

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

- (1) The Board of School Directors of the Lebanon School District met in regular session on Monday, May 8, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the board conference room of the senior high school as advertised in the Daily News on December 6, 2016.
- (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. Rose Marie R. Kotay, Mr. Michael J. Kuhn, Mr. Cesar Liriano, Mr. Robert Okonak, Mr. Peter N. Pyles, Jr., Mr. Thomas L. Schaffer and Mr. Paul Topping. Mrs. Debra Bowman and Mrs. Ashley Cessna were absent. Also present were Dr. Marianne T. Bartley, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Mary A. Harrell, secretary; Mr. Curt Richards, business manager and treasurer and Mr. Michael Bechtold, 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 and accountability; Mr. Josh Coatsworth, director of special education; Mr. Shawn Canady, chief information officer; Mr. Brian Hartman, director of buildings and grounds; Mr. Fred Shattls, director of ESL; Mr. Todd Kaylor, assistant director of buildings and grounds; Mr. Adam Steckbeck, head custodian; Mrs. Dawn Connelly, principal, LMS; Mr. George Horn and Ms. Joyce Carpenter, community members; and the following media representative: Mr. John Latimer of the Lebanon Daily News.
- (5) Dr. Bartley welcomed all guests present. She stated that this special recognition is for Rotary students and students who will be attending the Excellence in Education Banquet. This is a good way to recognize our top students and show that we are very proud of each one.
- (6) High School Principal, Bill Giovino, Board President, Peter N. Pyles, Jr., and Dr. Bartley presented Certificates of Achievement for Academic Excellence and Commitment to School and Community to the following twenty-three seniors:

Jeremiah Agosto	Kaitlyn Bartal	Randy Blanco
Elijah Blauch	Isaiah Blauch	Patrick Bray
Kelly Cooper	Megan Deck	Sadye Eisenhauer
Laura Gilbert	Amber Graff	Heidy Jimenez
Paola Morales	Essam Mostafa Maatook	Kristina Rittle
Wilfredo Rohena	Angelyz Rohena	Katelyn Roth
Emily Smiley	Timothy Spangler	Yohanna Taveras Ramirez
Dhayibeth Vasquez	Aaron Woodhouse	

(7) The meeting recessed at 7:22 p.m. for the guests present to enjoy refreshments, and reconvened in the board room at 7:32 p.m.

(8) President Pyles announced that an executive session was held on Monday, May 1, 2017, to discuss the hiring of a new superintendent.

(9) Mrs. Kotay announced that board members would find in their packet hearing reports for the following recently conducted disciplinary hearings:

Case 2016-2017 - #51

Case 2016-2017 - #52

Case 2016-2017 - #53

Case 2016-2017 - #54

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(10) 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. Okonak and Mr. Schaffer for attending these hearings.

(11) RESOLUTION #15613 – 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.

(12) Dr. Bartley and the Board discussed the 2017-2018 Budget. President Pyles was adamant about having a zero percent tax increase. Dr. Bartley proposed a budget that adds one new elementary teacher while trimming \$653,000 from the budget by eliminating eight staff positions. Among some of the cuts were an assistant principal at the high school, a disciplinarian position at the middle school, and a technology administrator.

Because of vacancies and attrition, the changes would result in some position shifting but no lay-offs.

Dr. Bartley stated that she made cuts to limit the impact on instruction, but she said that the losses would impact the district. Dr. Bartley reminded everyone about positions that were lost in 2008 because of state education funding cuts.

(13) Dr. Bartley and the board members discussed the remaining items on the agenda, but no official action was taken.

(14) The president requested that board members remain for an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

- (15) 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 Pyles declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Harrell
Secretary of the Board