



## Committee of the Whole Meeting January 13, 2014 Minutes

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### *Roll Call*

**Members in attendance were:** Glenn Hartz, Paul Irvin, Melissa Readman, Thomas Wentzel, Glenn Yoder, Jennifer Zeiset and Heidi Zimmerman

**Non-Voting Members in attendance were:** Robert Hollister, Nadine Larkin, Marion L. Martin and Keith Ramsey

**Members not in attendance were:** Jonathan Dahl and Rodney Jones

**Staff/Public in attendance were** Numerous citizens, employees, a couple of students and a member of the press attended the meeting.

### **1. Welcome and Call to Order**

At 7:00 PM, President Yoder called the meeting to order.

### **2. Moment of Silence/Reflection - Pledge of Allegiance**

President Yoder led in the silent meditation and Pledge of Allegiance.

### **3. Citizens Comments**

At this time we invited public comment on any topic that is within the Board's jurisdiction.

#### Debra Reimers - Earl Township

Mrs. Reimers expressed appreciation to the school district for making the students' learning a priority as well as their being responsible financially. She said a prayer.

### **4. Special Presentation**

Before Dr. Hurst's presentation, Dr. Hollister read a resolution from the PSBA recognizing the School Board Members of Eastern Lancaster County. January is designated **School Director Recognition Month** and each board member received a personalized certificate.

#### 4.1 Presentation by Dr. Diane Hurst on the Lacrosse Team

Dr. Hurst began her presentation by stating "Lacrosse is the "Fastest Game on Two Feet". She introduced herself to the audience noting she is a resident and taxpayer of Elanco as well as an educator professionally. She was presenting to the board in hopes of promoting lacrosse to become an approved Garden Spot sport, rather than just a club sport as it is now. Diane is the current president of the Spartan Lacrosse Team and has a son playing on the team. Many statistics surrounding Lacrosse were presented and they now offer opportunities to play lacrosse for grades 3-12. The high school club is managed by an executive board and parents. The club is requesting school financial support and oversight of the program. She showed a breakdown of the expenses that would include transportation, officials for home games, stipends for head and assistant coaches, supplies, reconditioning of the boys helmet, etc. The combined yearly total for the boys and girls lacrosse would be around \$36,700. As of now, these expenses are fully funded by the parents. She did emphasize that putting finances aside, they would really like lacrosse to become a school sport. There was a lengthy period of questions and discussion. Some of the issues discussed were:

- Current registration fee is \$185 to play lacrosse and the equipment becomes an additional expense to parents.
- All players are required to participate in a fundraiser.
- Current fee for GS sports is \$30. Mr. Reitnouer, Athletic Director, noted it would be in the range of \$70 should we add lacrosse. Our fees are probably in the middle compared to other local school districts.
- Our current fields are 100 yards long while standard lacrosse fields are 110 yards. Garden Spot is landlocked making it difficult to extend the current playing fields to the required 110 yards. The girls do use the 100 yard fields and it seems to be working out as of now.
- Dr. Hollister reminded everyone to keep in mind not to make a decision based on the size of the group or the expense of the sport.

The school board asked to have more time to think through this information that was presented. Dr. Hurst was thanked for her very comprehensive presentation.

#### **5. Approve Personnel Report**

Mr. Wentzel made a motion to approve the personnel report with a second by Mr. Irvin. **The motion was approved. (7-0; 2 absent Dahl and Jones)**

#### **6. Approval of the Resolution Approving the 2014-15 Preliminary Budget Display and Advertising**

The proposed preliminary budget will be presented at the meeting. The index for 2014-2015 is 2.1%.

This approval tonight only allows the District to advertise and post, for public inspection, the "Proposed" Preliminary Budget with final adoption of the Preliminary Budget at the February 10, 2014 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Action in this manner is necessary

to comply with the timeline per Act 1.

Mr. Ramsey presented the proposed preliminary budget. The information may be reviewed on the PDF attachments listed on Agenda Manager on the Elanco website and he requested the board adopt the proposed preliminary budget tonight.

The schedule is as follows:

- Adopt preliminary budget on 2/10/14;
- Budget Meeting Dates: 4/15/14 and 5/6/14
- Adopt Proposed Final Budget: 5/12/14
- Adopt Final Budget 6/16/14

Mr. Hartz made a motion with a second by Mr. Wentzel to approve the Resolution to approve the proposed preliminary budget. **The Resolution was approved. (7-0; 2 absent Dahl and Jones)**

## **7. Property and Services**

### **7.1 Local Audit Report for Year Ended June 30, 2013**

Carl Hogan from the audit firm of BBD, LLP will be at the meeting to present the audit report.

