



**LEECHBURG AREA BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2017 - 7:30 PM/J. D. ORR BOARD ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER: The February 22, 2017 Regular Monthly Board Meeting of the Leechburg Area Board of School Directors was called to order at 7:35 PM in the J. D. Orr Board Room of the Parker D. Baker Building by Ms. Terri Smith, Board President.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison and a Moment of Silence was observed.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Neill Brady, Mrs. Megan Hamm, Mr. Joseph Michadick, Ms. Angelique Richards, Mr. Anthony Shea, Ms. Terri Smith, Mrs. Kathryn Vargo and Mrs. Helen Yurjevich.

Ms. Jean Stull (work commitment) was absent.

Also present were: Attorney Patricia Andrews, School District Solicitor, Mr. Matthew Kruluts, 7-12 Principal/Special Programs Coordinator, Mr. David Keibler, K-6 Principal/Curriculum Director/Federal Programs Coordinator, Mr. William McNamee, PASBO Business Manager Consultant, Mr. Bradley Walker, Business Manager/Human Resources, Ms. Patricia Camp, Board Secretary and Ms. Tiffany Nix, Superintendent.

MINUTES:

Board President, Ms. Smith, requested comments, corrections and additions to the Minutes. Hearing none on a motion by Mr. Shea, seconded by Ms. Richards the Minutes were approved as presented.

Voice Vote – Motion Carried.

All Ayes.

Ms. Stull was absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

Date:	Time:	
02/08/17	7:00 PM	FULL BOARD-Personnel Issues/Legal Issues Superintendent's Office
02/22/17	7:00 PM	FULL BOARD-Personnel Issues/Legal Issues Superintendent's Office

PUBLIC WORK SESSION/AGENDA SETTING MEETINGS:

Date:	Time:	
02/08/17	7:30 PM	Public Work Session/Agenda Setting Meeting J. D. Orr Board Room/Parker D. Baker Building

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Student Representatives Report –Ms. Madison Bigley and Ms. Summer Heasley – Ms. Bigley and Ms. Heasley reported on Change Wars fundraiser and Shoe Design Competition. “Big Fish” High School Musical ticket presale until February 25th and March Manness fundraiser being planned.
- B. ARIN Intermediate Unit Report – Ms. Jean Stull-Absent -No report-Absent.
- C. Lenape Monthly Report –Mr. Anthony Shea and Mrs. Kathryn Vargo-Reported on general housekeeping items, working on budget and need solid data for research calculation. LPN class graduated and another started.

- D. Armstrong County Tax Collection Committee Report – Mr. Neill Brady-Absent –TCC meeting held January 26, 2017. Requested information and will provide upon receipt.
- E. PSBA Member Liaison Report – Ms. Terri Smith-No Report

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Mr. Kruluts reported administration will continue to research Lenape and will provide Board with additional information on March 8, 2017 during Public Work Session/Agenda Setting Meeting.

REMARKS BY VISITORS: Visitors are welcome to comment on any agenda items at this time, provided it is understood that all remarks from the floor are subject to the same parliamentary procedure followed by the Board under the direction of the president. Discussion from the floor will not be entertained while action is being taken on agenda items by the Board. Completed forms (blue forms for agenda items) will be collected for district records and will be used by the president in recognizing each speaker.

There were no visitors wishing to address the Board at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

PERSONNEL:

- Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Ms. Richards to approve the following Supplemental position for the 2016-2017 school term, pending receipt of all required clearances:

Name	Position
Heath Shimer	Baseball Boys Varsity Assistant Coach

Voice Vote – Motion Carried.
All Ayes.
Ms. Stull absent.

- Mrs. Hamm made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brady to approve the following Supplemental position for the 2017-2018 school term, pending receipt of all required clearances:

Name	Position
Sarah Pastva	Volleyball Girls 7 & 8 Assistant Coach

Voice Vote – Motion Carried.
All Ayes.
Ms. Stull absent.

FINANCE:

- Mrs. Vargo made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hamm to approve participation in the ARIN Intermediate Unit’s Pregnant and Parenting Teens (PPT) Program for the 2016-2017 school year, at a cost not to exceed \$900, as presented in (Exhibit B1).

Voice Vote - Motion Carried.
All Ayes.
Ms. Stull absent.

2. Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brady to acknowledge receipt of the following Financial Reports and to approve the expenditures specifically set forth therein:

Cash Receipts	-	(Exhibit B2)
Tax Collectors' Report	-	(Exhibit B3)
List of Bills	-	(Exhibit B4)
Treasurer's Report	-	(Exhibit B5)
Revenue Detail Report	-	(Exhibit B6)
Monthly Expenditure Report	-	(Exhibit B7)
ACCESS Report	-	(Exhibit B8)
Budgetary Transfer Report	-	(Exhibit B9)

Voice Vote – Motion Carried.

All Ayes.

Ms. Stull was absent.

Mr. Brady made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Vargo to combine and approve Field Trip Requests, Overnight Excursion Requests, Use of Facilities Requests and Fund Raising Requests:

FIELD TRIP REQUESTS:

1. A motion is needed to ratify/approve the following Field Trip Requests, subject to funding availability, as presented in (Exhibit C1):

#	REQUESTOR(S)	ON BEHALF	PURPOSE/LOCATIONS	DATE(S)
1	Kelly Sadler	Interested 11 th Grade Students	Pittsburgh College Fair, David Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh, PA	02/09/17 (Ratify)
2	Jeanine DeCapite	SADD	2017 Youth Leadership Conference-IUP, Indiana, PA	02/22/17 (Ratify)
3	Kathy Hooks	Selected Students	PMEA Region Chorus-Freeport Area High School, Freeport, PA	02/25/17
4	Jeffrey Zelonka	Science/Technology Classes	SciTech Festival, Carnegie Science Center, Pittsburgh, PA	03/09/17
5	Rob Reams	Taiko	Performance at South Buffalo Elementary, Freeport, PA	03/20/17
6	Kirk Wilson	4-6 Grade Science Students	Science Olympiad, California University	03/22/17
7	First Grade Teachers	First Grade Classes	Pittsburgh Children's Museum, Pittsburgh, PA	04/13/17
8	Kindergarten Teachers	Kindergarten Classes	Pittsburgh Zoo, Pittsburgh, PA	04/27/17
9	Second Grade Teachers	Second Grade Classes	Carnegie Science Center, Pittsburgh, PA	04/27/17
10	Third Grade Teachers	Third Grade	Carnegie Museum of Natural History	05/08/17

OVERNIGHT EXCURSION REQUESTS:

1. A motion is needed to approve the following Final Overnight Excursion Request, subject to funding availability, as presented in (Exhibit D1):

#	REQUESTOR(S)	ON BEHALF	PURPOSE/LOCATIONS	DATE(S)
1	Rob Reams	Band/Choir	Washington D.C. Trip	03/31/17-04/02/17 (Final)

USE OF FACILITIES REQUESTS:

1. A motion is needed to ratify/approve the following Use of Facilities Requests as presented in (Exhibit E1):

#	REQUESTOR(S)	ON BEHALF	PURPOSE/LOCATIONS	DATE(S)
1	Sonya Heasley	Leechburg Public Library	Pre-K Pajama Story Times, Library	01/31/17 (Ratify), 02/28/17, 03/28/17, 04/25/17 and 05/30/17
2	Ashley Mondale	Senior Class	Dodgeball Tournament, Gymnasium	03/03/17
3	Connie Jerich	Robert E. Nigro Education Foundation	Jim O'Brien Speaker, Auditorium	03/24/17
4	Shayle Prorok	Art Club	Eat Your Art Out, Cafeteria	03/24/17 and 03/25/17

FUND RAISING REQUESTS:

1. A motion is needed to ratify/approve the following Fund Raising Requests as presented in (Exhibit F1):

#	REQUESTOR(S)	ON BEHALF	PURPOSE	DATE(S)
1	Ashley Mondale/ Eve Hebrank	Senior Class	Glow-In-The-Dark Dodgeball Tournament	02/20/17-03/03/17 (Ratify)
2	Jolynn Young	National Honors Society	Change Wars	02/21/17-03/10/17 (Ratify)
3	Shayle Prorok	Art Club	Eat Your Art Out	03/24/17 and 03/25/17

Voice Vote – Motion Carried.

All Ayes.

Ms. Stull was absent.

CURRICULUM:

1. Mr. Brady made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shea to approve a Full-Day Kindergarten Program beginning with the 2017-2018 school term as presented in (Exhibit G1).

