

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

- (1) The Board of School Directors of the Lebanon School District met as a committee-of-the-whole on Monday, January 11, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the board conference room of the senior high school as advertised in the Daily News on December 10, 2020.
- (2) President Robert G. Okonak called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- (3) On roll call, 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; and Mr. Curt Richards, business manager & treasurer. Mr. Michael Bechtold, solicitor, was absent.
- (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; Mrs. Amber Abreu, Director of ELD; Mr. Brian Hartman, Director of Buildings & Grounds; Mr. Mike Reager, Principal, Harding Elementary School; Mr. Pedro Cruz, Principal, Henry Houck Elementary School; Ms. Staci O’Byle, Assistant Principal, Southeast and Southwest Elementary School; Mr. Mike Habecker, Principal, Southeast; Mrs. Jen Nordall, Assistant Principal, Northwest Elementary School; Mrs. Dawn Connelly, Principal, Lebanon Middle School; Mr. Bill Giovino, Principal, Lebanon High School; Mr. Dave Bentz, Assistant Principal, Lebanon High School; Mr. Robert Nordall, Assistant Principal, Lebanon High School; Mr. Dan Rau, Assistant Principal, Lebanon Middle School; Mr. Nick Bullock, Assistant Principal, Harding Elementary School; Mr. Todd Kaylor, assistant director of buildings and grounds; Mr. Adam Steckbeck, head custodian; Megan Bergonzi, President, Cedar Foundation and other guests.
- (5) Mr. Pyles announced that board members would find in their packet a board hearing report for the following recently conducted disciplinary hearing:

Case 2020-2021 - #01
- (6) Mr. Pyles, chairperson of the Board Committee on Suspension and Expulsion of Students, thanked Mr. Robert Okonak for serving as chairperson for this hearing and he 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 #16264 – It was moved by Mr. Pyles and seconded by Mrs. Johnsen to accept the committee’s recommendations as set forth in the hearing report. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.
- (8) January is "School Director Recognition Month." The meeting began by recognizing and thanking the members of our Board of Directors for volunteering their time and talents for the betterment of public education in our community. We are extremely fortunate to have a great school Board of Directors here at Lebanon School District.
- (9) Dr. Abrom presented a Certificate of Appreciation to each School Director.
- (10) To honor each director, building principals presented his or her school board buddy with at least one book, which will be donated to the school library. Each book contains a bookplate with the name of the “board buddy” for that school.
- (11) Dr. Abrom introduced Ms. Megan Bergonzi, President of the Cedar Foundation. Ms. Bergonzi informed the Board 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.
- (12) Mr. Giovino and Mr. Nordall presented Lebanon High School updates as well as the proposed 2021-2022 High School Course Selection Guide.
- (13) Mr. Richards presented the 2021-2022 Preliminary Budget Overview. The final budget will be approved in June.
- (14) Dr. Abrom shared a draft of the 2021-2022 School Calendar. The final calendar will be approved next month.
- (15) Dr. Abrom and the board members discussed the remaining items on the agenda, but no official action was taken.
- (16) President Okonak requested that board members remain for an executive session to discuss personnel matters and purchase/sale of real property.

- (17) With no further business to come before the board at this time, a motion was made by Mrs. Johnsen and seconded by Ms. Eggert that the meeting adjourn. All members voiced consent and President Okonak declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Harrell
Secretary of the Board