

## SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

- (1) The Board of School Directors of the Lebanon School District met as a committee-of-the-whole on Monday, March 13, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the board conference room of the senior high school as advertised in the Daily News on December 7, 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. Debra Bowman, Mrs. Ashley Cessna, 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. 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. Fred Shattls, director of ESL; Mr. Josh Coatsworth, director of special education; Mr. Shawn Canady, chief information officer; Mr. Brian Hartman, director of buildings and grounds; Mr. Todd Kaylor, assistant director of buildings and grounds; Mr. Andre Martin, Fidevia; Mayor Sherry Capello, City Mayor; Mr. George Horn school district resident; 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 2016-2017 - #38
  - Case 2016-2017 - #39
  - Case 2016-2017 - #40
  - Case 2016-2017 - #41
  - Case 2016-2017 - #42
  - Case 2016-2017 - #43
  - Case 2016-2017 - #44
  - Case 2016-2017 - #45
  - Case 2016-2017 - #46
  - Case 2016-2017 - #47
- (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.
- (7) RESOLUTION #15579 – 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) Mr. Kuhn explained that there is a Resolution on tonight’s agenda to withdraw from the Lebanon County Earned Income Tax Bureau. It is an action that all school districts in the county are expected to take, thus essentially dissolving the EIT Bureau.

Mr. Kuhn attended the County Superintendent meeting last Friday to update the superintendents.

- (9) Dr. Bartley, Mr. Richards and School Board Director, Mr. Okonak attend the 2017 IU13 Legislative Breakfast.
- (10) Dr. Bartley shared that the IU13 Budget is on the agenda for approval next week. The overall increase to the Proposed 2017-2018 Core Program of Services is approximately 2.46%; and there is a decrease of .56% to the Proposed 2017-2018 Instructional Media Services.
- (11) Mr. Andre Martin from Fidevia presented an update on the new Northwest Elementary School building. Currently, things are ahead of schedule.
- (12) Mayor Capello presented information about the Land Bank. Having a land bank would give the city the first right to purchase dilapidated and condemned properties at a Judicial Sale, where they might go unsold or fall into the hands of real estate speculators and landlords who do not make significant improvements to them.

Mayor Capello stated that on average, about six homes in the city are sold at Judicial Sales. The city, working through the Lebanon County Redevelopment Authority, would improve and then sell the property to owner-occupied buyers, in an effort to increase home ownership in the city.

Establishing a land bank would require approval of the school board and county commissioners, because it asks them to forgive 50 percent of the improved properties' real estate taxes for the first five years after they are sold. That revenue, along with other funds, would finance the land bank.

- (13) Dr. Bartley reminded the Board about the LHS Musical, Cinderella. Shows will be held on March 16 through 18, 2017, at 7:30 PM; and on Sunday, March 19 at 3 PM. On Sunday, we invited our senior citizens to attend the show, "pay as you will". Some stayed to enjoy coffee and cookies. Coffee was served in LHS mugs, a gift for our senior citizens.
- (14) The president requested that board members remain for an executive session to discuss negotiations and personnel matters following the meeting.
- (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 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Harrell  
Secretary of the Board