

***Leipsic Local Schools Board of Education Highlights  
Meeting Wednesday, January 9, 2008***

Leipsic Board of Education held its Organization Meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 9 in the High School Library Conference Room. The oath of office was taken by new and re-elected Board members Marilyn Knueven, Tim Nadler, and Brad Schroeder.

Brad Schroeder was elected as Board President while Dan Zeisloft was elected Vice President for 2008.

Regular Board meeting dates were set for the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library Conference Room. It was noted that some dates may have to be adjusted to meet the work schedules and other commitments of the members.

The Board also approved the following authorizations:

- Permission for the treasurer to invest funds.
- Permission for the Board president and treasurer to borrow money if needed.
- Resolution to permit the treasurer to request an advance on local taxes as needed.
- Designate the local superintendent to serve as purchasing agent and coordinator of all federal funds.
- Authorize the superintendent to employ personnel as needed on a temporary basis subject to approval at the next regular or special Board meeting.
- Allow the superintendent to authorize attendance at conferences or workshops for staff members' within the State.
- Resolution waiving the reading of minutes at the Board meetings.
- Designate the Leipsic Messenger as the newspaper for publishing of Board materials, meeting dates, and times.
- Authorize the Board members, treasurer, and superintendent to attend any state and national conferences for the year 2008.

Union Bank, Fort Jennings Sate Bank, STAR Ohio, First Federal, and Huntington Bank were approved as depositories.

Organizational Chart was approved as presented.

Board members were assigned to the following committees.

President Schroeder made the following committee assignments:

Personnel	Dan Zeisloft and Art Lomeli
Building and Grounds	Dan Zeisloft and Art Lomeli
Extra-Curricular	Tim Nadler and Brad Schroeder
Curriculum	Tim Nadler and Marilyn Knueven
Finance	Marilyn Knueven and Brad Schroeder
Legislative Liaison	Dan Zeisloft
Negotiations	Brad Schroeder and Marilyn Knueven

The Board approved memberships for the following organizations: OSBA, BASA, OASSA, and OAESA.

The Organizational meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Leipsic Board of Education tax budget hearing was held at 5:55 p.m. Marilyn Knueven moved and Tim Nadler seconded to waive the FY2009 Tax Budget and approve the alternative estimated resources document for FY2009. The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned.

The regular January Board of Education meeting began at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library Conference Room with Brad Schroeder presiding. Following the Roll Call, the previous meeting minutes and the financial statements were approved. David Miller, treasurer, provided a financial report.

Since January is School Board Recognition Month, Ohio School Boards Association certificates were presented to Board members who served in 2007. In addition, Superintendent Alice Dewar presented plaques for exemplary service to retiring Board members Daniel Schroeder, who served from 2000-2007, and Karen Selhorst, who served from 1996-2007. On behalf of the school district, Mrs. Dewar thanked those individuals for their dedication to Leipsic students, staff, and community.

Under new business, the Board approved a financial advance plus the following tax rates, as set by the county auditor for tax year 2007 (calendar year 2008): Emergency Levy (\$425,000.) at 5.25 mills and Bond Levy at 3.50 mills.

The Board accepted a letter of retirement for Paul Cain effective May 31, 2008. The Board extended appreciation to Mr. Cain for his many years of service as a math instructor to Leipsic students and the Leipsic Local School District.

The following spring sports coaches were approved: Nathan Reynolds, boys varsity track; Jason Beckman, junior high boys track; Tory Strock, girls varsity track; Don Verhoff, junior high girls track; Darren Henry, boys varsity baseball coach; Ralph Westrick, boys varsity baseball assistant coach; Jackie Gerten, girls varsity softball coach; and Carl Maag, girls varsity softball assistant coach. Dave Mangas was approved as volunteer Weight Room Assistant. At this time the Weight Room supervisors include Bob Moran, Nathan Reynolds, and Darren Henry.

Board members approved the second reading of Board Policies and Administrative Guidelines.

The 2008-09 School Calendar was also approved. First day of classes for students will be Monday, August 25. All Putnam County Schools are trying to begin on or about the same date.

Under Planning and Discussion, Mrs. Dewar noted that the handrails for the varsity gym have been mounted. The Ohio School Facilities Commission sent a team to do an environmental assessment of the present facilities. No information has been provided as yet regarding the study. At this time candidates for the varsity football coach vacancy are being interviewed. There were twenty-two prospective applicants.

Mrs. Dewar invited any interested Board member to attend the grand opening at POET. She thanked Mr. Barnhart and the FFA members who helped coordinate some of the activities for that event; she also thanked Mrs. Gibson and the Viking Chorale who provided a brief program for the event as well.

The tentative plans for a proposed track were shown to Board members. Those plans were also available for the track committee meeting later that evening. Poggemeyer Design Group will be completing the final plans within the next few weeks.

The annual Public Records Commission meeting is set for Friday, Jan. 11 at 10:00 a.m.

Board member Tim Nadler noted that he would like to see some minor adjustments in the gym lobby entrance in order to make it more attractive to visitors in the building.

The February Leipsic Board of Education meeting is set for Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library Conference Room.