

Leipsic Board of Education Highlights for October 14, 2008

Leipsic Board of Education met on Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library. Brad Schroeder, Dan Zeisloft, Marilyn Knueven, Art Lomeli, and Tim Nadler were all in attendance.

The Board approved the minutes for the meetings in September, the financial statements, and the disposal of inventory as presented. The Board also voted for the payment of invoices and appropriation modifications.

Student Council Advisor John Boyd updated Board members about Student Council activities that are tentatively planned for the remainder of the school year. He said that one of his goals for this school year is to get more students to participate in school-related programs.

Elementary Principal Fred Bryan announced that Leipsic Elementary School has been named as "A School of Promise" for 2007-08 by the Ohio Department of Education. He thanked staff, HOST volunteers, and parent volunteers who work together to support students in the elementary school.

Mike Bute, High School Principal, noted that all mid-term reports for junior high and high school students have been mailed to parents. First quarter grade cards will be available to parents at Parent/Teacher Conferences on Wed., Nov. 5 from 3:15 p.m. until 7:15 p.m. and Thurs., Nov. 6 from 8:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m.

The Board approved supplemental contracts for Travis Schnipke, junior high boys' basketball; Sue Niese, junior high cheerleading; and Jay Beckman, volunteer junior high girls' basketball.

The Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Leipsic Education Association regarding classroom aide duties of 2008-09.

Superintendent Abby Dewar explained that a second Memorandum of Understanding with the Leipsic Education Association involved the need for an additional early release day for students on Tuesday, Nov. 11. Teachers need a three-hour block of time to be trained in the Olweus Anti-bullying Program, and that training will take place that day. The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding.

The Board voted to approve the bus routes for the 2008-09 school year as presented. Mrs. Dewar thanked all the bus drivers and Geri Steffan for getting the routes efficiently organized. She noted that the bus routes have been able to absorb the elimination of one route this year.

Beilharz Architects Inc. has been approved as the architect for the Classroom Facilities Assistance Program pending submission of a project proposal at or below the State standard rate.

During Planning and Discussion, Mrs. Dewar said that she has met with Village Official Kevin Lammon, and they have agreed that the District will be using the existing baseball diamond for a final season in spring 2009. Circumstances with the sewer separation project and delays on the field project have made this change necessary. The Vikes will play at the Charlie Bennett Athletic Complex in the spring of 2010.

Mrs. Dewar noted that she is still working on issues with available electricity and the existing sound and light system in the auditorium. She hopes to have additional information at the November Board meeting.

Mrs. Dewar advised the Board that the Leipsic Athletic Boosters, sponsors for the junior high football program, requested use of the high school field for the final game of the season on Sat., Oct. 18.

Information regarding the initial instrumental music experience for 5th grade is in place. The Board expressed appreciation to those community members who have either donated or sold their used instruments to the music program. Board members discussed other ideas for working to increase student participation in band.

There was a brief Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel.

The next Board meeting is set for Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library.