

**Board of Education Minutes  
May 11, 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 Director of School's Office, 701 Coles Ferry Pike. Board Member, Andy Brummett, and Director of Schools, Dr. Sharon Roberts, were also in attendance.

Dr. Roberts stated that there were two additions to the agenda (IV. B. Leaves: add JoEllen Grooms and Resignations: add Tyson Hoppe). On a motion made by Andy Brummett and seconded by Steve Jones, the agenda was approved with the noted changes.

**Consent Agenda**

On a motion made by Andy Brummett and seconded by Steve Jones, the minutes from the April 13, 2009 meeting and the personnel leaves, retirements and resignations were approved.

**Recognitions**

Dr. Roberts recognized Barbara Fisher for receiving the "Phi Delta Kappa National Education Society 2009 Educator of the Year" award. Mr. Jones presented Ms. Fisher with a gift and commended her for this prestigious recognition.

Dr. Roberts also recognized Alexis Hamnet as the new President of the LEA. Ms. Hamnett is replacing Tyson Hoppe.

**New Business**

Stan Blades requested board approval for the Consolidated Application for Federal Programs. Mr. Blades stated that he has received preliminary allocations for next years budget from the State Department. On a motion made by Andy Brummett and seconded by Steve Jones the request was approved.

Randall Hutto requested board approval for Resolutions for Proposed New School Construction. Mr. Hutto stated that these resolutions were the next step in proceeding with our plans to monitor student enrollment and explore the possibilities of purchasing land and/or building a school in the future. On a motion made by Andy Brummett and seconded by Steve Jones, the request was approved. Mr. Jones commended the district for being proactive in monitoring and evaluating student growth and future space needs.

**Reports/Information**

Dr. Roberts provided board members with an update on our Academic Continuous Improvement Efforts. Jeanne Ray shared the "Academic Preparedness in Lebanon Special School District Report" developed by the SAS Institute Inc. and the Tennessee Department of Education. This report provides information to the district regarding the likelihood of the 2008 sixth grade students' future ACT success. The report shows that LSSD is demonstrating a marked improvement in preparing students for the ACT assessments. Ms. Ray also provided board members with an update of summer learning opportunities for students. Dr. Roberts shared other highlights related to continuous improvement efforts in LSSD, including: increased parental education opportunities and attendance; the Weekend Backpack Program; direct support and enhanced professional development opportunities to the schools; continuation of strong instructional programs; updated Board policies; development of an Administrative Academy. As a part of the continuous improvement update, it was noted that the Elementary Reading Coach position shall be eliminated for the 2009-2010 school year. Plans are being developed for an enhanced position of Learning Leader within the schools, pending budget approval for 2009-2010.

**Other Business**

Dr. Roberts recommended to the board that the next regular Board of Education meeting date be June 15, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. Being no further business, Andy Brummett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:45 p.m., and Steve Jones seconded the motion and adjourned the meeting.