

Leipsic Board of Education Highlights for August 11, 2008

Leipsic Board of Education met on Monday, August 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library. Brad Schroeder, Dan Zeisloft, Marilyn Knueven, and Tim Nadler were in attendance; Art Lomeli was absent.

The Board approved the minutes for the meetings from the July, the financial statements, and the disposal of inventory as presented. The Board also voted for the payment of an invoice and a transfer of funds and two fund advances.

Guests at the meeting were Jason Potteiger, the School Resource Officer; John Boyd, the junior high and high school guidance counselor; and Brandon Schroth, technology administrator.

Kevin Lammon, Leipsic Village service director, talked to the Board about the progress on the high school baseball diamond. He said that the Village is expending a great amount of time and funds to get the diamond completed by the March 2009 deadline. Board members thanked Mr. Lammon for the update and noted that the school and village have a very strong partnership established.

Don Wolverton addressed the Board concerning excessive noise from student vehicles, students who walk across his property to get to and from school, and the amount of trash that accumulates on his property from the school grounds. The Board said that the principals would try to advise students about these particular issues.

Fred Bryan and Mike Bute updated the Board on items they are working on for the new school year.

The Board approved a motion to place a five-year renewal levy on the ballot for the November election. That continuing levy will generate \$425,000 per year.

The Board also agreed to place a permanent improvement levy on the November ballot. This will be a ¼% income tax.

Board approval was given for a tax abatement agreement with K & L Ready Mix.

The Board accepted resignations from Ken Siefker, bus driver; Mark Myers, technology administrator; Cinda Strock, high school English teacher; and Donna Raney, cafeteria cook effective Sept. 27. Board members thanked all these employees for their years of dedicated service to the District.

The Board then approved Brandon Schroth as technology administrator and Joe Kirkendall as junior high social studies teacher.

The following supplemental contracts were approved for 2008-09:

Gary Kreinbrink	Athletic Director
Yvette Schroeder	Senior Class Advisor
Sarah Arps	Junior Class Advisor
Carolyn Bryan	Sophomore Class Advisor
Kathy Rieman	Freshman Class Advisor
Shelly Nagel	Junior High Advisor
Russ Wenzinger	National Honor Society
John Boyd	Student Council
Sue El-Hefnawy	Spanish Club
Don Barnhart	FFA
Carolyn Bryan	FCCLA
Brianna Hiegel	Flag Corp
Ashley Heitmeyer	Flag Corp
Miriam Gibson	Choir Director
Devin Bramel	Pep Band
Devin Bramel	Marching Band
Robb Cupp	Science Club
Melissa Meyer	Yearbook
Sarah Arps	Newspaper
Sarah Arps	Quiz Team
Joann Selhorst	Art Club

Extended Service contracts were approved for Don Barnhart, 22 days; Carolyn Bryan, 10 days; Yvette Schroeder, 5 days; Kathy Rieman, 15 days; Devin Bramel, 18 days; Lois Niese, 75 hours.

The Board approved \$10.00 per game compensation to persons who supervise or provide related-assistance at athletic events during the 2008-09 school year. The Board also approved transporting students to all junior high athletic events.

Nickles Bakery, Reiter Milk, and Putnam Coil Co., Inc. were approved as suppliers for cafeteria and transportation needs in the District.

The Board gave its approval for the elementary handbook the addendums for the junior high/high school handbook, the Leipsic Staff Handbook, and Fiscal Procedures Handbook.

Agreements with Pro-Tec Coating Company and Iams Company were approved. Each of the companies has agreed to be an advertiser on the refurbished Leipsic Gymnasium floor. Each company will support the District with a \$10,000 contribution; the advertising will appear on the floor for 10-years. The Board expressed deep appreciation to these companies for the outstanding support of Leipsic Local Schools. Board members also thanked Yvette Schroeder and Gary Kreinbrink for spearheading these efforts.

During Planning and Discussion, Mrs. Dewar noted that there have been a number of concerns regarding District bus transportation. The Board agreed to have a committee look at students that are presently being transported and determine if Board transportation policy needs to be changed. Community members Sam Walther and Debbie Plassman volunteered to serve on that committee. A meeting date will be set in early September.

The Board has agreed to prepare and serve lunch to staff members on Thursday, August 21. Board members were updated on progress on the entrance to the John Edwards Memorial Football Field. Mrs. Dewar also told members that she has approved use of the football field for a Saturday night Leipsic Midget Football game. Board members were given copies of the Certification of Conditional Approval from the Ohio School Facilities Commission to read prior to the next meeting. Board members expressed their appreciation to the custodial staff for their outstanding efforts in getting the building ready for the first day of school on Monday, August 25.

The Board agreed to hold the next Board meeting on Tuesday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school library.