

## SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

- (1) The Board of School Directors of the Lebanon School District met as a committee-of-the-whole on Monday, April 13, 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 by the secretary, the following board members were present: Mrs. Debra L. Bowman, Mrs. Rose Marie R. Kotay, Mr. Michael J. Kuhn, Jr., Mr. Peter N. Pyles, Jr., Mr. Thomas L. Schaffer, Mr. Paul Topping and Mr. Cornell Wilson. Dr. Anne Dall was absent; Mr. Joshua Gologowski arrived at 7:03 p.m. Also present were Dr. Marianne T. Bartley, superintendent of schools; Mrs. Mary A. Harrell, secretary; and Mr. Curtis O. Richards, business manager and treasurer; and Mr. Michael Bechtold, Esquire.
- (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. Ted Graeff, chief information officer; Mr. Fred Shattls, director of ESL; Mrs. Kelly Herr, assistant business manager; Mr. Brian Hartman, director of buildings and grounds; Mr. Adam Steckbeck, head custodian; Mrs. Rachael Haverstick, teacher; Mr. George Horn school district resident; and the following media representative: Mr. John Latimer of the Lebanon Daily News.
- (5) Mrs. Kotay announced that board members would find in their packet hearing reports for the following recently conducted disciplinary hearings:
  - Case 2014/2015 - #51
  - Case 2014/2015 - #52
  - Case 2014/2015 - #53
  - Case 2014/2015 - #54
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  - Case 2014/2015 - #56
- (6) 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. Copies of the hearing reports are included with these minutes. Mrs. Kotay thanked Mr. Schaffer for attending the hearings.
- (7) RESOLUTION #15157 - 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.
- (8) In updating the Board about Northwest Elementary School, Dr. Bartley shared that members of the planning team visited Green Woods Academy in Philadelphia. This

gave us the opportunity to see what their school looks like --- they are a noted STEM school. We also visited several schools in our local county – taking the best ideas of what we are seeing. Deb Bowman represented our committee. Also, the public is invited to attend the planning stage meetings. Anyone interested in attending should contact Brian Hartman, Director of Buildings and Grounds, at [bhartman@lebanon.k12.pa.us](mailto:bhartman@lebanon.k12.pa.us), for meeting dates and times.

- (9) Dr. Bartley shared that we are planning to purchase a second Therapy Dog, through donations. This one would service Harding Elementary School. Sebastian goes to most of our schools, with our Behavior Support Teacher, Kelly Bastek.
- (10) Mr. Murphy shared a new elementary reading series entitled SuperKids Reading Series for children in grades K5 to 2<sup>nd</sup>; and Journeys Reading Series for children in grades 3 to 5. Samples were provided.
- (11) In updating the Board about the 2015-2016 Budget, Dr. Bartley reported that we have lowered the proposed millage from 1.49 mills or 7.98% to .63 mills or 3.4%. The average tax increase based upon .63 mills would equal \$65.91 per year. A PowerPoint presentation was shared and is part of these minutes.
- (12) Our Board is reviewing a policy that would authorize the use of video and audio recording on school buses and school vehicles
- (13) The president requested that board members remain for an executive session to discuss personnel matters following the meeting.
- (14) With no further business to come before the board at this time, a motion was made by Mr. Schaffer and seconded by Mr. Gologowski that the meeting adjourn. All members voiced consent and President Pyles declared the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Harrell  
Secretary of the Board