



Board of Directors Meeting

November 18, 2013

Minutes

Roll Call

Members in attendance were: Jonathan Boyd, Glenn Hartz, Paul Irvin, Rodney Jones, Melissa Readman, Thomas Wentzel, Glenn Yoder, Jennifer Zeiset and Heidi Zimmerman **(Rodney Jones is voting by video)**

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

Staff/Public in attendance were: Citizens, employees, students and parents were in attendance including a member of the press.

1. Call to Order

President Yoder welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7:03 PM.

2. Moment of Silence/Reflection - Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Melissa Readman led in silent meditation reminding us to be thankful as we go into the holiday season. We said the Pledge of Allegiance together.

3. Agenda Modification/Approval of Agenda

Requests by board members to remove an item for separate consideration

Mr. Hartz made a motion to approve the agenda with a second by Mr. Wentzel. **The motion was approved. (9-0)**

4. Student of the Month Presentation

Mr. Sanger introduced and congratulated the October Students of the Month for being chosen for their character trait of Integrity. Although he did make mention these two students would have qualified for all the character traits.

Natalie Ziemer, Narvon, was accompanied by her parents Mr. and Mrs. Neal and Sharon Ziemer

Nicholas Good, New Holland, was accompanied by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Steve and Lynn Good

Mr. Sanger also took a minute to mention this week is American Education Week and for the first time, Garden Spot is celebrating this by having about 35 parents shadowing their students. They were delighted at the number of interested parents for this very first year.

Holly Schnader, September Student of the Month, was again unable to attend the meeting due to basketball tryouts. Dr. Hollister will see she receives her award.

Dr. Hollister took a moment to thank the students for all they do to help the community and our school. He reminded them they will always be an ambassador of Garden Spot and that they should continue to make a positive difference where ever they are.

5. Citizens' Comments

At this time we will invite public comment on any topic that is within the Board's jurisdiction. Please also note that the public is invited to attend our Committee Meetings where much of the discussion and deliberation of agenda topics is conducted. (Committee Meetings are held in the Community Hall at the Garden Spot Complex at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of the month.)

Lisa Garrett, Goodville

Mrs. Garrett said she has a 5th and 8th grade student and thanked the administrators for doing a great job. She held up student information forms and said this is the 3rd time she received these forms asking for the same information - student name, address, health form, etc. She believes we have a superb tech department and cannot understand why we cannot consolidate this information into a one-time form. She also said that for every field trip, she knows she will receive another form. Mrs. Garrett was publicly asking for the district to see how this can be changed. Dr. Hollister apologized and replied we are doing our best to figure out a better solution. Your concerns are valid and we continue to work at making it better. This system was to make entering information easier, but it hasn't turned out that way yet.

6. Special Presentation

6.1 Spartan Tributes Presentation

The Spartan Tributes are a group of students at the high school that work with the 9th graders to facilitate their transition into the high school. This presentation will provide the Board with an overview of this successful program.

Melissa Boas, High School Counselor in charge of the Spartan Tributes asked permission to come this evening to thank the board members and administrators for granting permission to send the Tributes to an overnight conference called LifeSkills this past summer. This leadership conference has greatly impacted 25 of our Garden Spot students this year and 20 students last year. The Tributes main goal is to help transition 8th graders into freshman by mentoring them, discussing school issues and teaching leadership skills. They build unity with one another and visit the 9th grade homerooms about every 10 days. They meet with

English Teacher, Mr. Weidman, every day to educate themselves in greater ways. The students sharing with the board were: Devon Christman, Kobi Martin, Amy Huynh, Amalie Bartlebaugh, Nesta Petit-ton, Alison Vargas and Rebecca Davis. The Spartan Tributes explained leadership is not just creating ideas, it is building people. Mrs. Vargas, parent, commended the students and shared how valuable this program has been for her daughter and friends. They have become confident and articulate in conversation and that was not always the way it was. She highly affirmed the program.

7. 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 with a second by Mrs. Zeiset. **The motion was approved. (9-0)**

7.1 Approval of Minutes

7.2 Treasurer's Report

7.3 Bills Paid

7.4 Cafeteria Fund Treasurer's Report

7.5 Investments

7.6 Student Activity Account

7.7 Personnel Report

7.8 Approve Budgetary Transfers

7.9 Approve Affidavit of Guardianship Application for an Elementary Student

7.10 Approval of WarwickWare Software License Agreement

8. Action Items

8.1 Items Removed from Consent Agenda for Separate Consideration

9. Reports

9.1 Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau

We met on Wednesday, November 13, 2013.

