

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

- (1) The Board of School Directors of the Lebanon School District met as a committee-of-the-whole on Monday, November 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 Dall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- (3) On roll call by the secretary, the following board members were present: Dr. Anne V. Dall, Mrs. Rose Marie R. Kotay, Mr. Peter N. Pyles, Jr., Mr. Thomas L. Schaffer, Mr. Paul Topping and Mr. Cornell Wilson. Mr. Michael J. Kuhn arrived at 7:05 p.m. Mrs. Debra L. Bowman 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. Mike Murphy, assistant to the superintendent for assessment & accountability; Mr. Brian Hartman, director of buildings and grounds; Mr. Todd Kaylor, assistant director of buildings and grounds; Mr. Adam Steckbeck, head custodian; Mr. Ted Graeff, chief information officer; Mr. Fred Shattls, director of ESOL; Mr. Michael Bechtold, assistant solicitor; Bill Giovino, high school principal; Mr. George Horn, district resident; and Mr. John Latimer, Lebanon Daily News.
- (5) Mrs. Kotay announced that board members would find at their seat, hearing reports for the following recently conducted disciplinary hearings:

Case 2013-2014 – 11
Case 2013-2014 – 12
- (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 Paul Topping for attending the hearing.
- (7) RESOLUTION #15060 - 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) Dr. Bartley explained that our Comprehensive Plan is finished and Mr. Murphy is ready to submit to PDE. The Action Plan and Summary are posted with tonight's agenda.
- (9) Next, Dr. Bartley shared a letter that she received from Mayor Capello requesting exoneration for the value of taxes on improvements for the Partridge Street Redevelopment Project. Mr. Richards explained that this will cause some reduction in

money. The total value in tax revenue is \$15,398.55. The homes have been deemed inhabitable and the Mayor is asking for exoneration for the current year.

- (10) In updating the board on Policy #137-In Home Instruction, Dr. Bartley stated that we received an inquiry from the parent of a home schooled student asking if the student could take advantage of our Dual Enrollment Program. We are working on revising this policy to state that public school students will be given first priority. Home schooled students who are interested need to start by taking a College in the High School course on our campus prior to being considered for a course on a college campus. Home schooled students will pay the same fee as charged to public school students. This proposed revised policy is on tonight's agenda for a first reading.
- (11) Dr. Bartley shared that she has contacted Attorney Reed and PSBA Attorney Sean Fields for feedback regarding proposed revisions to Policy #217 – Graduation Requirements. We have added a new piece about a school-to-career transition plan and job training or internships, beginning in 2018. After much discussion with our legal advisors, the proposed revisions are included on the agenda for a second reading next week. The first reading occurred in April 2013. Dr. Bartley also shared a draft Internship-Career Based Experience Agreement.
- (12) Dr. Bartley explained that our current solicitor, Bill Reed, is planning to retire at the end of this year and she is recommending that we appoint Mr. Michael Bechtold as our solicitor beginning in January 2014.
- (13) Next, Dr. Bartley shared the following athletic update:
- The Fall Sports Awards Assembly will be held on Wednesday, November 13 at 7:00pm in the auditorium.
 - Various fall sports athletes have been gaining post-season honors. The honors that we receive are constantly fluid. Here is the current list:
 - Girls Soccer – Brittany Ulrich, 2nd Team All L-L
 - Briann Mease, Academic All L-L All Star
 - Boys Soccer – Jared DeSandies, tied school career goals record
 - Jared DeSandies, Lebanon County Player of Week (10/15)
 - Field Hockey – Ashley Kroft, 2nd Team All L-L
 - Krista Marderness, Honorable Mention, All L-L
 - Girls Volleyball – Madison Rakow, 1st Team All L-L
 - Alicia Haitos, 2nd Team All L-L
 - The Cross Country Team competed for the first time at the District III Meet (10/23/13) since 2003. This is the first time since 2003 that they picked up team points at the District III Meet. They finished 35th out of 44 AAA teams. Four of our boys ran faster than the top Lebanon time from last year.
 - Darius Ramsey and Mark Pyles were selected as L-L Section 2 Players of the Week for the October 25th game.
 - Rooty - Kudos to Michael Hostetter, as Rooty, in Behind the Mask!and to Mrs. Johnston for making this movie event a possibility. Rooty is one of four sports mascots whose lives are followed in an original show that **will premier Tuesday on Hulu**, a web-based entertainment network.

- Post Season Honors:
 - Lebanon All County Team:
 - Offense: 1st Team
 - QB-Mark Pyles
 - WR-Jeremy De La Cruz
 - OL-Darius Ramsey, Connor Cummins
 - 2nd Team
 - WR-Nick Negron
 - Defense: 1st Team
 - DL-Joey Ruppener
 - ILB-Mark Pyles
 - OLB-Jeremy De La Cruz
 - CB-Khaleem Newkirk
 - 2nd Team
 - DE-Darius Ramsey
- The football team went to District 3 playoffs. Although we lost, they did a terrific job and represented our school very well.
- Coach of the Year – Gerry Yonchiuk

(14) Dr. Bartley stated that American Education Week is November 18 to 22. The theme is Great Public Schools: A Basic Right & Our Responsibility. As part of the celebration, a Friends of Education luncheon will be held on Friday, November 22. The following will be honored:

- Kristen Arnold-Paine nominated Michael Habecker
- Jhonna Bello nominated by Pedro Cruz
- Brandt Family nominated by Dr. Bartley
- Anne Marie Brewer nominated by Christen Horn
- Angela Brownstein nominated by Mike Reager
- Lorraine Fessler nominated by Kate Brunelli
- Dawn Gettle nominated by Amy Loser
- Matt Hershey nominated by Neil Young
- Mindi Phelps nominated by Dr. Bartley
- Peter Phillips nominated by Ted Graeff
- Michael Pidgorodetskiy nominated by Mary Garrett-Giovino
- Pat Scaramuzzino nominated by Stephanie Kern
- Audrie Yetter nominated by Amy Loser

Our two distinguished alumni are:

- Mr. Edward H. Arnold, Class of 1957
- Mr. Robert K. Bowman, Sr., Class of 1947

(15) Dr. Bartley announced that Lebanon Middle School was awarded a grant from Highmark Foundation in the amount of \$2,500. This is in conjunction with the Center for Safe Schools for the establishment of a family-school-community partnership to address bullying prevention.

- (16) Dr. Bartley and the board members discussed the remaining items on the agenda, but no official action was taken.
- (17) President Dall requested that board members remain for an executive session to discuss personnel matters and a legal matter following the meeting.
- (18) With no further business to come before the board at this time, a motion was made by Mr. Schaffer and seconded by Mr. Kuhn that the meeting adjourn. All members voiced consent and President Dall declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Harrell
Secretary of the Board