

LEBANON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #9
Special Board Meeting
Superintendent's Office
January 7, 2009

Members Present:

Paul Baer
Sue DeLorme
Chris Gray
Gary Haas
Mike Harter
Marvin Meddows
Kurt Wehrle

Administrators Present:

Harry Cavanaugh, Superintendent
Karen Buehler, Principal
Leigh Jackson, Principal

Others Present:

Tom Krumsieg, Maintenance Supt.
Chief Ron McClemore, Lebanon Police Dept.

The meeting was called to order by President Baer at 7:00p.m.

School Break-In

Tom Krumsieg was asked to give an overview of the events leading up to the latest break-in. His description included noticing things being out of order and ultimately discovering Karen's office being broken into. Tom noted there were no doors or windows broken in the grade school. Proceeding to the high school, he discovered extensive damage in the north hallway. In reviewing the video security tapes, Tom witnessed the movements of two individuals, but was unable to identify them because the building was dark and their faces were covered.

Chief McClemore indicated during the last two years he has been involved with five break-ins at the school. Up to now, he has not been able to determine how the perpetrators gained access to the buildings as no outside damage or point of entry has been detected. Much discussion followed concerning door keys - how many we have, who has possession of them, where they are kept, whether or not they are able to be duplicated, how many have been lost or stolen and the procedure used to issue them to employees. Board members indicated the lax key policy the district has had up to this point needs to change and better control over the keys, doors and locks needs to be exerted. It was also suggested access to the buildings be limited to one or two doors during off-school hours and sporting events.

Chief McClemore was asked what suggestions he might have to stave off further break-ins. His suggestions included the installation of cameras in the principals offices as historically these areas are targets. He also suggested a silent alarm be installed which would alert police immediately to an illegal entry into the building. It is the Chief's opinion the same individuals are committing the break-ins. Much discussion followed concerning the perpetrators movements, scenarios as to how they gained access to the buildings and what steps should be taken to better secure the district's physical plant.

The suggestion was made to invest in a card entry system much the same as is used by hotels. Individuals would be assigned a card which would have to be "swiped" through the lock on specified doors. The system would record who entered, where and at what time. If the card were to be lost or stolen, it could be deactivated and a new number and card be issued to replace it, making it impossible for anyone finding or stealing them to use them. This system would also make it unnecessary to retool or replace locks or doors such as is the case with key entry doors if keys are lost or stolen. Much discussion followed concerning this option including cost and number of doors this system might be utilized with.

After all of the lengthy discussion, all agreed the following steps should be taken to decrease the risk of future break-ins, better secure the buildings and gain control over the current key situation: the installation of motion detector lights and cameras in the offices, the installation of a silent alarm system to alert police immediately of illegal entry into the buildings, reduce access to buildings in off hours to two doors, retool existing door locks so lost or stolen keys no longer work and research and acquire bids on a card entry system. Tom Krumsieg and Chief McClemore will work together on this project and report back to the board. Tom Krumsieg and Chief McClemore left the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

8:00p.m. - Board Self-Evaluation

The board conducted its yearly self-evaluation. All manner of subjects were discussed and explored including meeting procedures, finance, member relationships, policy and board/superintendent relations. Discussion concluded at 10:30p.m.

10:30p.m. Executive Session

Gary Haas made the motion to enter into executive session.
Mike Harter seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

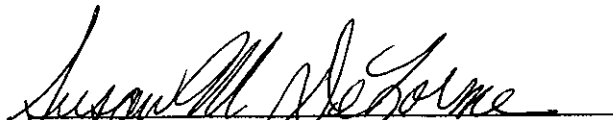
11:55p.m. - Mike Harter made the motion to exit executive session.
Gary Haas seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Kurt Wehrle made the motion to adjourn.
Marvin seconded. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05a.m.



Paul Baer, President



Sue DeLorme, Secretary