

- Members Present The Laurel Board of Education met on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, for their regular meeting at 7:25 p.m. There were seven (7) Board members present: Mr. James Eppinger, Mr. Jeff Hammerschmidt, Mr. Justin Kirkwood, Mr. Lance Nimmo, Mr. Timothy Redfoot, Mr. Stephen Sickafuse, and Mr. Earl Williams. Mr. Alan Carlson and Mr. Kevin Patterson were excused. 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. Daniel Svirbly, Principal; Mr. Mark Frengel, Principal, Mr. Ed Novad, Director of Buildings and Grounds, and Mr. Joe Sager, Director of Transportation and Roadways. There were no guests. A newspaper representative was not in attendance.
- Meeting Called to Order The meeting was called to order by the Board President, Mr. Kirkwood.
- Recognition of Meetings June 14, 2016 - 6:30PM-6:58PM - Executive Session - Personnel
- Approve Minutes Motion by Sickafuse second by Nimmo to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Board. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes, Yes.
- Approve Treasurer's Report Motion by Sickafuse second by Redfoot to approve the Treasurer's Report to the Board. Cash Balance on June 30, 2016 of \$1,564,790.92. Receipts during June 2016 were \$1,363,129.08. Expenditures at the end of June 2016 were \$744,075.09. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes, Yes.
- Approve Investment Report Motion by Williams second by Nimmo to approve the Investment Report as of June 30, 2016. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes, Yes.
- Approve General Fund Bill Listings Motion by Sickafuse second by Redfoot to approve the General Fund Bill Listings for June 30, 2016 for payment in the amount of \$124,692.49. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes, Yes.
- Approve General Fund Bill Listings Motion by Sickafuse second by Eppinger to approve the General Fund Bill Listings for July 2016 for payment in the amount of \$322,105.23 and checks written manually in the month of June 2016

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in the amount of \$12,635.00 for a total of \$334,740.23. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes, Yes.

Budgetary Transfers

Motion by Eppinger second by Nimmo to approve the Budgetary Transfer #1 in the amount of \$301,857.00 to close out the 2015-2016 school year. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes, Yes.

Employ Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach

Motion by Hammerschmidt second by Nimmo to employ Mr. Robert Dicks as the Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach for the 2016-2017 school year on Step 1 in the amount of \$3,075.00 per the negotiated agreement. The President requested a roll call vote. There was one negative vote - Redfoot. All other votes were Yes.

Varsity Volleyball Team - camp

Motion by Hammerschmidt second by Williams to grant permission to the Varsity Volleyball Team and Coaches to attend a 3 day camp at the Family First Center in Erie, PA. There is no cost to the district. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes, Yes.

Vision Benefits

Motion by Sickafuse second by Nimmo to approve the renewal of the agreement with Vision Benefits of America for the period from 9/01/2016 through 8/31/2018. The monthly renewal rate is \$4.08 for a single member and \$9.91 per family unit, guaranteed for the two full year agreement. (Last contract \$3.85 per single and \$9.35 per family). The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes, Yes.

FFA Eastern Nationals- Springfield, Massachusetts

Motion by Eppinger second by Sickafuse to approve Randy Harrold, Cheryl Magill and 5 students to attend the FFA Eastern Nationals held in Springfield, Massachusetts on September 15-18, 2016. The FFA activities club will incur costs. There is no cost to the district. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes, Yes.

ACT Readiness Workshop- Frengel

Motion by Sickafuse second by Redfoot to grant permission for Mr. Mark Frengel to attend the ACT Readiness Workshop on October 14, 2016, in Pittsburgh, PA. The cost to the district will be mileage in the amount of \$38.40. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes, Yes.

- Internship Training - SRU - Burns Motion by Sickafuse second by Eppinger to grant permission for Mr. Zachary Burns, a graduate student at Carlow College, to receive his internship training with Mr. Matthew Pertile and Mrs. Michele McClelland at the Laurel Jr./Sr. High school during the fall of 2016. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes, Yes.
- Cheerleading Team - Cheer Clinic Motion by Sickafuse second by Nimmo to grant permission for the Cheerleading Team and Coaches to travel to Slippery Rock University July 28-30, 2016 to participate in a 3 day overnight cheer clinic. The district will provide transportation and the boosters will incur all other costs. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes, Yes.
- Vo-ag Tuition Student-Shenango Motion by Williams second by Nimmo to grant permission for a Shenango Area School District student to attend the Laurel Jr./Sr. High School as a tuition student in the Agriculture Education Program for the 2016-2017 school year. Transportation will be the responsibility of the parents. Tuition will be paid by the student's home school district as long as the student is a resident of that district. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes, Yes.
- Vo-ag Tuition Student - New Castle Motion by Williams second by Redfoot to grant permission for a New Castle Area School District student to attend the Laurel Jr./Sr. High School as a tuition student in the Agriculture Education Program for the 2016-2017 school year. Transportation will be the responsibility of the parents. Tuition will be paid by the student's home school district as long as the student is a resident of that district.. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes, Yes.
- Board Member Leaves Mr. Williams leaves the room - all votes now based on 6 members present.
- Lawrence Drug and Alcohol Commission Motion by Redfoot second by Nimmo to grant permission for the Laurel School District to enter into an agreement with the Lawrence County Drug and Alcohol Commission for services during the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$2,070 (same as last year). The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes, Yes.

- Lawrence County Head Start
Motion by Nimmo second by Redfoot to grant permission for the Lawrence County Head Start Program to continue to utilize one classroom at the Laurel Elementary School for the 2016-2017 school year. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes, Yes.
- 16-17 School Calendar
Motion by Redfoot second by Sickafuse to approve the School Calendar for the 2016-2017 school year. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes, Yes.
- Board Member Returns
Mr. Williams returns to the meeting – all votes now based on 7 members present.
- 2016-2017 Parent/Student Handbook
Motion by Eppinger second by Redfoot to approve the Parent/Student Handbook for the 2016-2017 school year. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes, Yes.
- Agreement for Shared Services - Union
Motion by Sickafuse second by Williams to approve the Agreement for Shared Services with the Union Area School District. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes, Yes.
- Board Policies
Motion by Nimmo second by Eppinger to approve the First Reading of the following revised Board Policies:
 - a. Policy 123 – Interscholastic Athletics
 - b. Policy 204 – Attendance
 - c. Policy 215 – Promotion and Retention
 - d. Policy 221 – Dress and Grooming

President requested a roll call vote. All votes were negative.
- Board Policies
Motion by Sickafuse second by Nimmo to approve the First Reading of the following revised Board Policies:
 - a. Policy 204 – Attendance
 - b. Policy 215 – Promotion and Retention
 - c. Policy 221 – Dress and Grooming – with noted change to be made stating clearly that no hoodies may be worn indoors

The President requested a roll call vote. There was one negative

vote - Redfoot. All other votes were Yes.

Appoint Solicitor

Motion by Nimmo second by Williams to appoint Attorney Matt Mangino as Solicitor for the Laurel School District for one year beginning July 12, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017 in the amount of \$125 per hour. The President requested a roll call vote. There was one negative vote - Redfoot. All other votes were Yes.

Adjournment

Motion by Sickafuse second by Eppinger to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of the Laurel Board of Education at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted



Mary A. Kosek, Board Secretary



Justin Kirkwood, Board President