

Leipsic Board of Education Highlights for March 11, 2009

The Leipsic Board of Education met for its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library. All five Board members were in attendance.

The Board approved the minutes from two February Board meetings as well as the financial statements as presented. The Board also voted in favor of appropriation modifications as presented by the treasurer. Members authorized the treasurer to advertise for bids for a new school bus. The District seeks to replace one bus every two years.

Board members accepted letters of retirement from Spanish teacher Sue El-Hefnawy and 5th -6th language arts teacher Karen Steffan. Members thanked both teachers for their years of outstanding service to Leipsic Local Schools and its students.

The Board approved Sara Prinzi as varsity softball coach and Andrea Plaughter as assistant softball coach. Board members also approved the second reading of the Random Drug Test policy. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code 3314.64 or 3313.65, the Board voted to participate in open enrollment for the 2009-10 school year.

Board approval was given to the list of seniors for graduation pending completion of all requirements. The Board also voted to purchase a 5X7 photo for each senior as they receives their diploma.

An 8th grade trip to Columbus on May 22nd was approved pending a finalized itinerary from junior high advisor Shelly Nagel. Cost per student is \$42.00. If the number of student participating is not enough to maintain this cost, the trip will be cancelled.

Board members approved the FCCLA trip to the FCCLA State Leadership Conference on April 16-17. Board members requested that advisor Carolyn Bryan provide specific lodging information at the April Board meeting.

During Planning and Discussion, Mrs. Dewar explained that Board President Brad Schroeder, Treasurer David Miller, and she had met with Ohio School Facilities Commission Executive Director Mike Shoemaker. The District has agreed to provide a 1,800 sq. ft. multi-purpose room in the CFAP portion of the building. OSFC regulations require that some space be made available for elementary phys. ed. in the new building.

Board members discussed the cost-savings associated with a geothermal heating system for the new addition. Board members plan to attend the Village Council meeting on Monday, March 16 to determine if a test well can be drilled to see if this site might qualify for a geothermal system.

Mrs. Dewar noted that she had discussed the Safe Routes to School grant with Village Service Director Kevin Lammon. She explained that both walking routes and traffic flow will be changing while construction is taking place and after the completion of the new building.

Board members asked Mrs. Dewar to contact Beilharz Architects and request that the firm prepare documents for potential bids on the electrical service, roof, and heating system for the 1963 addition. This portion of the existing building is not part of the OSFC project.

The next regular Leipsic Board of Education meeting is planned for Monday, April 13, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library.