

- Members Present** The Laurel Board of Education met on Tuesday, April 11, 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. Daniel Svirbly, Principal; Mr. Mark Fregel, Principal; Ms Nicole Bell, Director of Pupil Services; and Mr. Matthew Mangino, Solicitor. There were four guests. A newspaper representative was not in attendance.
- Meeting Called to Order** The meeting was called to order by the Board President, Mr. Kirkwood.
- Pride & Promise Award** Mrs. Susan Gryn was the recipient of the April 2017 Pride and Promise Award.
- Recognition of Meetings** March 14, 2017- 6:00 PM-7:09 PM – Executive Session – Personnel  
March 14, 2017- 7:41 PM-8:39 PM – Executive Session – Personnel  
April 5, 2017 – 7:53 PM – 9:18 PM – Executive Session – Personnel
- Approve Minutes** Motion by Redfoot second by Nimmo to approve the minutes from the March 14, 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 Sickafuse to approve the Treasurer’s Report to the Board. Cash Balance on March 31, 2017 was \$1,606,486.94. Receipts during March 2017 were \$1,685,813.83. Expenditures at the end of March 2017 were \$1,813,143.22. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as affirmative votes.
- Approve Investment Report** Motion by Patterson second by Eppinger to approve the Investment Report as of March 31, 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 Sickafuse to approve the General Fund Bill Listings for the month of April 2017 for payment in the amount of \$133,106.71 and checks written manually during the month of March 2017 in the amount of \$36,387.99 for a total of \$169,494.70. 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 Williams to approve the listing of Laurel Athletic Association Bills for March 2017 for payment in the amount of \$1,193. The President requested a roll call vote. All votes were recorded as Roll Call Votes - Yes.
- Regional Public Speaking Event - Harrold      Motion by Carlson second by Eppinger to grant approval for Mr. Randy Harrold, Mrs. Cheryl Magill and students to attend the Regional Public Speaking Event in Cranberry, PA on April 19, 2017. Cost to the district will be for registration, substitute and transportation in the amount of \$110. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as affirmative votes.
- Combat Bot Robotics - Wypych      Motion by Carlson second by Nimmo to grant approval for Mr. Ryan Wypych and students to attend the Combat Bot Robotics competition at Pine Richland High School on April 26, 2017. The cost to the district will be for a substitute and transportation in the amount of \$100. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as affirmative votes.
- Accounting Competition - Santini      Motion by Carlson second by Williams to grant approval for Mrs. Annmarie Santini and students to attend the Accounting Competition at Grove City College on April 25, 2017. The cost to the district will be for a substitute and transportation in the amount of \$150. The President requested a roll call vote. There was one Abstention - Sickafuse - the remaining eight votes were Yes.
- Comparison Shop - Hites      Motion by Carlson second by Nimmo to grant approval for Mrs. Lori Hites and students to comparison shop at Giant Eagle, Wal-Mart and Aldi on April 26, 2017. Cost to the district will be for a substitute and transportation in the amount of \$120. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as affirmative votes.
- Tour Disney/Florida - Band & Chorus 17-18      Motion by Carlson second by Redfoot to grant approval to Mr. Brian Croach, Mrs. Kristen Clingerman, band/choir students and chaperones to Tour Disney/Florida on March 25 through April 1 2018. Cost to the district will be \$50 per student with approximately 100 students attending for a total of \$5,000. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as affirmative votes.

- Championship Finals for Spring Sports      Motion by Hammerschmidt second by Sickafuse to grant approval for Coaches of Baseball, Softball and Track & Field and any team/student finalists in these sports to participate in the WPIAL/PIAA Championship Finals should they qualify. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as affirmative votes.
- RThre3 Design, LLC Agreement for Band Shelter      Motion by Redfoot second by Hammerschmidt to enter into an agreement with Rick Rylott of RThre3 Design LLC for consult services regarding renovations to the band shelter. Cost not to exceed \$9,000. The President requested a roll call vote. There was one negative vote - Carlson the other eight votes were Yes.
- Cafeteria - Morrison      Motion by Williams second by Redfoot to transfer Patricia Morrison to the 5 hour per day Elementary Cafeteria position at her current rate of \$8.05 per hour as per the negotiated agreement. The President requested a roll call vote. All votes were recorded as Roll Call Votes - Yes.
- Resignation      Motion by Sickafuse second by Patterson to recognize and accept the resignation of Mr. Evan Miller, Cross Country Coach. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as affirmative votes.
- PA Power Library E-Resource Training - Dean      Motion by Sickafuse second by Patterson to grant approval for Mrs. Jean Ann Dean to attend the Access PA/Power Library E-Resource Spring Training at the Hilton Garden Inn in Cranberry, PA on April 12, 2017. Cost to the district will be for a substitute and transportation in the amount of \$97.92. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as affirmative votes.
- FMLA - Litrenta      Motion by Sickafuse second by Nimmo to grant approval for an Intermittent Family Medical Leave for Mrs. Wende Litrenta . 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 Listing 16-17      Motion by Sickafuse second by Pattereson 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.

Grove City Student  
Placements

Motion by Sickafuse second by Williams to grant approval for the Grove City College placements as follows:

- a. Megan VanKirk - January 23-May 8, 2018 - Biology General Science with Mrs. Walzer
- b. Lexie Hunker - January 23 - March 8, 2018 - Pre K-8 Special Education and Pre K-8 Elementary Education with Mrs. Rich

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

Approve Bid for IU IV  
Consortium Supplies

Motion by Redfoot second by Sickafuse to approve the bid for the purchase of supplies for the 2017-2018 school year through the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV Consortium in the total amount of \$65,894. The President requested a roll call vote. All votes were recorded as Roll Call Votes - Yes.

