

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

- (1) The Board of School Directors of the Lebanon School District met as a committee-of-the-whole on Monday, September 14, 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. The meeting began in the high school auditorium as numerous students, parents and staff members were present. Students and staff members having perfect attendance during the 2014-2015 school year were being recognized.
- (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, Dr. Anne V. Dall, Mrs. Rose Marie R. Kotay, Mr. Michael J. Kuhn, Mr. Peter N. Pyles, Jr., Mr. Thomas L. Schaffer, Mr. Paul Topping and Mr. Cornell Wilson. Mr. Joshua Gologowski was absent. Also present were Dr. Marianne T. Bartley, superintendent of schools; Mrs. Mary A. Harrell, secretary; and Mr. Curtis O. Richards, business manager; and Mr. Michael Bechtold, district 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 & accountability; Mr. Joshua Coatsworth, director of special education, Mr. Brian Hartman, director of buildings and grounds; Mr. Todd Kaylor, assistant director of buildings and grounds; Mr. Shawn Canady, chief information officer; Mr. Neil Young, Northwest Elementary School Principal; Mr. Dan Cicala and Ms. Melanie Heckel of Fidevia; Mr. Steve Sherk of Steckbeck Engineering; Mr. Bob Hoffman and Mr. Scott Shonk of Beers & Hoffman Architects; Mrs. Dawn Schrader, teacher; Mr. George Horn, district resident; and Mr. John Latimer of the Lebanon Daily News.
- (5) Dr. Bartley welcomed the students, parents, and friends present to acknowledge perfect attendance. Dr. Bartley began by recognizing staff members for achieving perfect attendance during the 2014-2015 school year. Mr. Mike Reager recognized students from Harding having perfect attendance; Mr. Pedro Cruz recognized students from Henry Houck; in Mr. Mike Habecker's absence, Mr. Mike Murphy recognized students at Southeast; Mr. Neil Young recognized students from Northwest; Mr. Coletti recognized students from Southwest; Mrs. Dawn Connelly and Mr. Carlos Sanchez recognized students from Lebanon Middle School; and Mr. Bill Giovino recognized Lebanon High School students. Staff members and students received perfect attendance certificates and pins, and students also received a district event pass. A total of 201 elementary, middle school, and high school students and 96 staff members received awards. President Pyles extended congratulations to all the students and staff members for their perfect attendance during the 2014-2015 school year.

- (6) The meeting recessed at 7:35 p.m. for the guests present to enjoy refreshments in the atrium area.
- (7) The meeting reconvened at 7:50 p.m. in the boardroom.
- (8) Mrs. Kotay announced that board members would find in their packet a hearing report for the following recently conducted disciplinary hearing:

Case 2014/2015 - #73
- (9) Mrs. Kotay stated that a recommendation is included from the committee on suspension and expulsion of students on the hearing report. A copy of the hearing report is included with these minutes.
- (10) RESOLUTION #15249 – It was moved by Mr. Schaffer and seconded by Mr. Topping to accept the committee’s recommendation as set forth in the hearing report. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.
- (11) Dr. Bartley shared that she felt the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year went extremely well.
- (12) In updating the Board about Northwest Elementary School, Mr. Bob Hoffman and Mr. Scott Shonk, from Beers and Hoffman architectural firm, shared that the design has been refined since the last update that was shared in spring but retains the general characteristics of being a rectangular shaped building with a courtyard at the center.

The school will contain ample parking and include a dual use space that will serve as a cafeteria and auditorium. The gym will contain a high school sized basketball court, making it more useful to the district. The building is structured in such a way that the gymnasium and cafeteria will be accessible to the public, while the rest of the building is locked down.

The floor plan received PlanCon A approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Mr. Steve Sherk, from Steckbeck Engineering, reported on the soil. He stated that there are no major concerns and things should move along well.

The Design Team also met with the Chief of Police, Fire Commissioner and the Director of Public Works. Those discussions resulted in a request for a traffic impact study that recommended adding a left hand turn lane from North 12th Street onto Old Forge Road. Mr. Sherk reported that the road is already wide enough to accommodate a turn lane, so the only cost will be striping it.

Mr. Sherk reported that preliminary plans also include eight-foot wide sidewalks on access roads near the school that would accommodate both bikers and pedestrians. The Metropolitan Planning Organization, which serves as the county's transportation planners, has pledged \$7,000 for a traffic impact study that might help leverage grants to offset the cost of constructing the sidewalks.

- (13) Dr. Bartley shared a 2016-2017 Budget Timeline and Goals memo. It is our practice to prepare a timeline to keep in compliance with the requirements of Special Sessions Act 1 of 2006.
- (14) The Pennsylvania School Boards Association is asking Boards to publicly vote for the PSBA Officers. This vote will take place at next weeks meeting. Everyone has received a handout listing all the candidates and their bios.
- (15) Mr. Schaffer commented on how well the Alumni Stadium looked. He stated, "It came together beautifully". Brian Hartman did a great job and Mr. Schaffer thanked Brian and the entire team for a great team effort.
- (16) The president requested that board members remain for an executive session to discuss personnel matters and a litigation update following the meeting.
- (17) 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 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Harrell
Secretary of the Board