



Board of Directors Meeting October 21, 2013 Minutes

Members in attendance were: Jonathan Boyd, Paul Irvin, Rodney Jones; Thomas Wentzel, Glenn Yoder and Jennifer Zeiset Glenn Hartz and Melissa Readman arrived after the meeting began.

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

Members not in attendance were: Heidi Zimmerman

Staff/Public in attendance were: Several employees, citizens, students and a member of the press.

1. Call to Order

President Yoder called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Mr. Jones attended via video camera.

2. Moment of Silence/Reflection - Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Zeiset led in a silent meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda Modification/Approval of Agenda

Requests by board members to remove an item for separate consideration

Mr. Boyd made a motion to approve the agenda with a second by Mrs. Zeiset. **The motion was approved. (6-0; 3 absent)**

4. Student of the Month Presentation

Corey Twaddell was given the Student of the Month Award for leadership. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William and Wendy Twaddell, East Earl.

Holly Schnader was unable to attend due to a volleyball playoff tonight and will be acknowledged in November. She was the female recipient for the Student of the Month Award and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew and Robin Schnader, Reinholds.

Senior, Zachary Walker, has been named a Commended Student in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program. He was in attendance with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Kathleen Walker.

Dr. Hollister congratulated both students and parents. He reminded the students as they go forward pursuing their goals, keep in mind they will always remain an ambassador from the Elanco district. Thank you for your hard work and keep it up.

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.)

Earl Kreider - East Earl

Mr. Kreider said he had two daughters go through these schools and Eastern Lancaster County is the best of the best. He thanked everyone for their contribution and said to keep up the good work. He then said a prayer.

6. Special Presentation – None

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."

Minutes:

Mr. Irvin made a motion to approve the consent agenda with a second by Mr. Wentzel. **The motion was approved. (6-0; 3 absent)**

***It should be noted Mr. Hartz and Mrs. Readman joined the meeting shortly after this vote.**

- 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 Per Capita Tax Exonerations

7.10 Approval of the Snow Removal Contracts for Usner Excavating

7.11 Approve Two Change Orders for a Total Amount of \$7,623.00

7.12 Approve Affidavits of Guardianship for Two Students.

8. Action Items

8.1 Items Removed from Consent Agenda for Separate Consideration

9. Reports

9.1 Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau

No meeting this month.

Next meeting is November 13, 2013, which is the Budget Meeting

9.2 Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13

Mr. Irvin reported the board met October 9, 2013 and an executive meeting was held to discuss contract negotiations.

Approved the following contracts: Business Services: 7; Early childhood & special Education Services: 5; Instructional Services: 5; Technology Services: 4; Human Resources: 3 There were 8 resignations; 1 retirement; 1 termination; 13 new employments; 15 change of position/status/salary; and 5 leave of absences.

Any questions about the IU, please feel free to contact Mr. Irvin.

9.3 Lancaster CTC

Mrs. Readman reported the Joint Operating Committee met September 26th. A board Recognition Banquet was given and prepared by the culinary students. It was truly a fine dining experience. The board then listened to a presentation by the CTC Foundation started in 2003. They have been in operation for 10 years and their first year fundraiser goal was \$25,000. She reported they have raised \$3.25 million dollars in the last 10 years. Some of their fundraisers are the annual *Fly on the Run* and the Leadership Symposium. For more information you can view the newly created website lcctfoundation.org.

Enrollment is up at all campuses; The LCCTC has recently been awarded equipment grants for \$69,000.

Another exciting adventure is the CTC has partnered with the Huntington County CTC. This partnership creates additional work, but will also bring in additional income. One last highlight is that the Adult Education is ready to go and WGAL will be advertising this using CTC graduates in the ad.

9.4 Legislative

Mr. Wentzel reported there are several bills on the table and gave an update on the following:

Charter School Reform - SB 1085

This differs from HB618 that recently passed in the house. Under SB-1085, the state portion of the retirement double dip is eliminated.

Property Tax Reform HB 125 proposes to amend the state constitution to allow local taxing authorities to exclude up to 100% of the homestead property from taxation. **HB 1677** repeals current law regarding homestead exclusions and prohibits a taxing authority from allowing exclusions for homestead property in excess of the limit established in the state constitution.

HB 1408 authorized the Department of Education to establish curriculum guidelines for school districts that wish to conduct firearm safety education classes in the elementary school grades.

10. Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Hollister commented on Mr. Wentzel's report on the Charter school reform. He noted the local superintendents are supporting this in general. This bill would help to make the charter schools more appropriate.
- Reported an outstanding job by our health counsel on the recent Zombie Run. There were 226 participants and the event netted \$3,500 for the American Cancer Society. Special thanks given to Julie Groft for her leadership and board member, Dr. Heidi Zimmerman, also a part of this committee.
- Spartan Foundation had its second awarding of grants. Dave Smith was given a grant for another extension to his KiVA class and Lynn Stover for his elementary students' Arabic Class. Sometime in the future, Dr. Hollister would like a member of the Foundation to come and give the board a more detailed presentation.
- A word of caution was given to be careful what you hear coming out of Harrisburg. Former Education Secretary Ron Tomalis had reported there may be a hundred tampering with the PSSA test results. After the investigation, it has been reported there were only five incidents.
- One final comment for Dr. Hollister's report. It has been tradition for the board members to travel to the elementary schools for one meeting each year. With our technology and the set-up, it may not be wise. We may recommend staying at the district office for the meetings because we cannot record the meetings at the elementary schools. He wanted the board to think about this and possibly tours of the building could be given to board members at another time. Mrs. Zeiset and Mr. Yoder thought this could work and expressed their desire to still get into all the schools at some time during the year.

11. Announcements

Dr. Hollister announced an executive session will be held following adjournment to discuss legal, personnel and student matters.

12. Adjournment

Mr. Irvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 PM with a second by Mr. Wentzel. **The motion was approved. (8-0; 1 absent)**

Marion L. Martin
School Board Secretary
October 21, 2013