The purpose of the meeting was to adopt the 2014 Operating Budget

Details of the Budget are as follows:

1. The 2014 budget is 2.4% less than 2013

2. The 2014 Collection Fee for EIT is 2.25% (2.35% - 2013) and for LST is 1.50% (2.50% - 2013)

Other Business:

5 year technology plan was approved, which includes the purchase of a \$145,000 scanning system (software and hardware). This scanning system will eliminate the paper storage and will speed up processing of returns.

2013 EIT Distributions - Fee Waiver for October, November, and December 2013

Non-Filer Mailings - 5,000 letters sent out

Next meeting January 8, 2014

9.2 Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13

Mr. Irvin Reported the board met at the Lebanon Office on November 13th.

- Approved \$7.2 million in disbursements
- Approved 8 Business Service Contracts; one increase in a previously approved contract with QBS, Inc.
- Approved 5 Instructional Services Contracts; one increase in a previously approved contract with Baltimore-Marriott Waterfront; and one decrease in previously approved contract with IU-20.
- Approved 3 Technology Services Contracts
- Approved 9 resignations; 2 terminations; 11 new hires; 12 changes in employment and 4 leave of absences

9.3 Lancaster CTC

Mrs. Readman reported the JOC met October 24th at Brownstown.

The renovations are just about complete. Painting is being done by the students. Eight students are participating as AP interns and are out working in their fields one day a week getting paid.

A presentation was given by John Smith, Teacher of the Construction Cluster. This group has built a mini house inside as an introduction to the NOCTI Testing. At the end of the year, they tear it down to save it and to do it all over again.

The technology audit is finished and the conclusion has reported their computers are outdated. They need to seriously make a plan to update their technology. Since there is no money in the budget to change this, the plan is to try and put a

line item in the new budget to develop a 4 year cycle keeping current as time goes on.

The next meeting is December 9th at Willow Street.

9.4 Legislative

Mr. Wentzel highlighted two bills that are on the table:

- **HB 810** - Amends the Public School Code of 1949 to require pre-employment drug screening for prospective employees.
- **SB 46** - Allows for a history review for all prospective school employees to help stop sexual misconduct

There are also two targeted grants available that Mr. Wentzel wanted to be sure our school knows about. They are the School Resource Officer/Police Officer Competitive Grant and Safe School Initiatives Competitive Grant. Dr. Hollister said they are keeping their eyes on both of these.

Mr. Wentzel informed the board that Governor Tom Corbett officially announced his running again for governor and that Representative Gordon Denlinger officially announced he will be running for State Senator Mike Brubaker's position.

10. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Hollister's report centered on American Education Week. Public education has had many critics and there are many things we in education need to work on, but Dr. Hollister was happy to report there is also many things the public schools are doing well. For example, the Spartan Tributes you just heard about is one of those positive educational experiences that never get measured on the school profile. New Holland Elementary is a school where all the kids are happily learning with lots of color and excitement in their building. Teachers love their kids and the kids know they are loved. Dr. Hollister said he picked New Holland because they have the most diversity and the largest percentage of free & reduced lunch students.

He then commented on the record large number of American scientists and economists that are Nobel Peace Prize Winners. This information recently published in the Wall Street Journal also stated for this year alone, native born and immigrant Americans took home 9 of the prestigious awards. Since 2000, Americans have won 21 of the 37 physics prizes, 18 of the 33 medicine prizes, 22 of the 33 chemistry prizes and an amazing 27 of the 30 economic prizes. American Education Week gives us an opportunity to see a lot of good things happening in our schools.

11. Announcements

December 2nd - Next meeting will be held at the Community Hall for the Re-Organization Meeting.

December 16th - New Holland Elementary School (Dinner served by the school for the board will be at 6:00 PM)

President Yoder mentioned Mr. Jon Boyd's leaving the board saying he will be missed. He thanked him for his service. Several other board members, Dr. Zimmerman, Mr. Wentzel, Mrs. Zeiset and Mr. Hartz also shared thoughts telling Jon that his insight has been valuable and a great contribution to our team. He has been a good friend and will be greatly missed. They each wished him well in his new endeavors. Mr. Boyd said "these four years have gone by very quickly and I have developed great friends. Tonight was a fitting ending for me as I greatly appreciated listening to the Spartan Tributes and their excellent speeches. I hope the community realizes the unity this board has, the respect for each other, even though there are times we don't agree on every vote. We are here for the kids and the community and it has been my pleasure to serve."

12. Adjournment

Mr. Wentzel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM with a second by Mr. Irvin. **The motion was approved. (9-0)**

Marion L. Martin
School Board Secretary
November 18, 2013