



School Board of Directors Meeting July 20, 2020 Minutes

A Regular Meeting of the Eastern Lancaster County School Board of Directors, which was properly advertised in the *LNP Lancaster Newspaper*, was held on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., in Community Hall located at the Garden Spot High School and Middle Complex, 669 E. Main Street, New Holland, PA 17557.

Roll Call

Board Members in attendance were: Gary Buck, Jonathan Dahl, Jacqueline Geyer, Paul Irvin, Dina Maio, Kevin McCarroll, Bryan Naranjo, and Thomas Wentzel **Note:** Mr. McCarroll and Mr. Jonathan Dahl were joining via videocam. Mr. Jonathan Dahl arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Board Members not in attendance were: Brian Conroy

Also in attendance were: Dr. Robert Hollister, Justin W. Johnson, Dr. Nadine Larkin and Keith Ramsey

Staff/Public in attendance were: Several citizens of the community and staff members of the District.

1. Welcome and Call to Order

President Wentzel opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed the community.

President Wentzel announced that the Board held an Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss a student legal matter.

2. Moment of Silence/Reflection - Pledge of Allegiance

President Wentzel led in a silent meditation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda Modification/Approval of Agenda

Requests by board members to remove an item for separate consideration.

Mr. Irvin made a motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Naranjo. **The motion was approved. (7-0; 2 absent)**

4. Citizens of the District Comments

The Board encourages citizens of the district to come before the Board to present their petitions, inquiries, or other communications of interest. The Board invites public (*Citizens of the District*) comment on any topic that is within the Board's jurisdiction. As outlined in Board Policy 903, the Board requires that public participants be residents or taxpayers of this district. Due to the virtual aspect of the Board meeting, the Board is requesting if you wish to provide public comment during the virtual board meeting, you should sign-up to do so by completing the online form prior to the meeting.

[PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN-UP FORM](#) (*Please use this form only if you are not attending the meeting in person.*)

Public comments will be read aloud during the public comment section of the agenda.
Thank you.

SUBMITTED COMMENTS (VIA PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN-UP FORM):

Faith Pickel, 1612 Main St, Goodville, PA 17528

(prayer) Good evening Board Members, Superintendent Hollister, Dr. Larken, Thank you for your work, time, and service to this school and community. May the beauty, delightfulness and favor of the Lord God be upon you, may He establish and confirm the works of your hands.... Psalm 90:17 Please bow in prayer with me as I ask God's wisdom and guidance for you and this meeting. Gracious Heavenly Father, I bow before you for you are Holy, Just, Righteous, Sovereign Lord, Most High, Ruler of Creation. Thank you for Your love, mercy, and compassion that You have shown in keeping the majority of this community well during this pandemic. Give those that have lost loved ones your comfort and strength. Bring healing to those that have been afflicted and restore them to good health again. I ask for Your continued mercy and protection as businesses and schools reopen. Give Dr. Holister, the teachers, the staff and the school board Your wisdom, guidance, direction, and understanding as to the timing and the procedures needed to keep the teachers, staff, and students well but not confusing and frightening so the children may enjoy getting an education. Most of all in this school and all schools across our nation at every level please by the power of Your Holy Name remove Your Adversary so that the plans and purposes, not for evil but for good would be fulfilled for each student to Your glory and honor. Now as the board makes decisions tonight please give them your guidance and direction. Help them to be diligent, discerning, and sensitive to Your will. Thank you for hearing and answering this prayer in accordance to Your sovereign will. I ask this in the name of Your precious Son, Jesus Christ. Amen Amen

Jane Johnson, 171 Tabor Road, New Holland, PA

Dear Secretary Johnson and School Board of Elanco,

Thank you for your service to our community especially during these trying unsettling times.

I pray you will seek God's wisdom with all that is involved with the next school year and years to come.

Speaking of wisdom please take seriously the plan of Alice Bailey and the indoctrination of generations of children through the global curriculum.

It makes me sick to think that my tax dollars support the Common Core or whatever is chosen to call it now. Please make it a priority to research this global indoctrination campaign on children's minds and values and take a stand.

It is a betrayal to children who are so trusting that we are doing the best for them.

