

## SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

- (1) The Board of School Directors of the Lebanon School District met as a committee-of-the-whole on Monday, November 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 8, 2018.
- (2) President Robert 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 L. 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. Also present were Dr. Arthur W. C. Abrom, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Mary A. Harrell, secretary; Mr. Curt Richards, business manager; and Attorney Mike Bechtold, District Solicitor.
- (4) Also present were Mr. Mike Murphy, assistant to the superintendent for assessment & accountability; Mr. Brian Hartman, director of buildings and grounds; Mr. Josh Coatsworth, director of special education; Mr. Todd Kaylor, assistant director of buildings and grounds; Mr. Adam Steckbeck, head custodian; Mrs. Dawn Connelly, LMS Principal; Mrs. Toni Henning, head nurse; and Judy Dillon & Beth Bates from HMC nursing.
- (5) Dr. Abrom congratulated Mr. Robert Okonak and Ms. Heather Eggert on their recent re-election to the Lebanon School Board of Directors. We are also happy to welcome our newly elected members to the Board in December: Mr. Scott Barry, Ms. Jan Falk and Mr. Matt Hershey. Next week we will celebrate with our members who will be leaving us: Rose Marie Kotay, Cesar Liriano and Ashley Cessna. We will miss them and we wish them well.
- (6) Dr. Abrom introduced Toni Henning, Judy Dillon and Beth Bates. Toni is the head of our nursing department and Judy & Beth are with the HMC nursing unit. We celebrated and honored Toni, Judy and Beth for the great collaboration and partnership between the Lebanon School District and Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center.
- (7) Dr. Abrom shared information about the development of a new relationship with Harrisburg University regarding College in the High School. The high school administration is seeking the Boards approval of a dual enrollment/articulation agreement with Harrisburg University of Science and Technology to collaborate for the purposes of providing STEM related course offerings to Lebanon High School students. This will be an option in the 2020 High School Course Selection Guide but because we have students who would like to take advantage of this now, we are asking for Board approval so our high school students can begin taking advantage of this for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

- (8) Dr. Abrom announced that next week we will have guests from the Land Bank and the City Rezoning department here to answer any questions the Board may have about blighted properties and about how dwellings are subdivided.
- (9) Mr. Jeff Kowalczyk, from Barbacane, Thornton & Company, will attend next week's meeting to present the Independent Auditors Report for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.
- (10) President Okonak requested that board members remain for an executive session to discuss personnel matters following the meeting.
- (11) With no further business to come before the board at this time, a motion was made by Mr. Pyles and seconded by Mrs. Kotay that the meeting adjourn. All members voiced consent and President Okonak declared the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Harrell  
Secretary of the Board