

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

- (1) The Board of School Directors of the Lebanon School District met as a committee-of-the-whole on Monday, April 8, 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 by the secretary, the following board members were present: Mrs. Debra Bowman, Mrs. Ashley Cessna, Ms. Heather Eggert, Mrs. Tracy Johnsen, Mrs. Rose Marie R. Kotay, Mr. Michael J. Kuhn, Mr. Cesar Liriano, Mr. Robert Okonak, and Mr. Peter N. Pyles, Jr. Mrs. 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; Ms. Amber Hilt, director of ELD; Mr. Shawn Canady, chief information officer; Mr. Brian Hartman, director of buildings and grounds; Mr. Bill Giovino, high school principal; Mrs. Dawn Connelly, middle school principal, Mr. Jared Odrick, former student; 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 2018-2019 - #29
 - Case 2018-2019 - #30
 - Case 2018-2019 - #31
- (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. Kuhn and Mr. Okonak for attending the hearings.
- (7) RESOLUTION #15983 - It was moved by Mrs. Kotay and seconded by Mr. Pyles to accept the committee's recommendations as set forth in the hearing reports. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.
- (8) Dr. Abrom and Mr. Giovino introduced Mr. Jared Odrick, LHS Class of 2006. Mr. Odrick asked the Board if he could donate a sculpture called "Conversations with Myself". Jared would donate a bronze casting standing 12' tall, free of charge, on the condition that the specifications and placement on school property will be mutually agreed upon by both Mr. Odrick and the District, prior to construction and final installation.

- (9) Dr. Abrom shared that he received a request to move our June 17 Board meeting to June 24 and our December 2 Reorganization meeting to December 3, 2019.
- (10) Dr. Abrom shared information about HB526/SB34: An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 known as the Public School Code of 1949, in charter schools, further providing for funding the charter schools. This Legislation would put an end to cyber charter waste and fight for better public schools through equitable and adequate education funding. Lebanon School District taxpayers should not continue to have their property taxes and state revenues diverted to pay for tuition at cyber charter schools not operated by the Lebanon School District. Dr. Abrom and the other IU13 Superintendents are in favor of this Legislation. Dr. Abrom will provide a Resolution for the Board to review and approve next month.
- (11) Dr. Abrom and the Board discussed the remaining items on the agenda but no official action was taken.
- (12) The president requested that board members remain for an executive session to discuss personnel matters and an update on negotiations.
- (12) With no further business to come before the board at this time, a motion was made by Mrs. Kotay and seconded by Mr. Pyles that the meeting adjourn. All members voiced consent and President Okonak declared the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Harrell
Secretary of the Board