

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

- (1) The Board of School Directors of the Lebanon School District met as a committee-of-the-whole on Monday, February 11, 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 7:02 p.m.
- (3) On roll call, the following board members were present: Mrs. Debra Bowman, Mrs. Ashley Cessna, Mrs. Tracy Johnsen, Mr. Michael J. Kuhn, Mr. Cesar Liriano, Mr. Robert Okonak, and Mr. Peter N. Pyles, Jr. Mrs. Rose Marie R. Kotay participated via phone. Mr. Thomas Schaffer 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. 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. Adam Steckbeck, head custodian; Mr. Bill Giovino, principal, Lebanon High School, Mr. Bill Boben and Mr. Jeff Kurtz, High Associates; and Mr. George Horn, district resident.
- (5) Mr. Pyles announced that board members would find at their seats board hearing reports for the following recently conducted disciplinary hearings:
 - Case 2018-2019 - #22
 - Case 2018-2019 - #23
 - Case 2018-2019 - #24
- (6) Mr. Pyles stated that 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 #15948 – It was moved by Mr. Pyles and seconded by Mr. Kuhn to accept the committee’s recommendation as set forth in the hearing reports. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.
- (8) Representatives from High Associates (Realty) gave a brief progress report on the sale of the old Northwest Building. There was some interest but at this time, there are no parties that have indicated they are interested in purchasing the building.

- (9) Mr. Giovino, high school principal, shared a draft high school dress code pilot. The high school would like to begin using this pilot in early March. Mr. Giovino will keep the Board Members abreast of the progress. He will attend next week's meeting to talk about the consequences.
- (10) Changes to the 2019-2020 High School Course Selection Guide were reviewed. The entire document will be shared next week with a motion to approve.
- (11) The Records Management Committee reviewed the Records Management Plan via email. Members are: Dr. Abrom, Mr. Canady, Dr. Danz, Attorney Bechtold and Mary Harrell. The committee confirmed that the Records Management Plan is current, effective and being implemented as intended without any need for change.
- (12) This month's business meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, because the Markets are closed on Mondays and Refinancing of the School District's General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2012, is scheduled to happen on Tuesday. The Board will be asked to approve the Resolution prepared by PFM Financial Advisors, Inc., financial advisor to the Lebanon School District.
- (13) President Okonak announced that he received a Letter of Resignation from Mr. Tom Schaffer. Mr. Schaffer is resigning his position as School Director effective immediately, due to personal reasons.
- (14) RESOLUTION #15949 – Mr. Pyles made a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Thomas Schaffer from the Lebanon School District Board of Directors, effective February 11, 2019, seconded by Mrs. Bowman. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.
- (15) On behalf of the entire Board, President Okonak thanked Mr. Schaffer for serving fifteen years as a School Director.
- (16) The Board discussed the process for selecting a replacement for the vacant Board seat. Mr. Kuhn shared that in the past we have advertised the vacancy and we were pleasantly surprised at who applied.

Attorney Bechtold reminded the Board that they can appoint someone or advertise the vacancy and interview the applicants.

Mr. Pyles agreed that we should advertise. This could give the person a springboard to move into the elected position as this year is an election year.

Mrs. Bowman feels that we have had good candidates in the past and she feels it would be best to advertise.

- (17) RESOLUTION #15950 – Mr. Kuhn made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pyles, to grant permission for the Board Secretary to advertise the current Board vacancy. Eligible individuals interested in being considered for this vacant seat should submit a letter of application to the Board Secretary by Friday, March 1, 2019. Each new candidate will be interviewed in a public meeting to be held on Monday, March 4, 2019. The new director will fill the current vacancy at the regular board meeting to be conducted on Monday, March 11, 2019. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.
- (18) Dr. Abrom and the board members discussed the remaining items on the agenda, but no official action was taken.
- (19) The president requested that board members remain for an executive session to discuss personnel matters.
- (20) With no further business to come before the board at this time, a motion was made by Mr. Pyles and seconded by Mrs. Bowman that the meeting adjourn. All members voiced consent and President Okonak declared the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Harrell
Secretary of the Board