Thank you for this opportunity!

Sincerely
Jane Johnson

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plan will succeed.
Proverbs 16:3

COMMENTS (IN-PERSON):

Abigail O'Neill, 1390 Sheephill Road, East Earl, PA 17519
Logan Martin, 583 E. Jackson Street, New Holland, PA 17557

Ms. O'Neill and Ms. Martin, members of the Girls' Volleyball presented the Board with their concerns with the replacement of the gym floor and how it would interrupt their Volleyball season. They requested the Board to postpone the replacing of the gym floor.

5. Consent Agenda

Items listed under the Consent Agenda section of our Board Meeting Agenda are considered to be routine and are acted on by the Board in one motion. There is no Board discussion of these items individually prior to the Board vote unless a member of the Board requests that a specific item be removed from the Consent Agenda. Requests to remove an item from the Consent Agenda will be accepted at agenda section 3. Agenda Modification/Approval of Agenda. (Requests to remove an item for separate consideration). Items Removed from the Consent Agenda will be moved to agenda section "Action Items."

Mr. Irvin made a motion to approve the consent agenda report. It was seconded by Mr. Naranjo. **The motion was approved. (8-0; 1 absent)**

Mr. Chris Barnett of Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates Architects updated the Board on the timing of the construction project of the Secondary Campus renovation, indicating some delays due to Covid-19. He noted that some spaces would be available at the start of the school year and noted that a plan would be put in place for the quick turnover of those other spaces that would not be available.

The Board and Administration discussed the addition of the gym floor construction project to current renovation, its timing, the options for delaying the project and its effect on the Volleyball season.

a. Approval of Minutes

b. Treasurer's Report

c. Approve Personnel Report

d. Bills Paid

e. Cafeteria Fund Treasurer's Report

f. Investments

g. Student Activity Account

h. Approve Budgetary Transfers

i. Approval of the Change orders that were executed for the HS/MS Locker Room and HVAC Project, as follows:

General Contractor - ECI Construction

GC-06 \$503 Deduct - Credit to delete a W8X28 column that was to replace a previously removed column

Architect's comment on GC-06 - There is an existing column that the structural engineer thought had been removed during a previous renovation that we call for in the drawings to be replaced with a new column. During demolition, it was discovered that in fact that column was never removed and could remain. Therefore, we don't need the new column per the drawings.

GC-07 \$2,723 Add - Modifications to existing roof framing at Roof Top Unit (RTU) locations

Architect's comment on GC-07 - The background behind this is revisions to the roof framing reinforcing and unit locations RTU-2 and RTU-7 needed to occur as a result of the existing framing not matching the existing drawings. More specifically, the roof framing was found to actually frame in the opposite direction.

GC-08 \$2,600 Add - Transformer room steel revisions

Architect's comment on GC-08 - The background behind this is that in the existing transformer room, there is a significant amount of work taking place from all trades. It was discovered that there was not enough space to properly run everything, and modifications to the design needed to occur. One of the modifications was to lower the two beams below the existing conduit and re-set accordingly. We selected to go this route because relocating the existing conduit and wiring inside would have been a significantly larger cost to the district, and more time-consuming.

EC-01 \$535 Add - Change to fire-rated pathways at select location

Architect's comment on EC-01 - The background behind this is there are a couple of locations where the electrical engineer calls out for the electrical pathways to be smoke-rated as they pass through walls. Those walls though, as per our code drawings, are fire-rated, not smoke-rated. So, there is additional cost to upgrade the pathways to be fire-rated.

j. Approval of a Settlement Agreement for a Learner with Special Needs.

k. Approval of Resolution supporting the development of an anti-racist school climate by the Board of Directors of Eastern Lancaster County...

Resolution supporting the development of an anti-racist school climate by the Board of Directors of Eastern Lancaster County School District

The Board and Administration discussed the language of the Resolution supporting the development of the anti-racist climate.

Mr. Buck made a motion to remove from the Resolution the language “religion, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, language ability, disability, and other identities”. It was seconded by Mrs. Maio. **The motion was withdrawn.**

Mr. Buck made a motion to replace the word “affirm” with “respect” in the Resolution supporting the development of an anti-racist school climate. It was seconded by Mrs. Geyer. **The motion was approved. (8-0; 1 absent)**

6. Action Items

Items Removed from Consent Agenda for Separate Consideration.

