Roll Call

Members in attendance were: Jonathan Dahl, Paul Irvin, Dina Maio, Melissa Readman, Thomas Wentzel, Glenn Yoder and Jennifer Zeiset

Non-Voting Members in attendance were: Robert Hollister, Nadine Larkin, Justin W. Johnson and Keith Ramsey

Members not in attendance were: Rodney Jones

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

1. Call to Order

President Yoder opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. He made a note that Vice-President Jones was not able to attend the meeting.

2. Moment of Silence/Reflection - Pledge of Allegiance

President Yoder 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. Ramsey informed the Board that one additional item was added to the Consent Agenda. He indicated that since the last meeting, final information on the settlement of the Yoder’s Market tax assessment appeal had been received and could be voted on. He noted that all the information regarding the settlement was same as it had been discussed in October.

Mr. Wentzel made a motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Irvin. The motion was approved. (7-0; 1 absent)

4. Student of the Month Presentation

Mr. Sanger introduced and congratulated the May Students of the Month for being chosen for their character trait of Selflessness.
May – Selflessness
Nuj Pha, New Holland, accompanied by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Nyiaj Yang Pha
Samantha Walsh, New Holland, was unable to attend.

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.)

Marty Fickes, Fivepointville
Mr. Fickes said a prayer.

Jim Shirk, Goodville
Mr. Shirk narrated through a letter to the Board his concerns of the District not filling the vacant Ag Teacher position for the 15-16 school year. He commented that Ag was part of the culture and history of Garden Spot High School and New Holland played a major role in agriculture international. Mr. Shirk presented the Board with several accomplishments of the Ag Department over the last year as well as several changes in staffing over the last year that have affected the program. Mr. Shirk requested that the Board reconsider hiring a full-time replacement for Mr. Caleb Wright and asked for more time for the program to build. He also distributed to the Board of copy of the accomplishments of the Ag Education program in the 2014-2015 school year.

Dr. Hollister requested Mr. Shirk distribute his letter to all the Board.

Dave Horst, East Earl
Mr. Horst also acknowledged his concerns regarding not filling the Ag position. He reiterated several accomplishments of the program and praised Mr. Wright and Ms. Pray for what they had done over the past year as new teachers to the program.

Dr. Hollister commented that the enrollment of courses had already been completed and scheduling was underway and indicated that adding an additional teacher would create some extra work for the high school counselors to have to advertise the Ag courses to students and shuffle schedules.

Mr. Wentzel commented that he and President Yoder both were graduates of the program and the program had made a strong transition since it first began. He agreed with Mr. Shirk regarding the many obstacles that the program has had to overcome and indicated that the Ag program would remain in the curriculum while he was on the Board.
President Yoder indicated that further discussion was warranted as well as investigation into options for generating higher enrollment in the program.

6. Special Presentation
Dr. Hollister informed the Board that there were two presentations for the evening. Dr. Hollister introduced Toni Myers, the art teacher for Garden Spot High School.

Ms. Myers announced that every year Congressman Pitts hosted an art contest and this year the first place winner was a student of Garden Spot High School, Julia Irvin. Ms. Myers noted that in all her 20 years teaching there had never been a first place winner and that Julia Irving, a very passionate and self-motivating student, was very deserving of the award.

Dr. Hollister commented that the District was blessed to have so many amazing teachers and indicated that several more of the examples of students’ artwork was on display in the school lobby. He thanked Ms. Myers and Julia.

Mrs. Kara Martin, Supervisor of the Special Education Program, along with Tonya Artus, Special Education Consultant and Head of Autistic Program K-12, presented a presentation to the Board revealing the most recent evaluation scores that the program receives twice a year from the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). She noted that though the program occasionally makes mistakes, the special education program for ELANCO was amazing. Ms. Martin showed a video from PaTTAN (Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network) explaining the evaluation process. The video contained several clips of ELANCO teachers and students.