Each of the board members received a spiral bound book containing the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2013 from Mr. Hogan of BBD, LLP. He shared one of the most important items is the Independent Auditor's Report on page 1 and 2 showing a clean report. It was also noted the District maintains an AA rating from Standard and Poor's.

Mr. Hogan explained various pages throughout the report and acknowledged and thanked the management for doing an excellent job.

Mr. Ramsey told the board members the report will be approved at the January 27th meeting and feel free to contact him or BBD with any questions.

This information is available for the public to review on the Agenda Manager at [www.elanco.org](http://www.elanco.org). Again, the vote will be January 27, 2014.

### **7.2 Lancaster County Career and Technology Center (LCCTC) 2014-2015 Operating Budget**

The budget reflects an overall increase in District contributions of 2.1%. For ELANCO, the total cost decreased by \$20,165.51 from current year (2013-14). The decrease was due to the decline in number of students attending the LCCTC.

The administrators are recommending approval of the LCCTC Operating Budget noting the careful job the administrators at LCCTC are doing. Mrs. Martin will give out the individual voting ballots for voting on their budget at the next meeting.

**7.3 Delinquent Real Estate Taxes (Regular and Interim Bills) that were turned over to the Lancaster County Tax Claim Bureau for Collection**  
The District is required to turn over the delinquent listing to the Lancaster County Tax Claim Bureau by January 16, 2014.

**7.4 Delinquent Per Capita Taxes that were turned over to Powell, Rogers, & Speaks for Collection**  
The District's delinquent per capita taxes are turned over to Powell, Rogers & Speaks for collection. The amount turned over will be provided at the January 27, 2014 Board Meeting.

**7.5 Information Items - Brecknock Project**

1. **Update on Construction Contingency:**

Total Contingency           \$ 250,165

Total Change Orders       21,524

Balance                       \$ 228,641

Change Orders:             \$ 20,651   General Contractor (5)

873   Electrical Contractor (1)

\$ 21,524

Special thanks were given to Mr. Walsh, Mrs. Anderson and the many teachers that have been working together to make the Brecknock project happen.

## **8. Program**

**8.1** Approval of the Class Ranking and Grade Weighting Process at the high school starting with the Class of 2014.

Class rank is based on GPA.

Weighting of Courses as Below:

AP and Dual Enrollment: 1.1

Honors: 1.05

Academic: 1.0

### **8.2 Information Items**

#### 1. First read of School Board Policy 113.2 - Behavior Support.

The policy is being revised to align with new state requirements and to address a corrective action need found during the 2013 Special Education Audit by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

#### 2. District Comprehensive Plan

The District is beginning the Comprehensive Planning process required by the State every six years. The plan includes a thorough review of the District and is programming alignment with the PA Core Standards and other requirements, such as, professional development, special education, gifted services, special services, and technology. The planning process includes administrators, School Board Members, teachers, parents, and other community stakeholders. Once the individual and district plans have been developed, they will be available for public review 30 days before School Board approval. The completed District Comprehensive Plan is due to the state by November 30, 2014.

## **9. Management**

**9.1** Action Items: None

### **9.2 Information Items**

#### a. Update on Spartan Education Foundation Activities.

- Dr. Hollister shared the foundation will be meeting this Thursday bringing them to a full capacity of members. George Solyak from CNH will be the new president. As of now, the foundation has awarded 3 different grants for educational activities and would like to begin awarding grants twice a year.

b. IU Superintendent Newspaper article on weather procedures.

- Keep watching for a newspaper article that should soon be released to educate the people how superintendents make their decisions relating to school delays and closings.

Dr. Hollister also announced School Board Member, Mr. Wentzel, has filed his paperwork to run for office as State Representative in the 99th District.

**10. Announcements**

- An executive meeting will be held following adjournment to discuss personnel matter and negotiations.
- Next board meeting will be in two weeks on February 27, 2014

**11. Adjournment**

Mr. Irvin made a motion with a second by Mrs. Zeiset to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 PM.

Marion L. Martin  
School Board Secretary  
January 13, 2014