

## SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

- (1) The Board of School Directors of the Lebanon School District met as a committee-of-the-whole on Monday, April 9, 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) 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 and Mr. Thomas L. Schaffer. Mrs. Tracy Johnsen was 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. Fred Shattls, director of ESOL; Mr. Josh Coatsworth, director of special education; Mr. Shawn Canady, chief information officer; Mr. Brian Hartman, director of buildings and grounds; Ms. Kelly Herr, assistant business manager; Mr. Adam Steckbeck, head custodian; Mr. Andre Martin, Fidevia; Mr. Bill Boden, High Associates; and Mr. George Horn, community resident.
- (5) Mrs. Kotay announced that board members would find in their packet hearing reports for the following recently conducted disciplinary hearings:
  - Case 2017-2018 - #35
  - Case 2017-2018 - #36
  - Case 2017-2018 - #37
  - Case 2017-2018 - #38
- (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 Mr. Schaffer and Mr. Okonak for attending the hearings.
- (7) RESOLUTION #15790 - It was moved by Mrs. Kotay and seconded by Mr. Okonak to accept the committee's recommendations as set forth in the hearing reports. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.
- (8) Dr. Abrom announced that we have partnered with Norah's Library in an effort to promote our Educational Priority #2, creating a Relentless Culture of Reading. Amy Keller, who started Norah's Library as a tribute to her daughter, is collecting books for our students at various public locations. Dr. Abrom asked each staff member to bring

in school aged books to any of the school offices. This book drive will run through April 30, after which, Amy and her team will sort and level the books with the intent of returning many of them to us to distribute to our students.

- (9) Mr. Bill Boden, from High Associates, shared a progress report on the sale of the old Northwest Elementary building.
- (10) A walkthrough of the new Northwest Elementary School is planned for Monday night, May 14 at 4 PM.
- (11) The 2018-2019 Budget Books will be distributed at next Monday night's meeting.
- (12) Dr. Abrom and the Board discussed the remaining items on the agenda but no official action was taken.
- (13) The president requested that board members remain for an executive session to discuss personnel matters and an update on negotiations.
- (14) With no further business to come before the board at this time, a motion was made by Mrs. Kotay and seconded by Mr. Schaffer that the meeting adjourn. All members voiced consent and President Pyles declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Harrell  
Secretary of the Board