



January 15, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Cedar Foundation held a Zoom meeting on Thursday, January 14, 2021, at 5:30 PM. The following Cedar Foundation Board members were present: Ms. Megan Bergonzi, Mrs. Jen Nordall, Mr. Robert Nordall, Dr. Arthur Abrom, Mr. John Copenhaver, Mrs. Sherie Strohman, Mr. Bob Hoffman, Mr. Mike Kuhn, Dr. Jeff Yocum, Mrs. Becky Brown-Koehler and Mr. John Tice. Mrs. Alison Sherk joined the meeting at 5:45 PM. Also present was Mary Harrell, Secretary. Mr. Matt Hershey and Mrs. Megan Sanchez were absent.

- President Megan Bergonzi called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Minutes

- The meeting minutes from Thursday, December 10, 2020, were reviewed. Mrs. Brown-Koehler made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, from December 10, 2020, seconded by Mrs. Sherie Strohman. All members consented.

Financials

- The financial report for the month of December 2020, was shared. Dr. Jeff Yocum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Michael Kuhn to approve the Financial Report as presented. All members consented.

Correspondence

- President Bergonzi shared a few “thank you” notes that were received from the high school students who were awarded EITC funds to help pay for their dual enrollment. Mr. Giovino, LHS Principal, also sent an appreciation letter.

Old Business

Alumni Directory:

- President Bergonzi attended the school board meeting on Monday, January 11, 2021, to inform our school directors that the Cedar Foundation will be making its first update to the alumni directory since 2011 in a partnership with Publishing Concepts, Inc. (PCI). Since the last update, the Lebanon High School alumni community has grown by nearly 2,000 graduates. Creating the directory's second edition will take about a year. Over that time, PCI will help Lebanon School District to verify the accuracy of and provide updates to alumni data.
- Dr. Jeffrey Yocum made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Becky Brown-Koehler to proceed with signing the project agreement with PCI to publish the Lebanon High School Alumni Directory for the Cedar Foundation. All members consented.

By-Law Revisions

- Mr. Michael Kuhn thanked President Bergonzi and Mr. Robert Nordall for meeting as a committee to review the current bylaws. The following is a summary, provided by Mr. Kuhn, of possible changes. The committee welcomes input from other Cedar Foundation Board Members. Mr. Bob Hoffman would like to add language regarding the number of Board Members – both minimum and maximum number of members.

PURPOSE OF FOUNDATION:

- *Add language to expand purpose to include;*
 - ✓ *Solicitation of funds*
 - ✓ *Donor recognition/cultivation*

DIRECTORS

- *Add language to specify that best efforts will be used to recruit community and business leaders, who may be residents/property owners in the district, alumni of the district or have a relationship with the district.*
- *Also stipulate that active staff members are welcome/encouraged to attend and participate in all Foundation Board meetings, but they would not be eligible to vote on any Board actions.*
- *Best efforts will be made to include at least one representative from each level (elementary, middle & high school).*

Term

- *Change language to stipulate that Board members will be appointed to serve 3-year, staggered terms*

Regular Meetings

- *Change language to reflect that regular meetings AND board appointments, election of officer will be approved at the regular Foundation Board meeting by November of each year, to submit to the Lebanon School Board for approval at its re-organization meeting in December. Those appointments will become effective Jan. 1.*

Officers

- *Change language “shall organize itself and appoint” to “serve a one-year term”*

Secretary:

Treasurer:

- *These are both considered non-voting positions – the question arose to determine if language needs to be included or is it implied by its absence?*
- *Current by-laws stipulate that the Treasurer “shall be the Business Manager of Lebanon School District”. Suggest adding “or his/her designee”*

Committees and Advisors

- *Add language to expand authority beyond: “in order to carry out the purpose of the Foundation” to include:*
 - ✓ *Recognition of alumni, staff and volunteers – in cooperation with District Administration and subject to final approval of the Lebanon School Board.*

Amendment of By-Laws:

- *Change language to allow the Cedar Foundation Board to review and propose any amendments to the current by-laws, but subject to final approval by the Lebanon School Board.*

New Business

Grant Requests

- There are no new grant requests.

Dr. Jeff Yocum made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Bob Hoffman; the meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Future Meetings for 2020-2021– 5:30 (Zoom unless otherwise noted from Megan)

- Thursday, February 11
- Thursday, March 11
- Thursday, April 8
- Thursday, May 6

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Harrell

Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
Cedar Foundation Secretary

Distinguished Alumni List:

➤ The following Alumni names have been submitted and will remain part of the meeting minutes:

- Dr. Jeff Yocum, Class of 1973
- Dr. Robert Lau, Class of 1961
- Judge Robert Eby, Class of 1962
- Judge Brad Charles, Class of 1974
- John Feather, Class of 1964
- Phil Feather, Class of 1953
- Robert Fortna, Class of 1967
- Richard D. Fields, Class of 1942 – Harrison Junior High School Principal
- Sara Greiner Leffler, Class of 1920
- Luther Stone, Class of 1947
- Sam Bowie, Class of 1979
- Warren Daugherty, Class of 1954
- Betty Wentzel Eiceman, Class of 1951
- Kenneth Royer, Class of 1949
- Mark Gerberich, Class of _____
- JD Walter, Class of 1985 <http://www.jdwalter.com>
- Don Griffith, Class of 1952