Mrs. Martin mentioned that the District hosted its own “boot camp” for new teachers for preparation of teaching in the program and several administrators have taken the course. She also explained, in more detail, what a site review is comprised of including a 1.5 review for each teacher. She commented that the typical scores for a teacher were usually 49 in the Fall and 79 in the Spring. This year five (5) elementary teachers scored a 100, one being a first year teacher. In the middle school the scores were 93 and 65 for a substitute who had not received the “boot camp” training. The high school received both a 95 and 100 score. She also distributed to the Board a copy of the Site Review form.

Mrs. Zeiset thanked Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Artus for their presentation and their hard work. She commented that the program made the District proud.

Dr. Hollister also expressed his thanks for all the hard work from Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Artus. He commented that they were “angels” in the classroom with a lot of patience. He complemented all the staff of the program.

7. Consent Agenda
Mr. Irvin made a motion to approve the consent agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Wentzel. The motion was approved. (7-0; 1 absent)
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."

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 the Special Education Service Contracts with the Lancaster-Lebanon IU #13 for 2015-16 School Year

Contracted Special Education Services $425,927 ($376,393 for 14-15)
Job Training Services $248,400 ($205,938 for 14-15)
Speech & Language Itinerant Services $0 ($6,876 for 14-15)

7.10 Approval of PlanCon Part J (Final Costs) for the Brecknock Elementary School Project and to Authorize Submission to PDE

7.11 Approval of Fulton Bank, PNC Bank, and Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF) as District Depositories for 2015-2016
7.12 Approval of the Bulk Fuel Fixed Prices for 2015-16 that were locked in by the Chief of Finance and Operations

Per the mandate waiver that the District received, below are the prices per gallon for the different fuels for 15-16.

- Gasoline - $2.5978
- Diesel Fuel - $2.7358
- Heating Oil - $2.7291

In addition, we have a +/- 10% usage variance.

7.13 Approve, through Resolution, Mr. Keith Ramsey as the District Tax Collector for the 2015-2016 school year.

Approve, through Resolution, Mr. Keith Ramsey as the District's Tax Collector as a part of his regular duties as Chief of Finance and Operations for the 2015-2016 school year.

7.14 Approve Mr. Thomas Wentzel as Treasurer of the Eastern Lancaster County School Board for a period of one (1) year (2015-2016).

7.15 Approve Settlement of Tax Assessment Appeal Concerning Eight (8) Tax Parcels Comprising the Yoder’s Market Complex

8. Action Items Removed from Consent Agenda for Separate Consideration

8.1 Football Only Insurance Coverage for 2015-16

The premium remains the same for next at $8,928.

Mr. Ramsey informed the Board that he further investigated their questions from the last meeting regarding the removal of Football Only Insurance coverage for the 15-16 school year. He noted that Mr. Yapsuga informed him that only one claim had been submitted after a total of nine (9) claim forms were given out. He also spoke with Mr. Litts and questioned if the District could ask parents if they have insurance before their student plays football and the answer was yes. Mr. Litts however recommends that we do not deny a student playing if they do not have insurance. Mr. Ramsey indicated that he surveyed several districts and most were still offering the insurance, however Palmyra dropped it several years ago and they have a waiver form they distribute that recommends state programs that offer insurance.

Mr. Irvin made a motion not to renew the Football Only Insurance for the 15-16 school year. It was seconded by Mr. Wentzel. The motion was approved. (7-0; 1 absent)
Mr. Ramsey noted that he would be working with the Athletic department to information out to parents about the removal of the insurance for the 15-16 school year.

9. **Information Items for Discussion**

9.1 Policy 819 SUICIDE AWARENESS PREVENTION AND RESPONSE (New; Regulation Requirement as of July 1, 2015)

9.2 Policy 806 CHILD ABUSE (Updated Language)

9.3 Policy 916 VOLUNTEERS (New; Needed to acknowledge the regulations affiliated with Act 153 and Act 168)

9.4 Policy 248 UNLAWFUL HARASSMENT - PUPILS (Updated Language)

9.5 Policy 348 UNLAWFUL HARASSMENT - EMPLOYEES (Updated Language)

Dr. Hollister noted that the Board should continue to review the policies for further discussion. He indicated that the policies would go into effect on July 1, 2015 and if any Board members had any questions or concerns to please contact him by email.

