

DEER LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT

Actions taken at the regular meeting – October 20, 2014

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1. Voted on the following **Business and Finance** items as listed:
  - Approved the minutes of the agenda meeting held on September 9, 2014 and the regular meeting held on September 15, 2014;
  - Accepted the Treasurer's Report for September, 2014;
  - Approved the general fund bills for payment;
  - Approved Garry R. Dixson to attend the annual PASBO Conference in Hershey, PA, March 10 -13, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$299 for the registration fee. Mr. Dixson will pay for hotel, travel & meal fees;
  - Approved Christina Beaufort and Jackie Jaros to attend PETE & C (Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo and Conference) in Hershey, PA, February 7 - 11, 2015 at no cost to the District. Mrs. Beaufort and Ms. Jaros will be Adult Ambassadors assisting with the conference program, therefore; registration, fees, room and meals will be covered by the conference;
  - Approved Jodi VanderSchaaff and Maureen Hedglin to attend Social Thinking Professional Workshops in Pittsburgh, PA, October 23 - 24, 2014 at a cost of \$356.55 for each teacher plus the cost of substitute teachers. Day One: Social Thinking Across the Home and School Day; Day Two: Informal Dynamic Social Thinking Assessment and Core Treatment Strategies for Home and School;
  - Approved a Services Agreement with Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic of UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside to provide specialized academic assistance through the Licensed Academic School at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic at a cost of \$75 per student, per day. (This cost is no change from the 2013-2014 school year.)
  - PLGIT - Authorized Dennis Thimons, Business Manager and Board Secretary, as the designated authorized person for the Deer Lakes account with Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT.) Further authorized Dennis Thimons to then close the account by transferring the remaining balances, \$306,030.49 (as of September 30, 2014,) to our operating account to be used to cover costs as associated with the Middle School and Curtisville Primary Center repair project and other capital expenditures.

Informational Item: Salary scale placement for the 2014-2015 school year for Joan Trimble from Master's Degree to Master's Degree plus 18 credits.

2. Voted on the following **Education** items as listed:

- Approved Lab Ratz after school science program to hold activities for East Union students for 5 consecutive Mondays that school is in session on 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 11/24 and 12/8. Cost is \$65.00 per student and all clearances and rental agreements will be on file. This session will be limited to the first 30 students;
- Approved the following observation, field observation and job shadowing requests:
  - ✓ Virginia Gornick Hundertmark (DLSD Graduate) to complete 120 hours of pre-student teaching observations at East Union Intermediate Center;
  - ✓ Braydon Leakey to complete up to 45 hours of field observation at Curtisville Primary Center;
  - ✓ Jenae Kurn, Freeport High School student, to complete one day of job shadowing with Chalyse Danka in second grade;

Clearances and other needed paperwork from CCAC have been received;

- Approved two students for Homebound Instruction: A 7th grade student from October 3 through October 17, 2014 and an 8th grade student from October 30 through November 30, 2014;
- Approved a field trip for 6th grade students to the Pittsburgh Symphony followed by a 1 hour Gateway Clipper cruise on March 25, 2015. LPEP has agreed to pay the full cost of this trip. Mrs. Scholl is attempting to secure a grant from Target, which if awarded, will be forwarded to LPEP to help offset the cost;
- Approved the BrightBytes Questionnaire for Deer Lakes Student and Staff use;
- Approved changing the Anatomy and Physiology Course offered at the High School from a Level I to a Level II course. This change would be retroactive to September 2, 2014;
- Approved the distribution of an Art Survey to grade 5 by Kortnie Mackowski, as a tool for her to assess student perceptions about the relevance of art;
- A vote to approve the 2014 Pennsylvania Healthy PA Youth Survey - Youth Risk Behavior Survey - to be conducted in one Spanish II class at the high school **FAILED**;

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- A vote to approve the 2014 Pennsylvania Healthy PA Youth Survey - Youth Tobacco Survey - to be conducted in one Physics class at the high school **FAILED**;
  - Approved giving permission to Jennifer Mann & Victoria McCaskey to use the Deer Lakes School District name and Logo in our community while soliciting help for a new student community initiative titled DL Care. They will be working with the Ambassador group to provide help for community members with needs.
3. Voted on the following **Athletic** item as listed:
- Approved Craig Taliani, head softball coach, additional coaches and parents to take the high school girls softball team, via motor coach, to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, March 18 - 22, 2015 at no cost to the District. Parents are not agents of the Deer Lakes School District and the District is not responsible for their behavior as the District is not giving them any supervisory power.
4. Voted on the following **Personnel** items as listed:
- Approved the following substitutes in the capacities indicated for the 2014-2015 school year:
    - ✓ Perry Drum - Playground/Café Supervisor for Curtisville and East Union Intermediate Center
    - ✓ Colleen Zbezinski - Secretary
    - ✓ Melissa A. Scanga - Registered Nurse - Retroactive to October 10, 2014
    - ✓ Lisa Uhric - Custodian
    - ✓ Dominick Florentine - Bus Driver, Bus Matron;
  - Approved the following supplemental contract positions for the 2014-2015 school year:
    - ✓ Stacey Kosakowski - Playground Supervisor at Curtisville Primary Center
    - ✓ Jennifer Mann - Department Head - Reading/Language Arts (Stacy Coons resigned)
    - ✓ Matthew E. Bartosiewicz - Band Volunteer
    - ✓ Kevin M. Martin - Football Assistant Coach
    - ✓ Stephon M. Conto - Jr. High Football Coach
    - ✓ Benjamin M. Plocki - Assistant Jr. High Football Coach
    - ✓ Ronald A. Plocki - JV Football Coach
    - ✓ Samanta Pesek - Middle School Girls Soccer Coach
    - ✓ Corey Miller - Girls Basketball Coach Volunteer
    - ✓ Louis Nellas - Varsity Club Sponsor;

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- Accepted the resignation of Amy Brenner, Special Education Student Aide, effective November 14, 2014.
- Hired Candy R. Lafko as the Title I Reading Specialist teacher at a salary of \$48,078, Step 4, Master's Degree, effective on a mutually agreed upon date between DLSD and her current employer. Mrs. Lafko became a National Board Certified Teacher in Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early and Middle Childhood in 2007.