

## ***Leipsic Local School District Board of Education Highlights***

Meeting Tuesday, December 11, 2007

The regular Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> Leipsic Local School District Board of Education meeting began at 5:30 p.m. with Dan Zeisloft presiding. Minutes from the November meeting were approved along with the financial statements.

Board members and guests were given a tour of the VoAg facilities being used for the aquaculture program. Students noted the value of hands-on learning experiences they are gaining as a result of the project.

During recognition of guests, a group of seniors and parents expressed their concerns regarding the location for the Class of 2008 graduation ceremony. Board President Zeisloft said that the Board would take their concerns under advisement.

Under new business, the Board approved the disposal of inventory and records, an advance to the High School of Business grant, and payment to Findlay City Schools for the Millstream Cooperative as recommended by Treasurer David Miller. The Board also approved a motion granting authorization of Board-paid pick-up contributions and pick-ups on Board-paid pick-up contributions.

The Board approved the “Little Viking” Cheer Camp to be held Jan. 14-17. The Board also voted to hire Brenda Dillinger for the second shift custodian position effective Dec. 12. Members also approved Jason Beckman as a volunteer junior high girls’ basketball coach.

First reading was approved for twenty-five new and/or replacement Board policies. The Board also agreed to the emergency reading of Policy 5517.01—Bullying and Other Forms of Aggressive Behavior. That policy will be in place by Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> as required by recent legislation.

Board approval was given to the elimination of High School Keyboarding as a graduation requirement beginning with the Class of 2012. Mrs. Renee Miller explained that Keyboarding would be phased in as part of the elementary/junior high curriculum. In addition, board approval was given for a policy, which would permit students beginning with the class of 2011 and beyond to be exempt from the Physical Education requirement for graduation after the successful completion of two full seasons of high school athletics including cheerleading or marching band. Both of these Board actions will open the opportunities for more time to schedule additional academic classes.

With a vote of 5-0, the Board approved a resolution to participate in the Ohio School Facilities Commission Classroom Facilities Assistance Program. Two separate Memorandums of Understanding with the Leipsic Education Association were approved. The first MOU clarified the use of district technology by staff members; the second was an agreement dealing with teacher professional development times.

The Board approved the contract with Dave's Automotive for bus maintenance and repair for 2008-09.

During Planning and Discussion, Mrs. Dewar explained that St. Mary's junior high basketball teams would be using the public school facilities for selected games. Officials at St. Mary's have agreed to pay only the cost of a custodian who will be available throughout the scheduled events. The Board thanked Mr. Barnhart and his senior VoAg students who prepared the area and poured concrete for a temporary discus practice area. Board member Art Lomeli told the other members that the village has completed the drainage for the new baseball field and plans are to seed that area this spring. The diamond will be ready for use in 2009.

There was a brief executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. No Board action was taken.

Organizational Meeting for the Leipsic Board of Education is planned for Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. in the library conference room. The regular meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.