

## SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

- (1) The Board of School Directors of the Lebanon School District met in regular session on Monday, March 11, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the board conference room of the senior high school as advertised in the Daily News on December 5, 2012.
- (2) President Anne V. Dall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Everyone participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- (3) On roll call by the secretary, the following board members were present: Mrs. Debra L. Bowman, Dr. Anne V. Dall, Ms. Vanessa Fischer; 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. Also present were Dr. Marianne T. Bartley, superintendent of schools, Mrs. Mary A. Harrell, secretary; Mr. Curtis O. Richards, business manager and treasurer.
- (4) Also present were Mr. 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. Ted Graeff, chief information officer; Mr. Craig Boltz, director of buildings and grounds; Mr. Brian Hartman, assistant director of buildings and grounds; Ms. Jessica Ashworth, K5 teacher, Henry Houck; Mrs. Dawn Connelly, principal, Henry Houck; Mr. Charlie Fairchild, Fairchild Services; 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 board hearing reports for the following recently conducted disciplinary hearings:
  - Case 2012/2013 - #39
  - Case 2012/2013 - #40
  - Case 2012/2013 - #41
  - Case 2012/2013 - #42
  - Case 2012/2013 - #43
  - Case 2012/2013 - #44
- (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. A copy of the hearing reports are included with these minutes.
- (7) RESOLUTION #14895 – 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) Ms. Jessica Ashworth, K5 Teacher at Henry Houck Elementary School, shared information about her trip to Sandy Hook. Jessica’s students helped to create a painting in memory of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting victims. Their artwork will

appear in the cover of *The Journal of School Safety*. Jessica and her mother drove to Sandy Hook to present snowflakes made by our children.

- (9) Next, Dr. Bartley and the board discussed the need to make a decision on whether to renovate Northwest Elementary School or build new. The project has been discussed for several years, but the continued decline of the 38-year-old building's heating, ventilation and air conditioning system is placing pressure on the board to make a decision soon.

With the HVAC system working at about half the capacity, Dr. Bartley shared her concern that the system could completely stop working at any time. Mr. Hartman told the board it would take about three to four months to design a new HVAC system and two to three months more to install it. However, installation could not be done while students are in the building, so getting the job done this summer is not a possibility.

Estimates on the cost that were received last year, to renovate the building, ranged from about \$1.5 million to almost \$3 million. The wide difference was because of the type and quality of the system used.

The good news for the district is that the \$1.5 million in budgetary reserves already has been allocated for replacing the HVAC system, if necessary.

The board asked Dr. Bartley to develop a contingency plan. She said she would do so and report her recommendations. Dr. Bartley will also deliver estimates comparing the cost of renovating Northwest, to building a new school.

Dr. Bartley shared that attorney Christianson is willing to accommodate the district in arranging terms and timing to purchase 10 to 12 acres of land needed to build a new school. This land, owned by Mr. Christianson, is located in the Aspens Business Park and has been appraised at \$62,000 per acre, but Mr. Christianson will sell to the district for \$40,000 per acre.

- (10) In updating the board on our high school renovations, Mr. Charlie Fairchild reported that a series of expensive and unexpected problems, ranging from the removal of rock to sewer lines buried deep in concrete, has driven up the final cost. A final walk-through of the building is scheduled with contractors on Friday.

Mr. Fairchild reported that work remaining to be done on the building, including black-topping the parking lot and putting a finished coat of paint on the exterior, must wait until the weather warms.

Renovations to the auditorium will be completed in time for the district to host a Lancaster-Lebanon IU13 Conference on April 10.

- (11) Dr. Bartley mentioned that we have money designated in our fund balance to repair the middle school roof. We had an estimate of \$685,000 to complete the roof and the project will begin as soon as children are out of school. The work is expected to be complete by the end of June.

- (12) Dr. Bartley and the board members discussed the remaining items on the agenda, but no official action was taken.
- (13) The president requested that board members remain for an executive session to discuss personnel and legal 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. Topping that the meeting adjourn. All members voiced consent and President Dall declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Harrell  
Secretary of the Board