

January Board of Education Report

The regular meeting of the Lebanon CUSD #9 Board of Education was held on January 11, 2012 in the Lebanon Grade School Cafeteria. Regular Meeting and Executive Session Minutes of December 14, 2011 and Executive Session meeting minutes of December 26, 2011 and Emergency Building and Grounds Committee meeting January 4, 2012 were approved. December bills were paid as presented.

Under Communications a letter of resignation from Dan Bleisch was read and accepted. A note from Gina Carlisle Baltz was read. Her mother and former District #9 teacher, Edna Carlise, left a gift of \$500 to the district in her trust. We appreciate her generous donation.

There were no comments from the public.

Mr. Layman reported for the building and grounds committee on the problem with the heating system in the old section of the high school. There is a leak that cannot be located because the pipes are all underground, mostly under the gym floor. Because the old pipes are failing and the boiler supplying them is also quite old, the architect and engineer are recommending replacing the current unit with roof top heating/cooling units. The district will be writing specifications and accepting bids for the project this month with the hope we can begin replacement as soon as possible. Temporary heaters have been installed for the gym and affected classrooms. We hope the leak does not get worse and the entire heating system doesn't fail before the project can be completed.

Mr. Baer also discussed options for obtaining mandated training on the Open Meetings Act.

Mrs. Schorfeide is doing her administrative internship with Mrs. Jackson. As one of her activities she provided the following report for Lebanon Grade School and Jr. High.

- The Drama Club talent show scheduled for January 13 was cancelled due to lack of participation.
- Jr High students who had no detentions first semester were honored with a "detentionless party" on January 11th. Honor roll students were also recognized for their hard work 2nd semester.
- Lebanon High School hosted the girls' Christmas Basketball Tournament December 27, 28 and 29. Our girls showed great skill and sportsmanship. They won 2nd place in an overtime loss to Columbia. The High School boys participated in a holiday tournament in Columbia and won the consolation bracket.
- Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Schorfheide are preparing to host a career fair on March 21st from 12:30 – 3:00. This is a part of their administrative internship.
- Both students who participated in on-line courses first semester have received credit for the classes they took fall semester.

Mrs. Johnson reported the following for Lebanon Elementary School.

- Teachers participated in a 3 hour workshop on guided reading presented by Nancy Johnson, reading specialist, on the January 3rd Teacher Institute Day.
- The first PTO meeting of the year was January 5th. Planning has started for the Spring Carnival and Fun Day.
- Second quarter report cards were sent home January 6th.
- Heroes being honored at LGS during January and February are scientists, inventors and heroes. We hope to have a "Mad Scientist" Assembly in connection with this.

Mrs. Buehler reported the following information for the district.

- We have gotten all of our state FY'11 money. We have only received general state aid money for FY '12. The funding amounts for 2012 have been set. Funding for special ed personnel, children requiring special services, orphans (foster children), special ed

summer school and special ed transportation will be funded at 100%. Funding for special ed private facilities is set at 87.3%. Regular education transportation is set at 74%.

- The state has completed their audits of our general state aid and transportation reports from 2008-2009. All ADA reports were accepted as submitted. (These are complicated and Geri Hughes and Penni Liebig deserve much credit for this!) We will owe \$11,605 as a result of the transportation audit. This amount will be subtracted from future payments. The cafeteria audit will take place in February.
- There will be a special board meeting January 24th to interview 4 firms for construction manager of the new elementary school on an if/come basis. The schedule for these interviews is as follows: 5:30 Impact Strategies, 6:30 Korte, 7:30 Poettker, 8:30 Holland.
- The joint committee met on Nov. 28 and Dec.19 to develop the RIF list. We are making excellent progress and I am currently compiling information on previous evaluations for each certified staff member. Our next meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 17th at 3:30.
- The ROE will be here January 31st for the 10-year compliance visit. We are compiling needed documentation for this visit.
- Implementation of *Live@Edu* will begin January 17th. This will allow the district to use “the cloud” for storing information and increase our capacity for students and teachers to use online resources for turning in assignments. It will replace the current service we have through the ROE servers.

There was no old business.

Under new business:

- The board voted to open executive session minutes of May 3 and June 8, 2011. All other executive session minutes from January 1 through June 30, 2011 will remain closed.
- Carol Cabay and Heather Skinner were hired as individual care aides as required by students’ IEPs. Carol is replacing Dan Bleisch.
- The second reading of the concussion policy was accepted. This policy conforms to state and IHSA requirements that students who exhibit signs of a concussion may not return to play until they are cleared by appropriate medical personnel as listed in policy 7.303 available in the district office.
- The board then entered into executive session. Following executive session the board hired Mr. Patrick Keeney as superintendent of Lebanon CUSD #9 effective July 1, 2012.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Lebanon Board of Education will be held Wednesday, February 8, 2012 in the Lebanon Grade School cafeteria. As we resolve the problems with our heating/cooling system additional special board meetings may be necessary. These will be posted as per the Open Meetings Act in the Lebanon Advertiser, on the district website and in the district office.