

**Board of Education Minutes  
December 14, 2009**

The Lebanon Special School District Board of Education Meeting was called to order by Steve Jones, Board Chair, at 5:00 p.m., in the Library at Castle Heights Upper Elementary. Board Members, Andy Brummett and Mark Tomlinson, and Director of Schools, Dr. Sharon Roberts, were also in attendance.

Dr. Roberts requested to add the word "Audit" to Item V.B. Approval of Lebanon Special School District Schools' Activity Funds [Audit] 2008-2009. On a motion made by Andy Brummett and seconded by Mark Tomlinson, the revised agenda was approved.

**Recognitions**

Dr. Roberts informed the board that all schools recently celebrated American Education Week (November 16-20). She then introduced Alexis Hamnett, LEA President, and Ms. Hamnett stated that the Friends of Education awards were our district's way of saying thank you. Awards were presented to the following individuals:

Friends of Education Awards

- Byars Dowdy Elementary: Individual, Veronica Tello; Business, McDonald's
- Coles Ferry Elementary: Individual, Mary Beth Johnson; Business, Publix
- Sam Houston Elementary: Individual, John Turner; Business, Cracker Barrel
- Castle Heights Upper Elementary: Individual, Brenda Kolbe; Business, Publix
- Walter J. Baird Middle: Individual, Lee Ann Warren; Business, Demo's Steak and Spaghetti House

Scott Benson made a presentation to the board regarding WJB TVAAS Academic Data. His presentation highlighted WJB in comparison with surrounding middle schools.

**Consent Agenda**

On a motion made by Mark Tomlinson and seconded by Andy Brummett, the minutes from the November 2 and November 23, 2009, meetings and personnel leave request were approved.

**New Business**

Angie Ballard requested approval of a Bid for Wet Hood Suppression System for Byars Dowdy Elementary Cafeteria. On a motion made by Andy Brummett and seconded by Mark Tomlinson the request was approved.

Dr. Roberts requested approval of Lebanon Special School District Schools' Activity Funds Audit 2008-2009. On a motion made by Andy Brummett and seconded by Mark Tomlinson the request was approved.

Dr. Roberts requested approval for the Family Resource Center to receive a grant award from Youth Leadership Wilson for \$6,631 for Parenting Materials. On a motion made by Mark Tomlinson and seconded by Andy Brummett the request was approved.

**Reports/Information**

Board members were provided updates on the following reports:

- "Race to the Top" Grant  
Dr. Roberts shared some information she received from the State Department regarding the application for this grant. There are four areas specifically addressed in the grant: 1) Standards and assessments; 2) Data management systems; 3) Great teachers/great leaders (differentiated pay); and 4) School turn around (high-level intervention programs for schools on the list). She stated that in order for a school district to be eligible to receive the funds (provided the grant is awarded to TN) that the school district had to commit to being a partner. Dr. Roberts, Mr. Jones,

and LEA President Ms. Hamnett all signed the letter of commitment. The state will be informed by early April as to whether or not they were selected as a grant recipient.

- Title III (LEP) Accountability Information and District Status 2008-2009  
Mr. Blades informed the board regarding this data. He stated that ELL students must meet three benchmarks under NCLB and that our district met all three criteria successfully.
- Update on Building  
Mr. Hutto informed the board that the land feasibility study came back positive, the zoning of the property passed, and that we are proceeding with a closing on December 30, 2009. Mr. Hutto also stated that administrators are meeting with selected groups of individuals now and during the coming weeks to finalize plans for the facility as well as solicit information for how we handle zoning and staffing issues. Mr. Jones suggested that Mr. Hutto and Dr. Roberts accompany him to make a presentation to College Hills Church of Christ regarding an easement request for the property. Mr. Jones commended Mr. Hutto for his diligence and hard work on this project.
- Announcements:
  - School Board Week in Tennessee January 24-30, 2010
  - Comprehensive Governmental Ethics Reform Act of 2006 "Statement of Disclosure" due by January 31, 2010
  - Next Board Meeting January 11, 2010

**Other Business**

Dr. Roberts stated that there was no further business, Andy Brummett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:15 p.m., and Mark Tomlinson seconded the motion and adjourned the meeting.