

Leipsic Board of Education Highlights for April 8, 2008

The April 8, Leipsic Board of Education meeting began at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library conference room. All five Board members were in attendance. President Brad Schroeder requested the approval of minutes and the financial statements. Treasurer David Miller provided his financial report to the Board.

Ms. Jan Amrine, along with her student, Marily Zuniga spoke about the importance of the Career-Based Intervention program. Paul Wyant and Brian Wolverton asked that the Board investigate some additional safety programs for students who walk to school. Mrs. Elaine Goodwin asked the Board if members have a long-range plan in place for the District.

Monthly reports were given by the building principals.

Under New Business, the Board approved a transfer and advances along with appropriation modifications for fiscal year 2008. The Board voted to pay invoices to Ward Construction and the Putnam County ESC. Disposal of inventory was approved.

Under personnel items, Cord Ehrhart was granted a one-year contract to teach high school mathematics, and Amanda Gerten was given a one-year contract as an English as a Second Language and Spanish instructor. The Board accepted the resignation of Tory Strock as physical education and health teacher at the end of the 2007-08 school year. The Board expressed its gratitude to Mr. Strock for his years of service to the students of this District and offered good wishes as he assumes his responsibilities at Napoleon High School.

The following teaching contracts were approved: Mike Spangler, continuing; Jaime Bryan, continuing; Robb Cupp, continuing; Michelle Meyer, two-year; Ariel Kennell, two year; Devin Bramel, one-year, and Amy Thomas, one-year. Mark Myers was given a one-year contract as the technology administrator for the 2008-09 school year.

Kevin Brandt was approved as varsity golf coach for 2008-09 while Wesley Schroeder was approved as volunteer junior varsity baseball coach.

The Board approved a field trip for students to the FFA State Convention in Columbus on May 2-4. A senior class trip on Sat., April 26 and Sun., April 27 was approved. Highlights of the trip include a one-night stay at the Great Wolf Lodge in Sandusky after the seniors have spent the day at the Water Park. Seniors will attend an Akron Aeros Baseball game and also have the opportunity to go to the Wild World of Fun in Canal Fulton on Sunday.

The first reading of the following Board Policies was approved: Summer School; Criminal History Check; Staff Discipline; Attendance; Vendor Relations; Payroll Deductions; Personnel Files; Student Records; Food Services; Free and Reduced Rate Meals; and Bus Driver certification.

During Planning and Discussion, Tim Nadler expressed the Board's appreciation to the First Christian Church for providing parents with a facility for their Post-Prom fund-raising dinner. Mrs. Knueven expressed her concern regarding keeping the balance between academic and athletics programs at Leipsic. Mrs. Dewar updated the Board on a sketch being completed by Beilharz Architects for new signage in recognition of the John Edwards Memorial Football field. She also noted that the design plans for the track to be built at the Charlie Bennett Memorial Athletic Complex are complete. She said that Volleyball Coach Bob Moran has requested a varsity assistant volleyball coach for 2008-09 school year. That request was granted pending a Memorandum of Understanding between the LEA and the Board of Education. Board members thanked P & G for their donation to the high school vocational agriculture and the academic achievement programs.

Mrs. Dewar announced that Bluffton University has approved dual enrollment for the Spanish IV course, and the University of Findlay has agreed to support dual enrollment credit for Advanced Placement American history. Additional information about these outstanding opportunities will be provided later this month.

The Board voted to have an additional Board Work Session on Monday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room. The only item that will be discussed at the work session is the OSFC project, and all interested persons are invited to attend.

The next regular meeting is set for Monday, May 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library.