First Reading Policy 006.10  
- Meetings Via Electronic  
Communications

Motion by Redfoot second by Sickafuse to approve the First Reading of Policy 006.10 - Meetings Via Electronic Communications. The President requested a roll call vote. Two votes were negative - Carlson and Hammerschmidt - the remaining seven votes were Yes.

OPEB Trust Deposit

Motion by Carlson second by Sickafuse to grant approval for the district to invest an additional \$500,000 into the Pennsylvania OPEB Trust prior to April 28, 2017. The President requested a roll call vote. All votes were recorded as Roll Call Votes - Yes.

Adjournment

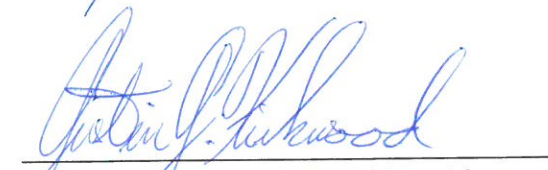
Motion by Sickafuse second by Nimmo to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of the Laurel Board of Education at 7:31 PM.

Respectfully Submitted




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Mary A. Kosek, Board Secretary



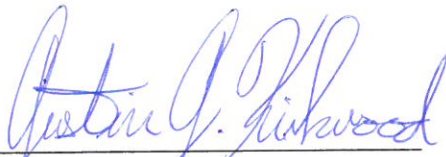

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Justin Kirkwood, Board President

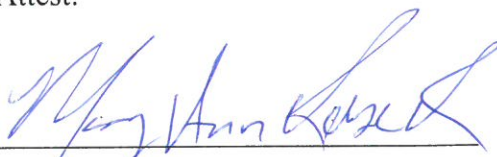
farmstead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction calculated under paragraph 5, except that the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction will be prorated in the same manner as the real estate tax is pro rated. Assuming the interim tax notice reflects taxation as of July 1, as will occur in most such cases, the full amount of the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction will apply. In the extraordinary case where the new interim tax assessment is effective after July 1, the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction will be pro rated in the same manner as the real estate tax reflected in the interim tax bill is pro rated.

ADOPTED at a meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Laurel School District on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

By:

  
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President, Board of School Directors

Attest:

  
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Board Secretary

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Laurel SCHOOL DISTRICT

2017

Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution #06132017

**RESOLVED**, by the Board of School Directors of the Laurel School District, that homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions are authorized for the school year beginning July 1, 2017, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), as follows:

1. **Aggregate amount available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction.** The following amounts are available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction for the school year beginning July 1, 2017:

a. **Gambling tax funds.** The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.505(b), as a property tax reduction allocation funded by gambling tax funds, the amount of \$366,062.39.

b. **Aggregate amount available.** Adding these amounts, the aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction is \$366,062.39.

2. **Homestead/farmstead numbers.** Pursuant to Act 50, 54 Pa. C.S. § 8584(i), and Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), the County has provided the School District with a certified report listing approved homesteads and approved farmsteads as follows:

a. **Homestead property number.** The number of approved homesteads within the School District is 2,198.

b. **Farmstead property number.** The number of approved farmsteads within the School District is 36.

c. **Homestead/farmstead combined number.** Adding these numbers, the aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads is 2,234.

3. **Real estate tax reduction calculation.** The school board has decided that the homestead exclusion amount and the farmstead exclusion amount shall be equal. Dividing the paragraph 1(e) aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction of \$366,062.39 by the paragraph 2(c) aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of 2,234 (before considering the assessed value of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads having an assessed value below the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount to be established as the homestead and farmstead exclusion amount), the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$163.86.

Based on calculations provided by the School District Business Office from the best available information and carefully evaluated by the School Board, considering the assessed value of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads having an assessed value below the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount to be established as the homestead exclusion and the farmstead exclusion amount, an additional aggregate amount of \$6,967.92 will be available during the school year for real estate tax reduction applicable to approximately 2,163 homesteads and farmsteads, resulting in an additional real estate tax reduction amount available for each homestead and farmstead of \$3.22. Adding this additional amount to the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$163.86, the final maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$167.08.

4. **Homestead exclusion calculation.** Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$167.08 by the School District real estate tax rate of 14.176 mills (.014176), the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a homestead exclusion for each approved homestead is \$11,786.00 and the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a farmstead exclusion for each approved farmstead is \$11,786.00.

5. **Homestead/farmstead exclusion authorization – July 1 tax bills.** The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved homestead within the School District shall reflect a homestead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the homestead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$11,786.00. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved farmstead within the School District shall reflect an additional farmstead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the farmstead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$11,786.00. For purposes of this Resolution, “approved homestead” and “approved farmstead” shall mean homesteads and farmsteads listed in the report referred to in paragraph 2 above and received by the School District from the County Assessment Office on or before May 1 pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), based on homestead/farmstead applications filed with the County Assessment Office on or before March 1. This paragraph 5 will apply to tax notices issued based on the initial tax duplicate used in issuing initial real estate tax notices for the school year, which will be issued on or promptly after July 1, and will not apply to interim real estate tax bills.

6. **Homestead/farmstead exclusion authorization – interim real estate tax bills.** No homestead or farmstead exclusion will apply to any interim tax bill except an interim tax bill applicable to a property that includes an approved homestead or approved farmstead listed in the report received by the School District from the County Assessment Office on or before May 1, but not included in the tax assessment reflected in the July 1 tax bill for the property. In most cases, the assessment of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads will be reflected in July 1 tax bills. However, in any case when there is an approved homestead or an approved farmstead that is not included in the assessment reflected in the July 1 tax bill, and when an interim real estate tax notice is issued later based on an interim assessment including the approved homestead or approved farmstead, the interim tax notice shall reflect a homestead or