

Leipsic Board of Education Highlights
Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2009
High School Library at 6:00 p.m.

The November monthly meeting of the Leipsic Board of Education took place on Nov. 17th with all members and the two successful candidates that take seats in January in attendance.

Minutes from the October meeting were approved along with the financial statements, and Treasurer David Miller's written report.

FFA Advisor Don Barnhart introduced three freshmen at Leipsic High School who attended the National FFA convention held a few weeks earlier. Nick Nieto, Brandon Cass, and Mario Reyes each gave brief remarks regarding the sessions they attended. Board members thanked the students for attending the meeting and asked that they use the tools that they learned to enhance the Leipsic FFA program.

There were no reports from representatives of the Leipsic Education Association. Elementary Principal Fred Bryan and High School Principal both commented in their reports about the parent communication success with Progress Book.

Under new business, the Board voted to approve advances and appropriation modifications as presented by the treasurer. He also was given approval to pay invoices that have fallen out of normal sequence. The Board approved the purchase of an 84-passenger bus ADA equipped school bus from Cardinal Sales and Service. The purchase price is \$79,717.00 which includes optional luggage bins and the trade in of an older bus. The bus purchase is made possible through the Federal Government American Recovery and Reinvestment Program.

Disposal of inventory was approved.

The Board approved the Design Development Phase submission, which includes the design phase drawings prepared by Beilharz Architects and other documents required by the OSFC prepared by the Construction Manger. The resolution also included the Board's authorization to continue with the actual construction documents. A second resolution was approved by Board member with specification of a single manufacturer and item for brick to match the work completed through the OSFC's Local Partnership Program.

Board members approved the use of the auditeria on Saturday, December 5 for the annual "Cookies with Santa" sponsored by the Leipsic Chamber of Commerce.

During Planning and Discussion, Mrs. Dewar and the Board of Education offered heart-felt congratulations to the 2009 BVC Champion Viking Football Team and BVC Coach of the Year Joe Kirkendall. She also expressed appreciation to Mike Bute, Gary Kreinbrink, and to the Leipsic Police Dept. and the Leipsic Fire Dept. for their outstanding help and support during the first home play-off football game.

She noted that the Putnam County Insurance Consortium members voted to not increase health insurance rates or dental insurance rates for 2010.

Since Findlay City Schools won support from their voters to build a new career-tech facility, local boards of education that are affiliated with Millstream Co-operative are facing significant

increases in costs. Leipsic Board members have asked both the superintendent and treasurer to examine other possible options for career-technical education programs.

Mrs. Dewar explained that the construction manager is concerned about moving forward with the building project until some consensus is reached by the Board of Education regarding the existing auditorium. The physical location of the auditorium will require redesign of the proposed parking lots and other infrastructure.

All current Board members and those who take seats in January were given the opportunity to give input regarding retaining the auditorium. After discussion, the Board told Mrs. Dewar to let the construction manager and the architect know that the school district will demolish all of the existing facility as approved in the Design Development Resolution. Only the 1963 addition which is now separated from the existing facility will be kept.

The next regular Board of Education meeting is planned for Monday, December 7 beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the high school library.