

LEBANON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Board Meeting Room
700 Holbrook Ave.
October 4, 2017, 5:30pm

The Lebanon City School District Board of Education met in Special Session for the purpose of approving the minutes from the September 18, 2017 regular board meeting, and have an executive session to consider the employment, investigation of complaints, and possible discipline of a public employee or school official and any other business to be conducted by the Board during that meeting. at the Board offices, 700 Holbrook Ave., Lebanon, Ohio at 7:00 am.

Call to Order

Mr. Chip Bonny called the meeting to order at 5:34pm

Roll Call

Mr. Ryan Patterson – Present
Mr. Brian DeGennaro - Present
Mrs. Esther Larson – Present
Mr. Chip Bonny – Present
Mrs. Donna Davis Norris – Present

Others Present

Mr. Eric Sotzing, Treasurer; Mr. Todd Yohey, Superintendent; Abby Hanser, Jenn Brunka, LCS teachers; Randall Lane, Raye Kimberlin, Rochelle Collins, Renee Forrester, Robert Parker, Judy Bonny, Charles, Taulbee, David Donovan, Angie Taulbee, James Norris, and Emlio More, Community members; Larry Budd, news reporter

Pledge of Allegiance

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Resolution 79-17: Motion to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2017 Regular board meeting

Mrs. Donna Davis Norris moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Brian DeGennaro seconded the motion.

Motion carried with the following 5- 0 vote:

Mr. DeGennaro – Yes, Mr. Patterson – Yes, Mr. Bonny – Yes, Mrs. Davis Norris – Yes, Mrs. Larson – Yes

Resolution 80-17: Motion to add public participation to the agenda

Mrs. Donna Davis Norris moved to add public participation to the agenda. Mr. Brian DeGennaro seconded the motion.

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Motion carried with the following 5- 0 vote:

Mr. DeGennaro – Yes, Mr. Patterson – Yes, Mr. Bonny – Yes, Mrs. Davis Norris – Yes, Mrs. Larson – Yes

Public Participation

Rochelle Collins – Regarding the Pledge of Allegiance and football game

Randall Lane – Regarding the Pledge of Allegiance and football game

Renee Forrester – Regarding the Pledge of Allegiance and football game

Jenny Brunka – Regarding the Pledge of Allegiance and football game

David Donovan - Regarding the Pledge of Allegiance and football game

Resolution 82-17: Motion to enter in to Executive Session for the purpose to consider the employment, investigation of complaints, and discipline of a public employee or school official

Mr. Ryan Patterson moved to enter in to Executive Session for the purpose stated. Mrs. Donna Davis Norris seconded the motion.

Motion carried with the following 5 - 0 vote:

Mrs. Larson – Yes, Mr. Patterson – Yes, Mr. Bonny – Yes, Mrs. Davis Norris – Yes, Mr. DeGennaro - Yes.

Executive Session began at 5:54pm, and also included Mr. Todd Yohey and Mr. Dave Lampe, attorney.

Executive Session ended at 7:07pm

Resolution 83-17: Motion to adopt a statement from the Lebanon Board of Education

Mr. Brian DeGennaro moved to adopt the statement. Mr. Ryan Patterson seconded the motion.

“The Board of Education reviewed the decision to hold student athletes in the locker room during the playing of our National Anthem, prior to the Lebanon High School football game on September 29th. We understand from Superintendent Yohey, that he took such action as a means to prevent potential disruption to the athletic contest that evening. We are confident that Mr. Yohey meant no disrespect to our flag, military or law enforcement when he made the executive decision to keep the teams in the locker room. We apologize to members of the military, law enforcement, parents, student athletes, and other patrons who may have been offended or concern by the decision. We appreciate the service and sacrifice made by our military and law enforcement to keep us all safe and able to enjoy the freedoms guaranteed by our constitution. We have used this as a learning opportunity to improve the channels of communication between the board of education, our administration and local authorities. The superintendent and each member of this board believes our students and staff should respect our flag and National Anthem. We also recognize the freedoms of speech and expression guaranteed our students by the first amendment. We

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are studying this issue with legal counsel to ensure our district's actions comply with the law and constitution. The board has not had the opportunity to speak to Mr. Yohey about the events of September 29th until this evening. Having now heard from Mr. Yohey and the choices made that evening, we have full confidence in Mr. Yohey as our Superintendent moving forward."

Motion carried with the following 5 - 0 vote:

Mrs. Larson – Yes, Mr. Patterson – Yes, Mr. Bonny – Yes, Mrs. Davis Norris – Yes, Mr. DeGennaro - Yes.


Resolution 84-17: Motion to adjourn

Mr. Mrs. Donna Davis Norris moved to adjourn. Mr. Ryan Patterson seconded the motion.

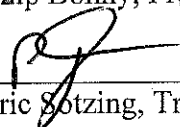
Motion carried with the following 5 - 0 vote:

Mrs. Larson – Yes, Mr. Patterson – Yes, Mr. Bonny – Yes, Mrs. Davis Norris – Yes, Mr. DeGennaro - Yes.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.



Chip Bonny, President



Eric Sotzing, Treasurer