10. **Reports**

10.1 Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau
No meeting this month. Next meeting June 10, 2015

Mr. Ramsey noted that the Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau did not meet this month. The next meeting would take place on June 10, 2015.

10.2 Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13
Mr. Irvin reported the Lancaster-Lebanon Board met on May 13, 2015. He also announced that the IU would be offering background checks for employees in the near future to help with the overwhelming numbers. He indicated they also would be offering onsite fingerprinting for Districts as well. Mr. Irvin also reported on several highlights from the board meeting report: He noted that the board approved $10,716,104.52 in disbursement and eleven (11) service contracts for Special Education Services, Instructional Services, Technology, and Human Resource Services. There were twelve (12) resignations, two (2) retirements, two (2) early retirements, one (1) termination, five (5) new hires, eleven (11) changes in position or salaries, and three (3) leaves of absences.

10.3 Lancaster CTC
Mrs. Readman reported that the Lancaster CTC Joint Operating Committee met on April 23, 2015. She informed the Board that Doug Long the instructor of Manufacturing Cluster presented several student-built robots that performed different functions such as picking up a tennis ball or aluminum can. She reported on the cost of Skills Nationals which came in a little over $19,000 which was under budget and included both student fees and teachers. She noted that the Comprehensive marketing plan was doing well and the commercial spots would be continuing.

Mrs. Readman also reported that there would be 5-10% tuition increase as there have not been any increases for the past two year.

10.4 Legislative
Mr. Wentzel reported a plan for Pension Reform was on fast track spearheaded by Senator Corman with a higher rate of 3%. He noted that the deadline for the state budget was June 30th. Mr. Wentzel also reported on House Bill 1039 which gives flexibility to hiring substitute mainly directed towards vocational schools. He also reported on the discussion of reducing the state house and senate. He commented that it would save the government money and if it did pass, then they were heading in the right direction.

Mr. Wentzel announced that primary elections were the next day and commented that local elections had more direct influence than national elections. He indicated that 5 Board members were up for reelections and encouraged people to go out and vote.

11. Superintendent’s Report
Dr. Hollister informed the Board that Brecknock Elementary had its 6th Annual Day of Service in honor of teacher, Lisa Horning, a victim of cancer. The Day of Service collected donations for kids of the Ronald McDonald House Foundation.

Dr. Hollister also announced that at the recent Lancaster County Health Summit attended by Jacque Hollinger, Nurse and Julie Groft, PE Teacher, Eastern Lancaster County School District came in 2nd for the Well Workplace Award.

He also noted the growing interest in Girls on the Run, an organization for girl empowerment. He announced that all three elementary schools and faculty were involved in the recent Girls on the Run Race at which he also attended with his daughter. He thanked the faculty and congratulated all the girls that who took part.

12. Announcements
Dr. Hollister announced that the CTC Award Ceremony would be held on May 26th and encouraged anyone to attend. He asked the Board to contact him if they if interested in attending. He also announced that Graduation was set for June 5th at 6:30 p.m. and again would be broadcasted in the auditorium as well as streamed online. He noted that the Baccalaureate would be held May 31 in the auditorium and the Senior Awards Ceremony
would be held the following evening. He indicated that the ceremony has been changed
to a dinner with representatives that hosted the scholarships presented. He again noted
that Board members were welcome to attend. He informed the Board that with the end of
year, many things were coming to a close and it was a good time of the year. He
congratulated all.

Mr. Wentzel reminded the Board that the Interview Committee were accepting
applications of interest for the Board seat recently vacated by Dr. Heidi Zimmerman for
remainder of her term up until the election in November. He noted that the Committee
would be meeting on June 8th to publicly interview candidates and debate their
qualifications before the Committee of the Whole Meeting. The Interview Committee
will then make a recommendation to the Board afterwards.

Mr. Johnson will take care of posting information for the vacant Board seat.

Dr. Hollister announced that there would be an executive session after the meeting to
discuss a legal matter and land matter.

13. Adjournment
Mr. Irvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. with a second by Mr.
Wentzel. The motion was approved. (7-0: 1 absent)

Justin W. Johnson
School Board Secretary
May 18, 2015