

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

- (1) The Board of School Directors of the Lebanon School District met as a committee-of-the-whole on Monday, January 14, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the board conference room of the senior high school as advertised in the Daily News on December 6, 2018.
- (2) 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. Debra Bowman, Mrs. Ashley Cessna, Mrs. Tracy Johnsen, Mrs. Rose Marie R. Kotay, Mr. Michael J. Kuhn, Mr. Cesar Liriano, Mr. Robert Okonak, Mr. Peter N. Pyles, Jr., and Mr. Thomas L. Schaffer. Also present were Dr. Arthur W. C. Abrom, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Mary A. Harrell, secretary; Mr. Curt Richards, business manager and treasurer, Mrs. Kelly Herr, assistant business manager 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; Ms. Amber Hilt, director of ELD; Mr. Mike Reager, Principal, Harding Elementary School; Mr. Pedro Cruz, Principal, Henry Houck Elementary School; Mr. Mike Habecker, Principal, Southeast Elementary School; Mr. Neil Young, Principal, Northwest Elementary School; Mr. Craig Coletti, Principal, Southwest Elementary School; Mrs. Dawn Connelly, Principal, Lebanon Middle School; Mr. Bill Giovino, Principal, Lebanon High School; Mr. Robert Nordall, Assistant Principal, Lebanon High School; Mrs. Jen Nordall, Assistant Principal, Northwest Elementary School; Mr. Dan Rau, Assistant Principal, Lebanon Middle School; Mr. Jeff Albright, literacy coach; Mr. Nick Bullock, Assistant Principal, Harding Elementary School; Mr. Brian Hartman, director of buildings and grounds; and Mr. George Horn, resident.
- (5) Mrs. Kotay announced that board members would find in their packet board hearing reports for the following recently conducted disciplinary hearings:
 - Case 2018-2019 - #10
 - Case 2018-2019 - #11
 - Case 2018-2019 - #12
 - Case 2018-2019 - #13
 - Case 2018-2019 - #14
 - Case 2018-2019 - #15
 - Case 2018-2019 - #16
 - Case 2018-2019 - #17
 - Case 2018-2019 - #18

- (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 #15930 – 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) 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 of Directors here at Lebanon School District.
- (9) Dr. Abrom presented a Certificate of Appreciation to each School Director.
- (10) 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.
- (11) Mr. Murphy shared an update on the ARC reading program. This program has been very successful. The Objective under Dr. Abrom’s Priority #2, Relentless Culture of Reading, is to develop a system of literacy instruction that promotes skill development while increasing students’ enjoyment of reading for learning and pleasure. We are seeing that students are more enthused about reading; our high school and middle school library circulation has experienced an increase of five times. Students across the district are reading more.
- (12) Mr. Hartman reported that recycling guidelines have changed. The Freddy the Fish posters are going away because they are no longer accurate; new guidelines will be provided.
- (13) 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. He reminded the Board that in February, Mr. Brad Remig will report on the refinancing of the 2012 GO Bonds.
- (14) Mr. Canady shared information about the E-Sports program. The current active roster is eighteen to twenty-four students. The students are engaged and learning technology skills.

- (15) Dr. Abrom and the board members discussed the remaining items on the agenda, but no official action was taken.
- (16) The vice-president requested that board members remain for an executive session to discuss personnel matters.
- (17) With no further business to come before the board at this time, a motion was made by Mr. Schaffer and seconded by Mr. Liriano that the meeting adjourn. All members voiced consent and President Okonak declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Harrell
Secretary of the Board