

## ***Leipsic Board of Education Highlights for Feb. 12, 2008***

The February Leipsic Board of Education regular meeting began at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library conference room. All five Board members were in attendance. President Brad Schroeder requested the approval of minutes and financial statements. Treasurer David Miller provided his financial report to the Board.

During Recognition of Guests, Kraig Beilharz from Beilharz Architects spoke to the Board briefly about the background leading up to the ELPP (Expedited Local Partnership Program) and offered his support as the Board works through plans for the next phase of CFAP (Classroom Facilities Assistance Program).

Monthly reports were given by the building principals.

Under New Business, the Board approved one advance and the payment of invoices. Treasurer David Miller also received Board approval for the amounts and rates as determined by the Putnam County Budget Commission in its certification for tax year 2007. Disposal of inventory items were approved.

Joe Kirkendall was approved by the Board as the head varsity football coach for 2008-09. Mr. Kirkendall, a Patrick-Henry and BGSU graduate, teaches social studies at Elmwood High School. The Board also approved Bob Moran as high school volleyball coach for 2008-09. The Board received and accepted the resignation of Elvia Ceballos as an ESL aide effective Feb. 22. The Board thanked Mrs. Ceballos for her work in the District.

Board members voted to rescind the 2008-09 school calendar motion (020-08) that was approved in January. Superintendent Alice Dewar explained that she made an error regarding the format for parent-teacher conferences. A revised calendar was presented to the Board, and members approved it. The 2008-09 school calendar is posted on the school website.

Board members approved a one-year contract with Leipsic Landscaping for grooming of the athletic fields.

During Planning and Discussion, Mrs. Dewar pointed out the Ohio School Facilities Commission has completed an environmental assessment for the existing structure. In addition, the enrollment projections calculated by Dejong Healy was presented. Mrs. Sandy Ruskey was recognized for her dedicated efforts in completing EMIS reporting and continues to maintain the title of Certified EMIS Professional. Mrs. Dewar noted that both the Viking Chorale and the FFA received checks for \$100.00 for their efforts during the POET Leipsic Grand Opening. The first annual State of Schools report was presented by Mrs. Dewar. A copy of that report is posted on the school website.

Board member Marilyn Knueven inquired as to the location of the graduating class composites that have been removed from the gym entrance. Mrs. Schortgen will determine a different location in the high school where those pictures will be displayed. In addition, Tim Nadler congratulated those students who participated in the VFW Voice of Democracy competition.

Board approval was granted for three up-coming meeting dates. The Leipsic Board of Education will hold a work session at 7:30 p.m. on Wed., Feb. 27 to discuss the State of the Schools report. A second work session is planned for Sat., March 1 at 8:00 a.m. to assess the next phase of the building project. Both work sessions will be held in the Central Office Conference Room.

Tues., March 11 is the date approved for the next regular school board meeting. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. the high school library conference room.

The Leipsic Board then went into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel. No action was taken. The Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.