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EXCELLENCE

From the Board Room

Dr. Murray Cohen, Board President
Dr. Marykay Feeley, Superintendent of Schools

Highlights of the Lower Moreland Township Board of School Directors Public Meeting

Tuesday, September 16, 2008 - 7:30 PM

The Public Meeting of the Board of Directors convened at 7:30 P. M., Tuesday, September 16, 2008 in the high school board room. The meeting was called to order by the Board President, Dr. Murray Cohen. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Murawsky, the newest member of the board. All visitors were welcomed. Dr.

Marykay Feeley, Superintendent of Schools, invited everyone to view a video presentation in the library, "Every Day, Every Way." This presentation is being shown at all the open house events at the schools. There were two presentations. The Lion Pride Awards were announced by the Superintendent and presented by Mrs. Movsesian.



Erich Ulzinow
Technology Assistant

Lion's Pride Award Recipients

The Lower Moreland Township School District has evolved over the years in an effort to integrate technology into the educational program. New and advancing technology demanded more sophisticated equipment to strengthen the learning experience for the students.



Instrumental in our efforts to stay on the cutting edge are two jewels in our crown, Erich Ulzinow and Jay Blandon, Technology Assistants. Two extraordinary men working collaboratively to move this district forward, Erich and Jay are consummate professionals who have positive attitudes, a



Jay Blandon
Technology Assistant

The district knew these investments would also help teachers provide the tools needed to effectively impart knowledge and evaluate outcomes. Our crowning glory is the superior educational system we have established as verified by the results we see in our test scores and our ranking in the county and the state. We are a technological savvy district; a requirement for maintaining our standard of excellence.

passionate work ethic, and will change a challenge into an opportunity. Always pleasant, friendly and helpful, their presence radiates throughout the district making the low tech individuals always happy to see them.

For these reasons and more, the Board of Directors, and the Superintendent of Schools proudly announces the awarding of the **Lion's Pride Award** to these two stellar individuals.



Dr. Marykay Feeley took time to thank students Jon Duani and Joshua Shain for the invaluable assistance they provide to the technology program across the district.

Superintendent's Recommendations

Dr. Feeley requested approval from the Board of Directors for staff members who requested medical leave. Approval was requested for a change of status for Stephen Kelly to full time computer/technical education teacher; and Lisa Daries to full time first grade long term substitute teacher. Aimee Kerrigan was recommended as a Special Education Instructional Assistant at Murray Avenue, Julie Walker and Emily Loeffler were recommended as Instructional Assistants at Murray Avenue. Scott Fisher was recommended to be awarded a Temporary contract as a half-time Art Teacher at Murray Avenue. Approval was also sought for several long term and building substitute positions at both Murray Avenue and Pine Road.

Extra curricular contracts for the school year were requested for Assistant Football #3, John Lawlor; Science Club, Kevin Maginn; Dramatics Choreography, Kate Treacy; Assistant Hockey, Sarah Kim; Head Soccer, Daniel Park; and Head Track, Daniel Park.

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Other approvals included Kelly Brennan as a KinderLinks Program Aide and Hector Delfin-Utrera as a long term sub high school custodian. It was also recommended to approve the attendance of professional meetings. Under curriculum and instruction, approval of the final 2008-2009 Title I allocations in the amount of \$58,469 was requested.

An approval was requested to allow several schools and organizations to use the buildings and grounds at all schools.

All recommendations were approved.

The first round of interviews for the Murray Avenue principal position took place on Thursday, September 18th. Ten candidates were interviewed and five have been selected to move to Round 2. The studio at Murray Avenue is open. Eighty-four (84) eighth grade students have signed up for the opportunity to participate in the program.

The district will make application for the Magna Award that honors school boards best practices and learning models. The deadline is October 15.

Financial Responsibility

Assessment as of 9/3/08 as reported by the Montgomery County

Board of Assessment Appeals.....	\$1,061,887,159
The estimated assessment used in the 2008-2009 budget.....	\$1,051,581,319

General Fund as of 9/11/08

Cash Balance.....	\$10,771,290.35
Investments.....	0.00
Trust Funds.....	\$178,434.14
2008 Bond Fund.....	\$19,442,149.62
Capitol Project Fund.....	\$518,111.20

The Board approved the following recommendations:

Approval of the check list dated 8/28/08 in the amount of \$687,791.13 and check list dated 9/11/08 in the amount of \$344,572.76.

Approval to enter into a contract with Clarity Service Group, a member of the Pennhurst Group, LLC, to provide the district with a Personal Care Assistant for a high school student with significant needs.

Approval to enter into a contract with Pediatric Therapeutic Services to provide therapy services on an as needed basis for the 2008-09 school year.

Approval to enter into an Agreement with Dr. Barbara Burke-Stevenson to provide interim services as the Murray Avenue Principal until the vacancy has been filled.

Approval of a Medical Settlement.

Approval of the 2007-08 Budget Transfers.

Approval of the 2007-08 Capital Projects Transfer.

School Board

- ▶ Sweet, Stevens, Katz and Williams are opening a new office in Pittston, PA.
- ▶ There was a request by Mrs. Movsesian to call your House Representative about Bill 277. The School Employee Health Care issue.
- ▶ Dr. Elfont's son and daughter-in-law had an 8lb 3oz baby girl.
- ▶ Peter Grande is retiring from the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit.
- ▶ Kudos went out to the staff for the exceptional job they are doing and the very professional and positive manner they continue to maintain as they deal with our growing enrollment issues.

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It is the position of the Lower Moreland Township Board of School Directors that there is a need to have open lines of communication to the public so that opinions and input from the community can be expressed, heard and considered.

Next Meeting
Tuesday, October 21, 2008, 7:30 PM