

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

- (1) The Board of School Directors of the Lebanon School District met in regular session on Monday, February 8, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the senior high school as advertised in the Daily News on December 10, 2020.
- (2) 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. Robert Okonak, and Mr. Peter N. Pyles, Jr. Mr. Michael J. Kuhn was absent. 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.
- (3) 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; Mrs. Deb O'Connor, ELD Teacher at Harding; Mr. Bill Giovino, Principal, Lebanon High School; Mr. Robert Nordall, Assistant Principal; and Mr. Jeff Albright, literacy coach.
- (4) Mrs. Abreu introduced Mrs. O'Connor who presented large appreciation cards to each Board member in honor of School Board recognition. Dr. Abrom sent an email to all staff in January, where he asked us to take a moment to express our gratitude for our school directors' time and efforts. This prompted Mrs. O'Connor to have her ELD children at Harding make cards for each Board member. Mrs. O'Connor's ELD Paraprofessional, Lissette Olivencia was unable to attend the meeting tonight but was very instrumental in helping the children make the cards. On behalf of the entire Board, President Okonak thanked Mrs. O'Connor and Mrs. Olivencia for helping the Harding ELD children make the beautiful cards. They really did a fine job!
- (5) Dr. Abrom shared our proposed 4-Day Work Week schedule, which would begin in June.
- (6) Mr. Murphy shared that our first day of full in-person teaching at the elementary level went very well. Students and parents are grateful that we are able to offer full in-person learning. We had about fifteen to twenty more students per elementary building. Trust was high regarding how we are mitigating. Dr. Abrom expressed thanks to our buildings and grounds employees and our teachers for their willingness to get students back. Parents expressed high confidence in our efforts.
- (7) Regarding our 2021-2022 School Calendar, Dr. Danz stated that Dr. Abrom coordinates the calendar dates with our county superintendents so our six county schools open on the same day. We also coordinate with the CTC.
- (8) Mr. Canady informed the Board that he is asking approval to dispose of our retired technology devices. This will be an annual consideration.
- (9) There were no requests to speak at this meeting.

- (10) Other items on the agenda were reviewed but no action was taken.
- (11) The president requested that board members remain for an executive session to discuss personnel items and a legal matter.
- (12) 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 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Harrell
Secretary of the Board