

## SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

- (1) The Board of School Directors of the Lebanon School District met as a committee-of-the-whole on Monday, March 9, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the board conference room of the senior high school as advertised in the Daily News on December 5, 2019.
- (2) President Okonak called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- (3) On roll call by the secretary, the following board members were present: Mr. Scott Barry, Mrs. Debra Bowman, Ms. Heather Eggert, Ms. Jan Falk, Mr. Matt Hershey, Mrs. Tracy Johnsen, Mr. Michael J. Kuhn, Mr. Robert Okonak, and Mr. Peter N. Pyles, Jr. Also present were Dr. Arthur W. C. Abrom, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Mary A. Harrell, secretary; Mr. Curt Richards, business manager & 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; Mrs. Kelly Herr, assistant business manager; Mr. Shawn Canady, chief information officer; Mrs. Dawn Connelly, middle school principal; Mrs. Jen Nordall, assistant principal at Northwest; Mr. Robert Nordall, assistant principal at Lebanon High School; ARC presenters: Jeff Albright, Nicole Custer, Kayla Johnson and Judy Miller; Community Schools presenters: Jessica Knapp, Guillermo Barroso, Christina Tinoco, and Brooke Smith; Mr. Brian Hartman, director of buildings and grounds; Mr. Todd Kaylor, assistant director of buildings and grounds; Mr. Adam Steckbeck, head custodian; and Mr. George Horn school district residents.
- (5) Mr. Pyles announced that board members would find in their packet a hearing report for the following recently conducted disciplinary hearing:  
  
Case 2019-2020 - #23
- (6) Mr. Pyles stated that a recommendation is included from the committee on suspension and expulsion of students on the hearing report. A copy of the hearing report is included with these minutes.
- (7) RESOLUTION #16127 - It was moved by Mr. Pyles and seconded by Mrs. Bowman to accept the committee's recommendations as set forth in the hearing reports. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.
- (8) During the Superintendent updates, Dr. Abrom reported the following on Safety and Security:
  - Last week Dr. Abrom and Mrs. Henning, head nurse, met to talk about the coronavirus. They put together a letter which was translated in Spanish, Haitian Creole and Arabic, and sent home to all parents and guardians of our students. These letters were sent home on Wednesday and posted on our website.
  - We are looking at our Pandemic Plan.

- Dr. Abrom met with Tom Harlow and Mike Kuhn from WellSpan. One topic of discussion was about WellSpan using our middle school and high school facility for emergency purposes.
- Dr. Abrom will be calling together our Leadership Team on Thursday morning. Here are a few of the topics that will be discussed:
  - Coronavirus and Potential Plan of Action
    - Pandemic Plan
    - Command Centers in Each Building
    - Grab and Go Lunch
    - Principals Meet with Staff
    - Attendance – Students and Staff
    - Online Learning
  - Hourly Employees
  - Hand Sanitizers
- Dr. Abrom will be meeting with the IU13 Superintendents on Wednesday and with the County Superintendents on Friday.
- Cabinet met this morning.
- We continue to remind everyone to follow the recommendations of the CDC: wash your hands and stay home if you are sick.

Brooke Smith, Director of United Way; Guillermo Barroso and Christina Tinoco, Community Schools Coordinators; and Jessica Knapp gave a Community Schools Update. They reported on how well the Community Schools initiative is working at Northwest and Lebanon Middle School.

During our ARC update, we heard from teachers Nicole Custer, Kayla Johnson, and Judy Miller. Mr. Murphy also shared that the ARC Reading Program is going well.

Mr. Coatsworth shared information about the Special Education Plan.

- (9) Dr. Abrom and the Board discussed the remaining items on the agenda but no official action was taken.
- (10) The president requested that board members remain for an executive session to discuss negotiations, personnel matters and the sale of real property 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 Ms. Eggert that the meeting adjourn. All members voiced consent and President Okonak declared the meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Harrell  
Secretary of the Board