

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

The Lebanon Special School District Board of Education Meeting was called to order by Steve Jones, Board Chair, at 5:05 p.m., in the Library at Castle Heights Upper Elementary School. 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 stated that there were no additions to the agenda. On a motion made by Joel Thacker and seconded Mark Tomlinson, the agenda was approved.

Consent Agenda

On a motion made by Joel Thacker and seconded by Mark Tomlinson, the minutes from the March 24, 2008, meeting and the personnel leaves and resignations were approved.

New Business

Dr. Roberts requested approval from the board to grant tenure to 21 teachers in the Lebanon Special School District. Mr. Jones recognized those teachers present at the meeting and each teacher received a congratulatory gift for their service to our district. On a motion made by Joel Thacker and seconded by Mark Tomlinson tenure was granted to the teachers.

Dr. Roberts requested board approval of the 2009-2010 school year calendar. She stated that this calendar adheres to our current calendar structure and that our breaks align with Wilson County Schools. On a motion made by Joel Thacker and seconded by Mark Tomlinson the 2009-2010 calendar was approved.

Dr. Roberts presented a revision to the current meal charge policy that clarified that child nutrition funds can not be used to pay for unpaid meal charges. Our district's food service department was audited by the Tennessee Department of Education earlier this year. This revision was a recommendation noted in the audit. On a motion made by Joel Thacker and seconded by Mark Tomlinson, the meal charge policy revision was approved as requested.

Dr. Roberts provided board members with information regarding our status as a school district in terms of space. After some discussion on the information provided, she requested board approval to establish a Functional Building Capacity (FBC) Taskforce to identify short and long range plans for our district. This taskforce will consider research and system information, identify our space issues and needs as a district, and formulate recommendation(s) to the administration. Dr. Roberts also stated that this plan would align with our overall system plan. After a recommendation by Steve Jones to add Pat Hughes to the FBC Taskforce, Joel Thacker made a motion to approve the request and Mark Tomlinson seconded the request.

Reports/Information

Dr. Roberts provided a monthly attendance report and stated that while our attendance is currently down due to flu season we should experience a rise in the next several weeks in our overall attendance.

Mr. Stan Blades presented a summary of a federal grant that LSSD recently submitted. The Federal Government Full Service Community Schools Grant will provide more than \$2.1 million over a 5-year period to recipients and will allow the recipient to provide a full range of services to students and families. Mr. Blades stated that there are only 8-12 grants awarded in this national competition and we should know on October 1, 2008, whether or not we will receive this grant.

Other Business

Dr. Roberts recommended to the board that the next Board of Education meeting date be May 12, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. Being no further business, Joel Thacker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:45 p.m., and Mark Tomlinson seconded the motion and adjourned the meeting.