

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

- (1) The Board of School Directors of the Lebanon School District met as a committee-of-the-whole on Monday, January 12, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the board conference room of the senior high school as advertised in the Daily News on December 3, 2014.
- (2) President Peter N. Pyles, Jr., called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- (3) On roll call, the following board members were present: Mrs. Debra L. Bowman, Dr. Anne V. Dall, Mr. Joshua G. Gologowski, Mrs. Rose Marie R. Kotay, Mr. Michael J. Kuhn, Mr. Peter N. Pyles, Jr., Mr. Thomas L. Schaffer, Mr. Paul M. Topping and Mr. Cornell L. Wilson. Also present were Dr. Marianne T. Bartley, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Mary A. Harrell, secretary; Mr. Curt Richards, business manager and treasurer and Mr. Michael Bechtold, solicitor.
- (4) Also present were Dr. Chris Danz, assistant to the superintendent for HR and pupil services; Mr. Mike Murphy assistant to the superintendent for assessment and accountability; Mr. Josh Coatsworth, director of special education; Mr. Nick Bullock, Assistant Principal, Harding Elementary School; Mr. Pedro Cruz, Principal, Henry Houck Elementary; Mr. Neil Young, Principal, Northwest Elementary School; Mr. Craig Coletti, Principal, Southwest Elementary School; Mrs. Dawn Connelly, Principal, Lebanon Middle School; Mr. Bill Giovino, Principal, Lebanon High School; Mr. Ted Graeff, chief information officer; Mrs. Kelly Herr, assistant business manager; Mr. Brian Hartman, director of buildings and grounds; Todd Kaylor, assistant director of buildings and grounds; Mr. Bob Hoffman and Mr. Scott Shonk, Beers & Hoffman Architects; Mr. Dan Cicala, Fidevia Construction; Mr. Ed Greenbaum, Structural Engineering; Mr. Steve Sherk and Mr. Josh Weaber, Steckbeck Engineering; Mr. George Horn, school district resident; Mr. Brad Remig, Public Financial Management and Mr. Paul Lundeen, Rhoads and Sinon; and the following media representatives: Mr. John Latimer of the Lebanon Daily News and Ms. Laura LeBeau of WLBR.
- (5) Dr. Bartley welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting.
- (6) January is "School Director Recognition Month." The meeting began by recognizing and thanking the members of our Board of Directors for volunteering their time and talents for the betterment of public education in our community. We are extremely fortunate to have a great school board here at Lebanon School District.
- (7) To honor each director, building principals presented his or her school board buddy with at least one book, which will be donated to the school

library. Each book contains a bookplate with the name of the “board buddy” for that school.

- (8) President Pyles, on behalf of the entire school board, thanked principals and Dr. Bartley for the books donated to the libraries on their behalf.
- (9) Mr. Brad Remig and Mr. Paul Lundeen shared information about the recent refinancing of the General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2009. Total savings to the district will be over \$626,000, over the next 10 years.
- (10) In updating the Board about Northwest Elementary School, a team of architects and construction engineers were present and shared a cost analysis of various options. The least costly option presented to the Board was constructing a new elementary building at the Aspens Business Park. The Board will be making a decision in the near future.
- (11) The \$67.5 million preliminary budget was presented to the Board. This includes an 8% increase, or \$156 for the owner of a home assessed at the district average of \$104,500. This is a conservative, zero-based approach that assumes the district will not receive an increase in state or federal funding. So by the time the Board approves the final budget in June, the tax increase should be reduced because Business Manager, Curt Richards will have real figures to work with. Lebanon receives 60% of its funding from the Legislature; 34% from local sources; and 6% from the federal government.
- (12) Next, the tentative 2015-2016 School Calendar was reviewed. This calendar will be on the agenda for a final approval at the February board meeting.
- (13) The 2015-2016 Lebanon High School Course Selection Guide was shared.
- (14) Dr. Bartley shared information about several policy updates. In an ongoing effort to protect the children educated in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on October 22, 2014, the Governor signed into law Act 153 of 2014. This new law amends all previous law(s) regarding Criminal, Child Abuse, and FBI Clearances for active employees and volunteers. With the changes within Act 153 of 2014, all Lebanon School District employees and volunteers are now required to obtain all three clearances - State Police, FBI, and Child Abuse, and then repeated every three years, thereafter. Board policies will be updated to reflect the requirements of this new law. Relevant policies will be updated.
- (15) Dr. Bartley and Mrs. Toni Henning, Nurse Coordinator, are working together with the Lebanon County Commission on Drug and Alcohol Abuse on putting together an evening of information and discussion for parents

and students about drug awareness. The event is open to all parents/guardians, and students, 5th Grade and above. The forum will be held in the LGI room on Monday, January 26, 2014, from 6 to 7:30 PM.

(16) Dr. Bartley informed the Board that our Records Management Committee reviewed the Records Management Plan via email. The committee has no concerns.

(17) Mrs. Kotay announced that board members would find in their packet hearing reports for the following recently conducted disciplinary hearings:

- Case 2014/2015 - #21
- Case 2014/2015 - #22
- Case 2014/2015 - #23
- Case 2014/2015 - #24
- Case 2014/2015 - #25
- Case 2014/2015 - #26
- Case 2014/2015 - #27

(18) Mrs. Kotay, chairperson of the Board Committee on Suspension and Expulsion of Students, stated a recommendation is included from the committee on suspension and expulsion of students on the hearing reports. A copy of the hearing reports are included with these minutes. She thanked Paul Topping and Tom Schaffer for attending the hearings.

(19) RESOLUTION #15298 - It was moved by Mrs. Kotay and seconded by Mr. Schaffer to accept the committee's recommendations as set forth in the hearing reports. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

(20) RESOLUTION #15299 - It was moved by Mr. Schaffer and seconded by Mrs. Kotay to grant approval to adopt a resolution presented to the Board at this meeting by bond counsel and the solicitor which authorizes and approves the sale and issuance of a series of general obligation bonds to refund the outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series A of 2009, for debt service savings. The following vote was recorded:

Mrs. Bowman - Yes	Dr. Dall - Yes	Mr. Golgowski - Yes
Mrs. Kotay - Yes	Mr. Kuhn - Yes	Mr. Pyles - Yes
Mr. Schaffer - Yes	Mr. Topping - Yes	Mr. Wilson - Yes

Yes 9 No 0 Absent 0 Abstain 0

The motion passed.

(21) Dr. Bartley and the board members discussed the remaining items on the agenda, but no official action was taken.

- (22) The president requested that board members remain for an executive session to discuss personnel matters.
- (23) With no further business to come before the board at this time, a motion was made by Mr. Schaffer and seconded by Mrs. Kotay that the meeting adjourn. All members voiced consent and President Pyles declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Harrell
Secretary of the Board