

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

- (1) The Board of School Directors of the Lebanon School District met in regular session on Monday, June 10 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 Dall 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, Ms. Vanessa Fischer; Mrs. Rose Marie R. Kotay, Mr. Michael J. Kuhn, Mr. Thomas L. Schaffer, Mr. Paul Topping and Mr. Cornell Wilson. Mr. Peter N. Pyles, Jr. 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 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; Mr. Josh Coatsworth, coordinator of special education; Mrs. Haitos, high school teacher; Mr. George Horn, community member; and the following media representatives: Mr. John Latimer of the Lebanon Daily News and Ms. Laura LeBeau, WLBR.
- (5) Mrs. Kotay, announced that board members would find in their packet hearing reports for the following recently conducted disciplinary hearings:
 - Case 2012/2013 - #61
 - Case 2012/2013 - #62
 - Case 2012/2013 - #63
 - Case 2012/2013 - #64
 - Case 2012/2013 - #65
- (6) Mrs. Kotay, chairperson of the Board Committee on Suspension and Expulsion of Students, stated that 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.
- (7) RESOLUTION #14972 - It was moved by Mrs. Kotay and seconded by Mr. Topping to accept the committee's recommendation as set forth in the hearing reports. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

- (8) Dr. Bartley commented on how beautiful our 2013 Commencement was. We have received so many positive comments. It was a beautiful evening and Dr. Bartley wished all the seniors well. Dr. Bartley noted that Anne Dall's daughter, Laura, was our valedictorian and she was also noted as the outstanding senior of Lebanon County by WLBR.
- (9) Dr. Bartley shared that our offices will be closed on Friday's. This has proved to be a great cost saver over the past few years. Employees will work extended hours Monday through Thursday from June 10, 2013 to August 9, 2013.
- (10) Dr. Bartley stated that Henry Houck Principal, Dawn Connelly, applied for and was awarded a \$2,800 grant called Safe Routes to School.
- (11) Next, Dr. Bartley discussed the need to consider updating our demographic and community growth analysis with the Pennsylvania Economy League. Seven years ago PEL conducted a similar study that helped administrators plan for the renovations of several of our schools. With the decision to renovate or build a new Northwest Elementary School, Dr. Bartley feels that it might be a good time for an update.
- (12) Dr. Bartley shared with the Board that they would find an approval of the Special Education Plan on tonight's agenda. This is part of the requirements of the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
- (13) Dr. Bartley announced that we will be having a Community Open House on Sunday, September 22, 2013, from 2 to 4 PM.
- (14) In updating the board about our renovations, Dr. Bartley shared that two of our subcontractors have submitted claims exceeding \$740,000. We are hoping this can be settled amicably but we are going to be prepared for litigation, if that happens. We will work with our district solicitor, Bill Reed, and with Michael Winfield, if needed.
- Work on the high school renovations is wrapping up with the parking lot paving to begin in the next few days and completion expected by the end of the month.
- (15) Dr. Bartley stated that there has been no real change in the budget. The state has still not finalized their budget. Curt is working with the assessment office regarding the millage rebalancing. The new millage rate will be reduced from 123.44 mills to 17.35 mills.
- (16) Dr. Bartley reminded the board that in 2008 we approved School Board Policy 006.1, Use of Electronic Communications Equipment at meetings. Effective use of technology would permit a board member to participate in Board deliberations and actions by teleconferencing or videoconferencing, if he/she cannot physically attend the meeting due to

inclement weather, illness, or scheduling conflicts. This is just a good reminder.

- (17) Mr. Mike Murphy and Mrs. Haitos shared information about the two new textbooks on the agenda for approval.
- (18) Mr. Murphy explained some changes in assessments. He shared that 4Sight was used as both a benchmark and diagnostic. 4Sight became cumbersome to administer. He is proposing to go with Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) diagnostic assessment. This would replace the 4Sight and SAT-10 assessments currently used. This is a true diagnostic test and is administered online so results can be seen before the student goes home. MAP is administered at the student level. 4Sight is a grade level test. MAP will adjust to where a student is. It will be given three times per year.
- (19) Mr. Murphy explained that the School Improvement Plans have been posted for review.
- (20) Dr. Bartley and the board members discussed the remaining items on the agenda, but no official action was taken.
- (21) The president requested that board members remain for an executive session to discuss personnel matters and negotiations following the meeting.
- (22) 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 Anne Dall declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Harrell
Secretary of the Board