

**Board of Education Minutes
January 14, 2008**

The Lebanon Special School District Board of Education Meeting was called to order by Steve Jones, Board Chair, at 5:00 p.m., in the Director of School's Office, 701 Coles Ferry Pike. Board Members, Joel Thacker and Mark Tomlinson, and Director of Schools, Dr. Sharon Roberts, were also in attendance. Dr. Roberts led the pledge to the flag. A moment of silence was observed.

Dr. Roberts requested one addition and two changes to the agenda: Addition—IV. *Consent Agenda* (Leaves), Mandy Pittman, Coles Ferry Elementary (Maternity Leave); Changes—#1 Item C. in Section V. *New Business*, for the Board to consider modifying the contract to include the "reconfiguration of our network and internet connectivity" and #2 to move item "F" ahead of "A" in *New Business* on the agenda. On a motion made by Joel Thacker and seconded Mark Tomlinson, the agenda was approved.

Recognition

In recognition of School Board Appreciation Week (January 20-26), Dr. Roberts praised the Board Members for their dedication to our district and announced that our schools have activities planned for the students to honor the Board.

Dr. Roberts introduced Travis Turney, our new Information System Specialist, to the Board Members.

Consent Agenda

On a motion made by Mark Tomlinson and seconded by Joel Thacker, the minutes from the November 19, 2007, meeting and the personnel requests were approved.

New Business

Dr. Roberts requested approval of a resolution to consider refunding of certain outstanding bond issues of the district. Present at the meeting to discuss in detail the bond refunding was Rick Delaney, Morgan & Keegan Representative. Mr. Keegan provided a thorough explanation of the bonds, savings, costs, etc., to the Board and on a motion made by Mark Tomlinson and seconded by Joel Thacker, the resolution was approved. The refunding process will be pending our district's approved audit that is incomplete at this time. The district also has the option of not proceeding with the refunding process (at no cost to the district) should it be found that interests rates change to the degree that this is not beneficial.

Dr. Roberts presented the first reading of the Tobacco-Free Schools Policy. She stated that the policy is in compliance with PC410, a new law from the 2007 Legislative Session. On a motion made by Joel Thacker and seconded by Mark Tomlinson the first reading of the policy was approved.

Dr. Roberts presented a Memorandum of Agreement for Contractor/Vendor/Corporation which has been reviewed by the Board's legal counsel. She stated that the memorandum was developed to ensure our district is in compliance with PC587. On a motion made by Joel Thacker and seconded by Mark Tomlinson the Memorandum of Agreement was approved.

Dr. Roberts requested approval from the board to reconsider the current contract with ENA Services (Email, Internet, Connectivity Services). She recommended amending this item to include a network reconfiguration and interconnectivity while extending the contract for four years. Making these changes would allow the district to utilize site-licensing options to share software district-wide and should maintain the level of service that we have had over the previous years. After brief discussion of the related and ongoing costs to make these changes, Joel Thacker made a motion to amend and renew this contract and Joel Thacker seconded the motion.

Dr. Roberts provided the Board with Resolution 07-08-01 in Support of HB9 (proposed legislation to use excess lottery funds for school construction requested by Representative Susan Lynn). She stated that this would not affect our Pre-Kindergarten program based upon information received from the Department of Education's Office of Early Learning. On a motion made by Mark Tomlinson and seconded by Joel Thacker the resolution was approved.

Dr. Roberts asked for approval of Resolution 07-08-02 that requests for the Wilson County Election Commission to call an election for one position for the Lebanon Special School District Board of Education. On a motion made by Joel Thacker and seconded by Mark Tomlinson the resolution was approved.

Reports/Information

Dr. Roberts shared the Tobacco-Free Schools Procedures for Employees that align with the policy.

Dr. Roberts provided copies of the Lebanon Special School District's Guidelines for Educator Evaluation and Professional Growth to the Board. These evaluation procedures for certified teaching staff outline how formal evaluations and informal performance assessments will occur in the district. Changes presented ensure our district's compliance with a portion of PC 376.

Jeanne Ray informed the board that we received additional funds for the LEAP Grant at WJB and Connie Gray stated that she received additional LEAP Grant funds as well.

Dr. Roberts provided a monthly attendance report for all schools and indicated that all five schools exceeded the state benchmark of 93% and that the percentages reflect a normal trend for this time of year. The enrollment update indicates that although we have one less student than our previous (October 15) enrollment report, there has been considerable mobility within the district.

Other Business

Dr. Roberts recommended to the board that the next Board of Education meeting date be February 11, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. Being no further business, Mark Tomlinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:45 p.m., and Joel Thacker seconded the motion and adjourned the meeting.