



**LEBANON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MARCH 31, 2025
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING**

Via Zoom

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Oliver, Chair
Nichole Piland, Vice Chair
Melissa Baurer, Member
Aubree Molina, Member
Clyde Rood, Member

EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Jennifer Meckley, Superintendent
William Lewis, Chief Operations Officer
Bryan Eilers, Facilities Director
Michelle Steinhebel, Communications Director

The meeting minutes were recorded by Executive Secretary Jessica Woody.

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Tom Oliver, called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

2. DISTRICT FACILITY REVIEW

Tom shares that guidance has been shared by the district's legal counsel and insurance carrier pertaining to Heath Stadium and the condition and use of the main grandstands.

Jennifer explains that after recent evaluation of the main seating at Heath Stadium, it is found that the district must review the safety and long-term liability of the main grandstands. She notes that the grandstands were built in 1957 and have served the community well. Recent evaluations done by the district's insurance carrier PACE, and an engineering firm confirmed the structure requires extensive and costly repairs. The issues include, crumbling concrete, exposed rebar, significant rust and corrosion on steel supports, and significant insurance limitations. She also explains that while the district will seek repair estimates, she strongly recommends closing the grandstands until the district has a clear understanding of the financial and safety implications. and she notes that this recommendation is echoed by the district attorney. She notes that the visitors' side seating and auxiliary seating on either side of the grandstands will remain open, and all events– including graduation, will continue as scheduled. She explains how the team is working hard to ensure that sporting events will continue to be held there, and the track and field will remain open for community use. She stresses that the closure recommended is only for the seating within the stadium.

Bryan Eilers, Facilities Director, presents slides to the Board, with photo examples and explanations of the referenced issues within the grandstands.

Jennifer explains that if the Board agrees to close the grandstands until further evaluation, the district plans to install fencing to close off the area.

Chairman Oliver provides background information to the group regarding an extensive district facility assessment which took place last year where there were concerns with trips and falls, and how that prompted the recent engineering analysis as well. He explains how all material was reviewed by the district's legal counsel. He notes that moving forward there will be much communication with students, staff and the community, and reiterates that the facility will still be usable, with business as usual aside from the main grandstand seating. He shares that staff have a plan to replace the auxiliary bleachers on either side of the grandstands with updated units that also have a slightly better capacity, making up for some of the lost seating in the grandstands. He acknowledges the significant amount of maintenance that has been done to the grandstands over the years, though the reality is that at some point the concrete gets old and fails. He also clarifies that the concern is for trips and falls, and not life and safety due to a facility collapse.

No questions or comments are presented by the Board members.

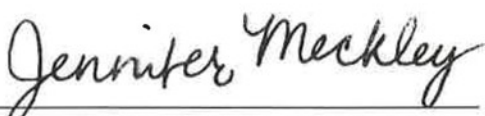
Nichole motions to close the main grandstands while staff evaluates options for rehabilitation and to implement staff plans to increase the auxiliary seating in the short term, and Clyde seconds the motion. All approved with a unanimous vote, the motion passes.

Tom thanks the Board and staff for their time, and adds that this will come back to the Board for some future conversation regarding options moving forward.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:19 PM.


Tom Oliver, Board Chair


Jennifer Meckley, Superintendent

The logo features a stylized green figure with arms raised, wearing a black graduation cap, positioned to the left of the word 'LEBANON'. Above the figure are several green leaves. The text 'Pursuing Excellence' is in a black serif font above the word 'LEBANON', which is in a large, bold, white sans-serif font. Below 'LEBANON' is the text 'Community Schools' in a black serif font. The entire logo is set against a background of green horizontal bands.

Pursuing Excellence

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**Heath
Stadium**
Grandstands view



Exposed rebar
steel reinforcing rod for the concrete



**Additional
exposed
rebar**



**Stairway
concrete
crumbling**

**More
exposed
rebar**



**Steel support
beams under
the stadium**





Stadium shifting or 'walking'

3/4" to 1" gap



**Additional
supports
added in 2015**



Daylight showing

**Concrete crushing
and compression**
(see red arrow)

What we've done over the years

- Steel supports - 2013
 - Installed handrails
 - Replace seats / boards annually
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Moving forward

- Fencing installation with trespassing signage
- Meetings with coaches senior class