

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

- (1) The Board of School Directors of the Lebanon School District met as a committee-of-the-whole on Monday, February 9, 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. Michael J. Kuhn, Mr. Peter N. Pyles, Jr., Mr. Paul M. Topping and Mr. Cornell L. Wilson. Mr. Joshua G. Golgowski, Mrs. Rose Marie R. Kotay, and Mr. Thomas L. Schaffer were absent. 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. Fred Shattls, director of ESL; Mr. Josh Coatsworth, director of special education; Mr. Ted Graeff, chief information officer; Mr. Brian Hartman, director of buildings and grounds; Mr. Todd Kaylor, assistant director of buildings and grounds; Mr. George Horn school district resident; and the following media representative: Mr. John Latimer of the Lebanon Daily News.
- (5) Mr. Pyles, Board President, announced that board members would find in their packet board hearing reports for the following recently conducted disciplinary hearings:
 - Case 2014/2015 - #35
 - Case 2014/2015 - #36
 - Case 2014/2015 - #37
 - Case 2014/2015 - #38
 - Case 2014/2015 - #39
 - Case 2014/2015 - #40
 - Case 2014/2015 - #41
 - Case 2014/2015 - #42
- (6) As Mrs. Kotay, chairperson of the Board Committee on Suspension and Expulsion of Students, is absent tonight, Mr. Pyles stated that a recommendation is included from the committee on suspension and expulsion of students on the hearing reports. A copy of the hearing reports is included with these minutes.

- (7) RESOLUTION #15119 – It was moved by Mr. Topping and seconded by Dr. Dall to accept the committee’s recommendations as set forth in the hearing reports. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.
- (8) Dr. Bartley offered congratulations to the following students who were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society at the Lebanon County Career and Technology Center on Tuesday, February 10:
- Beth-Elle Loye – Culinary Arts
 - Gene Smoak – Health Careers Technology
 - Emily Young – Health Careers Technology
 - Valerie Vega Crespo – Health Careers Technology
- (9) Dr. Bartley and the Board discussed renovating or building a new Northwest Elementary School. The current school is 39 years old and in dire need of repair. Last month, a team of design and construction specialists shared a cost analysis which showed that constructing a new building would be less expensive than renovating the existing one.
- The Board also considered building a new middle school and shifting the Northwest students to the current middle school, and making the necessary renovations. This option was also considerably more expensive than building an elementary school and eventually renovating Lebanon Middle School.
- If the Board gives it approval to build a new school at next Monday night’s meeting, it would take about a year to design the building, hold an Act 34 public hearing, receive approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, and then bid the project.
- (10) Dr. Bartley shared a district wide summer energy comparison provided by our Buildings and Grounds department. The report is part of these minutes and shows a significant savings in energy during the 4-day workweek in June, July and August.
- (11) Dr. Bartley shared information about the revision of several of our policies. As it relates to clearances, Act 153 requires all prospective employees, current employees, independent contractors and volunteers to get and renew criminal background checks and child abuse clearances on a three-year or 36 month cycle.
- (12) Regarding vaccinations, Dr. Bartley shared that we are in compliance with state and federal law by having a policy requiring students to be vaccinated, although they can be exempt for religious or medical reasons. Our health staff has been aggressively trying to convince parents to have their children vaccinated, and the number of children who are not vaccinated has dropped in the past several years. This is something that we have monitored before it became a national issue. There have been no cases of measles noted in the district.

- (13) Dr. Bartley and the board members discussed the remaining items on the agenda, but no official action was taken.
- (14) The president requested that board members remain for an executive session to discuss personnel matters following the meeting.
- (15) 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 Dall declared the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Harrell
Secretary of the Board