

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

- (1) The Board of School Directors of the Lebanon School District met as a committee-of-the-whole on Monday, January 8, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the board conference room of the senior high school as advertised in the Daily News on December 7, 2017.
- (2) Vice President Robert G. Okonak called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- (3) On roll call, the following board members were present: Mrs. Tracy Johnsen, Mrs. Rose Marie R. Kotay, Mr. Michael J. Kuhn, Mr. Cesar Liriano, Mr. Robert Okonak, and Mr. Thomas L. Schaffer. Mr. Peter N. Pyles, Jr., Mrs. Ashley Cessna, and Mrs. Debra L. Bowman were absent. Also present were Dr. Arthur W. C. Abrom, 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. Fred Shattls, director of ESOL; Mr. Mike Reager, Principal, Harding Elementary School; Mr. Pedro Cruz, Principal, Henry Houck Elementary; Mr. Mike Habecker, Principal, Southeast Elementary School; Mr. Neil Young, Principal, Northwest Elementary School; Mrs. Dawn Connelly, Principal, Lebanon Middle School; Mr. Bill Giovino, Principal, Lebanon High School; Mr. Shawn Canady, chief information officer; Mr. Brian Hartman, director of buildings and grounds; Andre Martin, Fidevia; and Mrs. Karen Devine, PSBA.
- (5) Mrs. Kotay announced that board members would find in their packet board hearing reports for the following recently conducted disciplinary hearings:

Case 2017-2018 - #22
Case 2017-2018 - #23
- (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 #15740 – It was moved by Mrs. Kotay and seconded by Mr. Schaffer to accept the committee’s recommendations as set forth in the hearing reports. Mrs. Kotay thanked Mr. Okonak and Mr. Pyles for attending these hearings. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

- (8) Dr. Abrom welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting and thanked Karen Devine for attending this meeting to give a special recognition.
- (9) January is "School Director Recognition Month." The meeting began by recognizing and thanking the members of our Board of Directors for volunteering their time and talents for the betterment of public education in our community. We are extremely fortunate to have a great school board here at Lebanon School District.
- (10) Karen Devine, PSBA, presented Michael J. Kuhn with a special plaque to recognize him for twenty-four years of service as a School Director for the Lebanon School District.
- (11) To honor each director, building principals presented his or her school board buddy with at least one book, which will be donated to the school library. Each book contains a bookplate with the name of the "board buddy" for that school.
- (12) Dr. Abrom stated that we have been fortunate in our community to have consistency in our School Board.
- (13) Mr. Brian Hartman and Mr. Andre Martin reported that the Northwest Elementary building project is moving along well; everything is on schedule.
- (14) Mr. Richards reviewed the proposed preliminary budget with the Board and stated that a motion is on the agenda requiring board action at the meeting next week.
- (15) The Board discussed options for the sale of the old Northwest Elementary School building; whether to list with a Realtor or to work with an auctioneer. After some discussion, it was agreed upon to first list with a Realtor for a period of nine months and if the building does not sell during that time then move to work with an auctioneer. Attorney Bechtold will review the Sale Agreement prior to the Board President's signature and provide wording for the approval on next week's agenda.
- (16) The 2018-2019 Lebanon High School Course Selection Guide was shared.
- (17) It was noted that the Records Management Committee has no concerns at this time with the Records Management Plan. All policies are under review and updates will be brought forth.
- (18) Dr. Abrom and the board members discussed the remaining items on the agenda, but no official action was taken.

- (19) The vice-president requested that board members remain for an executive session to discuss personnel matters and a legal matter.
- (20) With no further business to come before the board at this time, a motion was made by Mr. Schaffer and seconded by Mrs. Kotay that the meeting adjourn. All members voiced consent and Vice-President Okonak declared the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Harrell
Secretary of the Board