

LEBANON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #9

Regular School Board Meeting

August 13, 2014

Members Present:

Paul Baer
Carl Berry
Gary Haas
Mike Harter
Brent Koenig
Bill Layman
Marvin Meddows

Administrators Present:

Patrick Keeney, Superintendent
Leigh Jackson, Principal
Jeff Teasley, Principal

Geri Hughes, Secretary

The Hearing on the Proposed intent of the district to sell \$1,900,000 of Working Cash Fund Bonds was called to order by President Harter at 7:32 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

This is the BINA hearing for the potential working cash fund bonds for the various elementary and junior high school projects (i.e. demolition of old elementary building, hallway improvements, parking lots, etc.). This is only a required step for the process. We are not obligated to sell bonds; this only allows us to do so over the next three years. We can listen to public comment, but they can't stop the process. We have already had the 30-day petition window in May.

There wasn't any public comment.

Gary Haas made the motion to adjourn the hearing.

Bill Layman seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote was all yeas.

Motion carried.

Hearing ended at 7:37 p.m.

The Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order by President Harter at 7:37 p.m.

There were three amendments to the agenda.

Move: 9.3. and 9.4 to after Executive Session

Add: 10.1a(c)1 – Executive Session - Personnel

Paul Baer made the motion to approve the amended agenda.

Marvin Meddows seconded the motion.

Vote was unanimous.

Motion carried.

Bill Layman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda: 4.1 – Approval of Regular and Executive Session meeting minutes of July 16, 2014; 4.2 – Approval of Special meeting minutes for July 30, 2014; 4.3 – Approval of Bills for August 2014; 4.4 - Bill Payment Authorization; and 4.5 – Approval of Destruction of Executive Session Tapes which are 18 months or older.

Paul Baer seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote was all yeas.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Jennifer Kraemer addressed the Board regarding the fee for the paid bus. She stated she lives within the 1 ½ mile radius for paid bus and is legally blind and cannot get her three children to school or picked up. She also mentioned she is on a fixed income and cannot afford the \$50 a month fee for the bus. She was asking the Board to waive the fee for her. The Superintendent informed her the Board would discuss this in executive session and he would call her tomorrow to inform her of what the Board's decision was.

The Board brought up the size of the third grade classrooms. Mr. Teasley informed them there were 50 students total. The Board was concerned because they believe 25 to a classroom was too many. They wanted to know what the plan was if more third graders enroll. Mr. Teasley and Mr. Keeney both informed the Board when they made the decision to go to 2 third grades, there were only 44 students enrolled. They have been keeping an eye on the situation and if need be, they can either split the class into three sections or get an aide to help the teachers.

Paul Baer made the motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented by Mr. Brent Wood, Treasurer.

Gary Haas seconded the motion.

Vote was unanimous.

Motion carried.

Ryan Savage, from Hollard Construction, gave an update on the new Lebanon Grade School to the Board. He stated the floor isn't drying like they would like. Hopefully, we will have nice weather the next couple of days to bring the moisture level down so the floors can be sealed. He stated at this time the school is about five weeks behind schedule. The Board commented they would want to have quality versus time to get the school finished.

J.C. Reardon, Mark Carpenter, and Michael Rosborg, Ittner Architects, gave an update on the LHS parking lot and the Bridge. They stated they expect to have everything completed in about two weeks, dependent on the weather. The Board stated they are concerned about how the parking lot looks like waves. Is there anything that can be done about it and/or should the Board be concerned. Michael Rosborg stated that the parking lot meets minimal standards and that also concerned the Board. He stated it should drain properly and shouldn't be of concern.

Paul Baer stated that he believes we should start working on the project of making the hallway for the Jr. High to the High School to bypass the gym as soon as possible. It is dangerous for kids to be walking through the gym while classes are being conducted. He feels work should begin on the hallway as soon as school is out for the summer.

Bill Layman made the motion to hire Jennifer Seely as Jr. High Head Cheerleading Coach pending background clearance.
Marvin Meddows seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote was all yeas.
Motion carried.

Marvin Meddows made the motion to hire Kelly Essenpreis as Jr. High Assistant Cheerleading Coach.
Bill Layman seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote was all yeas.
Motion carried.

Paul Baer made the motion to hire Brandi Sanchez as a second grade teacher pending background clearance.
Marvin Meddows seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote was all yeas.
Motion carried.

Paul Baer made the motion to hire Theresa DiMaria as Co-Sponsor for Student Council.
Marvin Meddows seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote was all yeas.
Motion carried.

Paul Baer made the motion to hire Vicki Tessler as Co-Sponsor for Student Council.
Marvin Meddows seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote was all yeas.
Motion carried.

Bill Layman made the motion to approve Betty Forsythe's Leave of Absence and to use her sick leave concurrent with Family Medical Leave Act, then use the Teacher Sick Leave Bank upon approval, up to 60 days, then use unpaid leave through the end of the 2014-15 school year.
Marvin Meddows seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote was all yeas.
Motion carried.

Paul Baer made the motion to approve the repayment of our \$150,000 short term loan.
Carl Berry seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote was all yeas.
Motion carried.

Paul Baer made the motion to enter into executive session as per 5 ILCS 120/2 of the Illinois School Code to discuss and consider information regarding the following items:
The setting of a price for sale or leave of property owned by the Lebanon School District, and Personnel.
Carl Berry seconded the motion.
Roll Call vote was all yeas.
Motion carried.

Executive Session began at 9:16 p.m.
Executive Session ended at 11:39 p.m.

Paul Baer made the motion to hire Ryan Richter as Head High School Cheerleading Coach pending background clearance.
Carl Berry seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote was all yeas.
Motion carried.

Paul Baer made the motion to hire Breann Milcarek as Assistant High School Cheerleading Coach.
Marvin Meddows seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote was all yeas.
Motion carried.

Paul Baer made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Bill Layman seconded the motion.
Vote was unanimous.
Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 11:45 p.m.

Mike Harter, President

Geri Hughes, Secretary