Discussion ensued regarding Board program questions and Administrative responses, customized programming, 120 minutes for reading and math, meeting student needs, individual intervention block, economic feasibility includes replacement of learning support teacher with kindergarten teacher, meeting benchmarks and expanding to meet additional needs, equipment needs-tables with funding available, transportation will remain the same with 6th grade moving to 4th floor of middle/high school, realignment of busses but number of busses remains same, 6th grade may attend seminar, seminar ridership based on availability, privileged opportunity to ride seminar busses, K-5 receive priority seating, phasing seating opportunities beginning with 6th grade, transition meeting planned on March 9th to review areas of concerns, report on monitoring of seminar busses, adaptations or modification for kindergarten on steps, seating assignments on busses, scheduling

remains on double-block and rotation period, physical education same as current offering, no 6th grade participation in WPIAL sports programs, extension activities in K-6 curriculum to close achievement gap and plan to create Middle School in 2018-2019. Moving elementary art and music to kindergarten suite, moving kindergarten classes to elementary upstairs, 2nd floor K-1-2 and 3rd floor 4 and 5 grades and Pre-K class moved to elementary, as well.

Voice Vote – Motion Carried.
All Ayes.
Ms. Stull was absent.

ATHLETICS:

1. Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brady to approve the formation of a Track Team with One Head and Three Assistant Coaches beginning with the 2017-2018 school term contingent upon a mutually agreeable Memorandum of Understanding with the Leechburg Education Association for placement in the Collective Bargaining Agreement (Appendix B) as presented in (Exhibit H1).

Mrs. Hamm requested tabling vote until budget presentation.

Mrs. Hamm made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brady to table the formation of a Track Team with One Head and Three Assistant Coaches beginning with the 2017-2018 school term contingent upon a mutually agreeable Memorandum of Understanding with the Leechburg Education Association for placement in the Collective Bargaining Agreement (Appendix B) as presented in (Exhibit H1).

Voice Vote – Motion Tabled.
All Ayes.
Ms. Stull was absent.

Mrs. Hamm clarified that Track Team continues to be considered, need additional information and WPIAL participation remains the same.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES:

1. Mrs. Hamm made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brady to Amend the following policy for the School District Policy Manual:

AMEND:	Policy 008 – Organization Chart (Exhibit I1)
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Voice Vote - Motion Carried.
All Ayes.
Ms. Stull was absent.

2. Mrs. Vargo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brady to approve the Second Reading of the following policy for the School District Policy Manual:

SECOND READING:	Policy 255 – Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care (Exhibit I2)
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Voice Vote - Motion Carried.
All Ayes.
Ms. Stull was absent.

BOARD RELATED ISSUES:

1. Mr. Brady made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shea to appoint Mrs. Kathryn Vargo to the Personnel Committee as a Committee Member for the remainder of the 2017 Calendar Year.

Voice Vote – Motion Carried.
 All Ayes.
 Ms. Stull was absent.

OLD BUSINESS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

OTHER:**FIELD TRIP REQUESTS:**

1. Mrs. Vargo made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hamm to ratify the following Field Trip Request as presented in (Exhibit O1):

#	REQUESTOR(S)	ON BEHALF	PURPOSE/LOCATIONS	DATE(S)
1	First Grade Teachers	First Grades	Delivering cards to Lee Haven and Friendship Apartments, Leechburg, PA	02/14/17 (Ratify)

Voice Vote – Motion Carried.
 All Ayes.
 Ms. Stull was absent.

REMARKS BY VISITORS ON ITEMS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA (OPEN FORUM):

Visitors are welcome to make comments relating to topics not covered on the agenda, within reasonable limits of time, and under the rules pertaining to parliamentary procedure as provided in the district policy. Completed forms (white forms for non-agenda items) will be collected for district records and will be used by the president in recognizing each speaker.

There were no visitors wishing to address the Board at this time.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:

1. Recessed/Reconvened Meetings –
2. Committee Meetings –
 - Public Work Session/Agenda Setting Meeting
 - Wednesday, March 8, 2017– 7:30 PM
 - J. D. Orr Board Room/Parker D. Baker Building
 - Executive Session – 6:30 PM
 - Superintendent’s Office/Central Administration Office
3. Regular Board Meeting-
 - Wednesday, March 22, 2017 - 7:30 PM
 - J. D. Orr Board Room/Parker D. Baker Building
 - Executive Session – 6:30 PM
 - Superintendent’s Office/Central Administration Office

ADJOURNED: On a motion by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mrs. Hamm the February 22, 2017 Regular Monthly Board Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Patricia R. Camp".

Patricia R. Camp
Board Secretary