LAUREL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the School Board August 13, 2019

Standing Rule on Roll Call Votes, Passed September 12, 2017, Policy 006.2

Members Present

The Laurel Board of Education met on Tuesday August 13, 2019, for their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. There were seven (7) Board members present: Mr. Alan Carlson, Mr. James Eppinger, Mr. Jeff Hammerschmidt, Mr. Justin Kirkwood, Mr. Timothy Redfoot, Mr. Stephen Sickafuse and Mr. Earl Williams. Mr. Lance Nimmo 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. Mark Frengel, Principal; Mr. Kevin Mahoney, Principal; Mr. Dan Svirbly, Principal; Mrs. Nicole Bell, Director of Pupil Services; and Mr. Matthew Mangino, Solicitor. There were 2 guests. A newspaper representative was not in attendance.

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Board President, Mr. Eppinger.

Recognition of Meetings

July 9, 2019 – 6:00-7:13 PM – Executive Session – Personnel August 7, 2019 – 8:10-9:05 PM Executive Session - Personnel

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Kirkwood second by Hammerschmidt to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2019 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.

Treasurer's Report

Motion by Sickafuse second by Williams to approve the Treasurer's Report to the Board. Cash Balance for July 31, 2019 was \$2,005,189.53. Receipts during July 2019 were \$234,857.23. Expenditures at the end of July 2019 were \$877,043.81. 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 Sickafuse second by Hammerschmidt to approve the Investment Report as of July 31, 2019. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes – Yes.

General Fund Bill Listing

Motion by Sickafuse second by Kirkwood to approve the General Fund Bill Listing for August 2019 for payment of \$1,645,818.03 and checks written manually in the month of July 2019 for \$14,667.50 for a total of \$1,660,485.53. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes – Yes.

Athletic Association Bill Listing

Motion by Sickafuse second by Hammerschmidt to approve Laurel Athletic Association Bill Listing for the month of July 2019 in the amount of \$140.00. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes – Yes.

Asst. Cross Country Coach - Pontera

Motion by Hammerschmidt second by Williams to employ Ms. Shelby Pontera as the Assistant Cross-Country Coach for the 2019-2020 school year on Step 1 in the amount of \$2,350 per the negotiated agreement. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes – Yes.

Custodian/maintenance position - Stelter

Motion by Sickafuse second by Kirkwood to employ Mr. Richard Stelter for the full-time custodian/maintenance position beginning August 14, 2019 at a rate of \$16 per hour per the negotiated agreement. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes – Yes.

Co-Special Education Department Head - Miles Motion by Sickafuse second by Hammerschmidt to employ Mrs. Jessica Miles as the Co-Special Education Department Head in the amount of \$425 for the 2019-2020 school year per the negotiated agreement. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes – Yes.

Resignation

Motion by Sickafuse second by Kirkwood to recognize the resignation of Mr. Chris Lombardo - Assistant Softball Coach. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes - Yes.

English Language Arts - Wolfe

Motion by Sickafuse second by Kirkwood to employ Mrs. Cynthia Wolfe as a part-time English Language Arts teacher for the 2019-2020 school year. Mrs. Wolfe is currently employed as a part-time Foreign Language teacher. She will be on step 9 Masters in the amount of \$68,888 as a full-time teacher. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes – Yes.

Title 1 Paraprofessional -West Motion by Sickafuse second by Carlson to employ Mrs. Megan West as a Title I paraprofessional in the amount of \$21,600 for the 2019-2020 school year. This is a six hour per day – 180-day position paid by Title I funds. The President requested negative

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votes and abstentions by show of hands. There was one abstention - Hammerschmidt. All other votes were recorded as roll call votes - Yes.

Title I Paraprofessional -Bowden Motion by Sickafuse second by Kirkwood to employ Mrs. Pam Bowden as a Title I paraprofessional in the amount of \$21,600 for the 2019-2020 school year. This is a six hour per day – 180-day position paid by Title I funds. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes – Yes.

Vocational Education Agriculture Tutor - Magill Motion by Sickafuse second by Carlson to employ Mrs. Cheryl Magill as the Vocational Education Agriculture Tutor for the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$26,250 (\$25,750 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.

Volunteer and Non-Instructional Substitute Listing

Motion by Sickafuse second by Hammerschmidt to approve the additions to the Volunteer and Non-Instructional Substitute Listings for the 2019-2020 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.

Seminars/Conferences

Motion by Sickafuse second by Hammerschmidt to approve the following seminars/conferences:

- Mrs. Elizabeth Ernst and Mrs. Cynthia Wolfe to attend the ACTFL (American Council for the Teaching of Foreign Languages) Convention 2019 in the Washington DC on November 22-24, 2019. Cost to the district is \$740 for registration, \$160 for substitutes, and \$400 for lodging for a total of \$1,300.
- Dr. Lori Dado to attend the PA Coalition of Nurse Practitioners Conference in Pittsburgh, PA at the Westin Conference Center on October 3-5, 2019. Cost to the district is \$425 for registration, \$160 for substitutes, \$69.60 for mileage, \$285 for lodging, \$160 for meals and parking for a total of \$1,099.60.

The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes – Yes.

Bus Routes 2019-2020

Motion by Kirkwood second by Carlson to approve the bus routes for the 2019-2020 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.

Bus Driver - Hooks

Motion by Kirkwood second by Hammerschmidt to employ Mr. Jason Hooks as a bus driver beginning the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$94 per day as per the negotiated agreement. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes – Yes.

Bus Monitor - Webster

Motion by Kirkwood second by Sickafuse to employ Mr. Rodney Webster as a bus monitor beginning the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$50.75 per day. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes – Yes.

Purchase Truck

Motion by Carlson second by Williams to approve the purchase of a 2020 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD 4WD Regular Cab 142" work truck from Colussy Chevrolet (Bridgeville, PA) in the amount of \$31,789 and the purchase of a Western 7.5' Ultramount Pro Series II Snowplow with Handheld Controller from SABRE Equipment Inc. (Coraopolis, PA) in the amount of \$4,767. Both purchases are state bid list purchases (Costars.) The district had budgeted \$40,000 for the purchase of a new truck in the 2019-2020 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.

School Resource Officer Agreement Motion by Sickafuse second by Williams to approve the agreement between the Laurel School District and Hickory Township for Laurel School Resource Officers. The cost will be \$42.50 per hour per police officer as outlined in the agreement. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes – Yes.

Real Estate Tax Collections Audit Motion by Carlson second by Williams to approve the audit of the 2018 Real Estate Tax Collections conducted by McGill, Power, Bell and Associates, LLP. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes – Yes.

Dispose of Items

Motion by Carlson second by Sickafuse to approve the district to dispose of the Elementary Air Compressor and the High School Combi-Oven. The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes – Yes.

Adopt Policies 214 & 217

Motion by Sickafuse second by Carlson to approve the 2nd reading and adopt the following policies:

- Policy 214 Class Rank
- Policy 217 Graduation Requirements

The President requested negative votes and abstentions by show of hands. There were none. All votes were recorded as roll call votes – Yes.

Adjournment

Motion by Sickafuse second by Hammerschmidt to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of the Laurel Board of Education at 7:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Mary A. Kosek, Board Secretary

James Eppinger Board President