

## SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

- (1) The Board of School Directors of the Lebanon School District met as a committee-of-the-whole on Monday, September 10, 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 L. Bowman, Mrs. Ashley Cessna, Mrs. Rose Marie R. Kotay, Mr. Cesar Liriano, Mr. Peter N. Pyles, Jr., Mr. Robert Okonak, Mr. Thomas L. Schaffer and Mrs. Tracy Johnsen. Mr. Michael J. Kuhn 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 Mr. Mike Murphy, assistant to the superintendent for assessment & accountability; Mr. Joshua Coatsworth, director of special education; Mr. Shawn Canady, Chief Information Officer; Ms. Amber Hilt, director of ELD; Mr. Robert Nordall, Assistant Principal, LHS; Mr. Pedro Cruz, Principal, Henry Houck Elementary School; Mr. Brian Hartman, director of buildings and grounds; Mr. Todd Kaylor, assistant director of buildings and grounds; Mayor Capello and Mr. George Horn, district residents; and Ms. Laura LeBeau of WLBR. Members of the City Land Bank Committee.
- (5) Dr. Abrom welcomed Mayor Capello and other members of the Land Bank committee.  
  
The committee presented an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Lebanon Land Bank and the Lebanon School District. The Mayor and the Board discussed the MOU. No official action was taken at this time.
- (6) Dr. Abrom thanked members of our Cabinet for working hard in preparing the opening of our new Northwest Elementary School. Our principals have shared that this was the best school opening.
- (7) Dr. Abrom shared that we are grateful to Representative Ryan for spearheading the effort to secure the Temporary Emergency Impact Aid for the Lebanon School District, in the amount of \$1,150,618 in federal funds. These funds will go a long way in helping our students who were displaced by last year's hurricanes.

- (8) Dr. Abrom shared that we have begun using the ARC Reading Program for children in Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade; expanding on what we already have for grades 3, 4, and 5. Students must read thirty minutes in school and thirty minutes at home every day. We are building a cadre of readers and using the term Readers Grow Cedars!
- (9) Dr. Abrom and the School Board discussed the remaining items on the agenda but no official action was taken at this meeting.
- (10) The president requested that board members remain for an executive session to discuss personnel matters.
- (11) 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 President Pyles declared the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Harrell  
Secretary of the Board