7. Reports

a. Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau

Mr. Ramsey reported that there had been no meeting and noted the next meeting would be held on September 9th.

b. Lancaster-Lebanon IU13

Mr. Irvin reported on the June 17th IU Board meeting and shared several highlights from the board meeting report: He reported that the IU Board approved \$14.3 million in disbursements. Mr. Irvin also reported that the IU13 Board approved new or addition to service contracts for Business Services, Early Childhood & Special Education Services, Instructional & Technology Services, and Human Resource Services. There were nine (9) resignations, four (4) terminations, three (3) retirements, one hundred fifteen (115) new hires, sixteen (16) changes in position or salaries, and two (2) leaves of absence. He also reported that the Board had elected a slate of officers for the upcoming year, noting it had remained the same as the previous year. Mr. Irvin also distributed to the Board copies of the IU13 Helping Districts, Helping Students newsletter.

c. Lancaster CTC

Mrs. Maio reported on the Lancaster County Career and Technology JOC meeting on June 25th. She reported that the Board discussed several updates to the student handbook for the upcoming school year to address Covid-19. She also reported that the Adult Education programs had started back up, there was discussion about the changing of several program names for clarification and updated the Board on the current capacity of enrollment for CTC learners which was at 91%. Mrs. Maio also reported that a special meeting was going to be held to discuss the reopening of CTC.

d. Legislative

Mr. Wentzel reported that revenues were down 18% at the State level due to the current Covid-19 pandemic and school districts would lose about 7-8% of their revenue. He also reported that liability coverage for school districts was being discussed at the Federal level due to the virus and possible lawsuits. Mr. Wentzel also reported on House Bill 364, a part of Act 48, which gives the option use of lights on vans and minivans. He noted that this bill included a \$300 fine for failure to stop for flashing lights of bus or van, \$250 of which would go to the school district and the remaining funds to the police department and school bus safety grant program.

8. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Hollister reported to the Board that all the districts in the IU13 joined in group effort to conduct a public relations campaign to promote the school district's online schools that included billboards, social media ads, and newspaper ads.

Dr. Hollister updated the Board with the possibility of having the gym floor being taken up and distributed for sentimental value or offering it to a bidder for the components of the floor. He informed them that there were several challenges with storing the wood and the District did not have the capacity storage or personnel.

Dr. Hollister congratulated Mr. Jonathan Long and Mr. Zachary Fulmer for receiving a grant through the Community Foundation in total of \$25,000 to go towards a new STEM program called SpotWorks. He publicly acknowledged and thanked the Community Foundation and BBT Bank.

Dr. Hollister updated the Board noting that the approved educational plan would continued to be refined and he presented a statement regarding face coverings noting that the District had purchased shields that would supply 2 for each adult and learner.

The Board and Administration discussed face covering wearing for learners.

Dr. Hollister updated the Board on the PIAA regulations that were being put in place for Fall sports regarding spectators.

Dr. Hollister updated the Board on the guidelines provided by the Department of Education and Department of Health regarding contract tracing, noting that the School District would not be fully responsible.

Dr. Hollister congratulated the AP Art History Class noting that out of the 23 learners taking the course, 20 received a 3 or Higher on the AP test. He congratulated both the teacher and learners.

Dr. Hollister also congratulated Ms. Hillary Martin's Journalism Class for their Senior Voting Registration event that got Garden Spot High School awarded the Governor's Civic Engagement Award, noting that it was only high school awarded in Lancaster County. Dr. Hollister specifically congratulated Anna Armbruster, Melissa Atanasio, Ethan Devine, Sabrina Dickson, Sophia Ghee, Alex Nieves, Deanna Phillips, and Todd Trupe.

9. Announcements

President Wentzel noted that Board meetings in August would be held on August 10th and August 17th.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Irvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. with a second by Mr. Buck. **The motion was approved. (8-0; 1 absent)**

Justin W. Johnson
School Board Secretary
July 20, 2020