Board of Directors Meeting
October 20, 2014
Minutes

Roll Call

Members in attendance were: Jonathan Dahl, Glenn Hartz, Paul Irvin, Melissa Readman, Thomas Wentzel, Glenn Yoder, Jennifer Zeiset and Heidi Zimmerman
Non-Voting Members in attendance were: Robert Hollister, Justin W. Johnson, Nadine Larkin and Keith Ramsey
Members not in attendance were: Rodney Jones
Staff/Public in attendance were: Several citizens, employees and a member of the press.

1. Call to Order
President Yoder opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

2. Moment of Silence/Reflection - Pledge of Allegiance
Mrs. Jennifer Zeiset led in a silent mediation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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. It was seconded by Mr. Wentzel. The motion was approved (8-0; 1 absent)

4. Student of the Month Presentation
Mr. Sanger introduced and congratulated the September and October Students of the Month for being chosen for their character trait of Leadership and Integrity, respectively.

September - Leadership
Kobi Martin, Terre Hill, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Dorlee Martin
Jessica Horst, New Holland, accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jared and Wendi Horst.
October - Integrity
Nick Roskow, Leola, accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David and Delores Roskow.
Amy Huynh, New Holland, accompanied by her father, Tin Trung Huynh.

4.1 Commended National Merit Scholarships presented by Matthew Sanger
Mr. Sanger also presented two students who were recipients of the Commended National Merit Scholarship. Both students were in the top 5% of the 34,000 students who received recognition for their outstanding academic standing.

Amy Huynh, New Holland, accompanied by her father, Tin Trung Huynh.
Adam Fellenbaum, New Holland.

Dr. Hollister took a moment to thank all student recipients for the choices they made, which brought them to where they were now. He reminded them they will always be leaders of Garden Spot and that they should continue to be a leader even after graduation. He also acknowledged their parents.

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.)

Pastor Lester Zimmerman, New Holland

Pastor Zimmerman thanked the Board for serving the community and said a prayer.

6. Special Presentation
6.1 Comprehensive Plan Presentation
Dr. Nadine Larkin presented the Eastern Lancaster County School District’s Comprehensive Plan for 2015-2018. The school district is required by PDE to have a plan which runs for six (6) years and needs to be reviewed every three (3) years. Dr. Larkin reviewed key points of the Comprehensive plan with the Board. The plan would be on public view for 28 days in which time feedback would be accepted. The Board was also encouraged to review and provide feedback. The plan then would be put on the consent agenda for approval at the November 17, 2014 board meeting.

Dr. Hollister acknowledged the staff and team for their hard work.
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. Wentzel made a motion to approve the consent agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Irvin. The motion was approved (8-0; 1 absent)

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 Exonerations
7.10 Approval of the Snow Removal Contracts with Usner Excavating for 2014-15
   Usner Excavating is not increasing prices from last year and provides snow removal at all locations.

   We solicited quotes from 3 other companies. 2 companies responded with higher prices and 1 did not respond.
7.11 Approval of the Transfer to the Capital Reserve Fund and General Fund Balance Commitments for the Year Ended June 30, 2014.
   Capital Reserve Fund Transfer - $1,516,481

   General Fund Balance Commitments:
   - For the purpose of PSERS Costs - $4,200,000
   - For the purpose of Technology Equipment - $1,516,481
7.12 Approval of a new course in mathematics at the high school for the 2014-2015 school year - Algebra 2.0 This course combines Algebra I & Algebra II.
7.13 Approval of Affidavits of Guardianship
7.14 Approve a Settlement Agreement for educational expenses for a student with special needs.
7.15 Approve Amy Shaffer as a non-stipendiary Volunteer Coach representing Garden Spot High School at all PIAA sanctioned swimming events.

8. **Action Items**

8.1 Items Removed from Consent Agenda for Separate Consideration

9. **Reports**

9.1 **Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau**

   Met on Wednesday, September 17, 2014

   The Bureau is in the process of developing a strategic plan

   Received an update on the scanning project which is near completion

   Received an update on the Delinquent Taxpayers - Activities and Legal Action

   Mr. Ramsey reported that the Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau met on September 17, 2014. He presented several items of note for the Board from the meeting. The Bureau has discussed implementation of a Strategic Plan to guide the Bureau through the next several years. The scanning project that has been reported on several times before is now nearing completion. Scanning is now taking place prior to the end of the year to help with the end of the year processing of tax returns. An update was also received on the delinquent taxpayers. A large portion of funds have been garnered through the proactive approach and efforts of the Bureau.

   He also reported that there had been an annual meeting to go through the year in review and compile numbers for the following year. He announced that to help with budget deliberations, he would have the Bureau present several reports that will aid in deciphering whether the spikes in funds this last year are one time occurrences or recurring.

9.2 **Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13**

   Mr. Irvin reported the Lancaster-Lebanon Board met on October 8, 2014, however he was not in attendance.

   He reported several highlights from the board meeting report: A new board member, Mr. Brad Hoffer of Manheim Central was elected to the IU Board. The board approved $11,487,461.00 in disbursements and service contracts for Business Services, Early Childhood and Special Education Services, Instructional Services, Technology Services and Human Resource Services. There were eight (8) resignations, thirteen (13) new hires, twenty-seven (27) changes in position or salaries and four (4) leave of absences.
9.3 Lancaster CTC
Mrs. Readman reported that the Lancaster CTC Board met on September 25, 2014. She announced that the annual report for the Lancaster CTC was made public. She accounted several highlights from the report: The NOCTI (National Occupational Competency Testing Institute) scores average school wide were 94% which is categorized as Competent or Above. The statewide average is 92%. Star Math and Reading Grade Equivalent Growth has increased. Student placement was at 81% with a new goal set at 97% for the new year. The 2015-2016 budget for the schools will be announced in January/February.

9.4 Legislative
Mr. Wentzel announced that this would be the last meeting before Election Day. He reported on several of the current races including Ryan Aument for the 36th District Senate seat and Pennsylvania State Governor race between Tom Corbett and Tom Wolf. He also announced the candidate debate to be held here on Garden Spot Campus at 4:00 p.m. on October 30th for the 99th House between David Zimmerman and Bryan Sanguinito.

10. Superintendent’s Report
Dr. Hollister reported on the current rollout of the new healthcare platform for faculty members and staff. Multiple sessions have been held throughout the District to help staff enroll for the new services and positive feedback about the services has been received. He indicated that this new plan merges perfectly with the potential possibility of the District along with the IU piloting an on-site medical clinic.

He also informed the Board that a safety letter went out to all parents and guardians expressing the importance of safety for the District.

He also announced that the Middle School students were given the opportunity to visit both the County’s CTC schools and Millersville University. These visits provide students with a variety of options for post-graduation.

11. Announcements
Mr. Wentzel noted that an article was published recently in the Lancaster Newspaper regarding New Holland Elementary and their diversified population.

Heather Schrantz a teacher of New Holland Elementary informed the Board that the school sponsored Zombie Run had a very good turnout. The Health Council worked very hard putting that event together.
12. Adjournment
Mr. Wentzel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. with a second by Mr. Irvin. The motion was approved (7-0; 2 absent)

Justin W. Johnson
School Board Secretary
October 13, 2014