

Leipsic Board of Education Highlights for February 10, 2009

The Leipsic Board of Education met for its regular February meeting at 4:00 p.m. in the high school library. Brad Schroeder, Dan Zeisloft, Tim Nadler, and Art Lomeli were in attendance. Board member Marilyn Knueven was absent.

Board members approved the minutes from the January meeting along with the financial statements. Appropriation modifications, disposal of inventory, and a transfer of funds were also approved. Treasurer David Miller was appointed as the representative from the Leipsic Local Board of Education to the Putnam County Tax Incentive Review Council. The Board was asked to approve a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor.

In other action, the Board approved a resolution to select Stan and Associates for commissioning services for the Ohio School Facilities project. Amanda Gerten was granted a leave of absence for the remainder of this school year. The Board approved the first reading of a revision to Board Policy 2431.01.

A donation in the amount of \$84,300.00, from the O.P. and W.E. Edwards Foundation, was accepted by the Board. A contract with Leipsic Landscaping for the 2009-10 school year was approved.

The following spring sports coaches per the Athletic Director's recommendation were approved: Darren Henry, varsity baseball coach; Ralph Westrick, varsity baseball assistant coach; Wesley Schroeder, junior varsity baseball coach; Jeff Kracht, volunteer baseball coach; Nathan Reynolds, boys' varsity track coach; Gary Kreinbrink, girls' varsity track coach; John Boyd, assistant varsity track coach; Jason Beckman, junior high boys' track coach; Don Verhoff, junior high girls' track coach; Michelle Flores and Paul Moore, volunteer junior high track coaches.

During Planning and Discussion Mrs. Dewar and Mr. Miller spoke briefly about Governor Strickland's education funding plan and his recommendation for Ohio's Evidence-Based Model. It was made clear that no one can predict the amount of funding that will be available for the next two years until both the federal and state governments make some difficult decisions.

Mrs. Dewar commented on the success of the Executive Partnering session with key personnel on the new building project and local community members and officials. She noted that the lighting for the auditorium, which is being paid for by the Leipsic Music Boosters, will be installed Feb. 16 thru 19.

There was discussion about installing a new heating system in the 1963 edition. Board members voted to hold a special meeting on Monday, Feb. 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library to weigh options. Kraig Beilharz, from Beilharz Architects will attend that meeting along with maintenance supervisor Dave Grismore.

The next regular Board of Education meeting is planned for Tuesday, March 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library.