of the status of the Plan and the systems, infrastructure, policies, Administrative Regulations and protocols put in place to implement the Plan; and

7. any Policy of the School Board that contains any terms, conditions or provisions that are inconsistent with the terms of this Resolution, the Plan or the procedures implemented by the Executive Director to implement this Resolution or the Plan shall be rescinded to the extent necessary. For purposes of clarity, this Resolution, the Plan and procedures and protocols implemented to comply with this Resolution and the Plan shall supersede any inconsistent School Board policy.