



## Committee of the Whole Meeting September 8, 2014 Minutes

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### *Roll Call*

**Members in attendance were:** Jonathan Dahl, Glenn Hartz, Paul Irvin, Rodney Jones, Melissa Readman, Thomas Wentzel, Jennifer Zeiset and Heidi Zimmerman **NOTE:** *Mr. Jones was joining the group by videocam.*

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

**Members not in attendance were:** Glenn Yoder

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

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

Treasurer, Thomas Wentzel opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. He noted that President, Glenn Yoder, was absent and Vice-President, Rodney Jones, was attending the meeting by video conference.

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

Mr. Tom Wentzel led in a silent meditation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **3. Citizens Comments**

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

Mr. Titus Kauffman, New Holland

Mr. Kauffman commended the Board and the District for their commitment to working together and said a prayer.

### **4. Approve Personnel Report**

Mr. Irvin made a motion to approve the agenda with the above modification. It was seconded by Mrs. Zeiset. **The motion was approved (8-0; 1 absent – Yoder)**

## **5. Presentation**

### **5.1 Mathematics K-12**

Carol Kelsall, K-12 Math Coordinator presented to the Board what changes were being made in Math programs throughout the district. Elementary schools are moving from Master Standards by Quarter to Units of Instruction and from Common Quarterly Assessments to Common Unit Assessments. Middle School has revised its Math curriculum with Unit Assessments into new templates as well as reviewed curriculum to make sure it was in line with PA Core Standards. High School Math Departments have made revisions to their Geometry co-taught course. There also is the introduction of Algebra 2.0 which is the integration of Algebra I and Algebra II.

## **6. Property and Services**

### **6.1 Action Items – None**

### **6.2 Information Items**

#### **Blue Ball Parking Lot:**

Jim Hocker, Derck & Edson, and Kevin Kuffa, Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates, will be at the meeting to discuss an option to add additional parking to alleviate the parking issues at Blue Ball.

Mr. Rasmey introduced architects, Jim Hocker of Derck & Edson and Kevin Kuffa of Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates as contributors in the Brecknock Elementary School project. He announced to the Board the issues and concerns of the township with regard to parking and traffic control at Blue Ball Elementary School. A sketch plan, a preliminary schedule and estimated cost of \$226,278 were presented to the Board. The plan would include a longer and more accessible queue for parent pickup and approximately 40 additional parking spaces totaling approximately 100 spaces for parking at Blue Ball.

Mr. Ramsey informed the Board that the District was not looking for approval for the project, but just the agreement that the District could pursue the initial conversations to prepare actual bids and plans to present to the Board at a later date.

Several Board members commented on the project and their concern of the costs. They hoped to see more budget minded proposals and options when it was presented officially.

## **7. Program**

**7.1 Approve Assistant to the Superintendent signing Agreement between Eastern Lancaster County School District and Dellicker Strategies, LLC.**

Dellicker Strategies, LLC has been working for the past two years with the Eastern Lancaster County School District to provide consulting services pertaining to our Hybrid Learning Model. During the 14-15 school year, Dellicker Strategies will work with the District and IU13 to provide the following services:

- Help implement hybrid learning at all three elementary schools - Grades 1 & 6
- Help the District define and measure success of the program
- Develop action plans to facilitate the rollout at elementary and the continued implementation at the secondary level
- Help develop internal capacity to continue the program once consultation services are no longer needed
- Provide monthly performance reports based on walk throughs and teacher discussion

In addition, Dellicker Strategies works closely with the state legislature and PDE to provide state funding for the Hybrid Learning Initiative, which the District has been a part of for the past two years.

The cost of this agreement to the District is \$15,000.00.

Dr. Larkin informed the Board that due to continued expertise learned by our tech integrators and IU13 collaborators, the cost for consulting services with Dellicker Strategies, LLC has decreased these past several years from \$100,000 to the current cost of \$15,000.

## **7.2 Approval of Affidavits of Guardianship**

**7.3 Approve the Board President and Board Secretary signing a Contract of Service between PA Educator.net and the Eastern Lancaster County School District**

The District uses PAEducator.net to recruit teachers for open positions in the school district. The cost of the year is \$2,700.00.

Dr. Larkin informed the Board that PA-Educator.net has been instrumental in helping the District search and sift through the many applicants that apply for the professional vacancies available in the District.

## **7.4 Information Items**

1. 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 into one year long course. The content has not changed from previously approved Algebra I and Algebra II courses. The content has been modified and adapted for a combined course.

Dr. Larkin introduced again, Carol Kelsall, K-12 Math Coordinator who elaborated on the Algebra 2.0 course explaining that Algebra 2.0 integrates topics from both Algebra I and Algebra II that make instructional sense. By taking this course, students will have the fundamentals of Algebra I and Algebra II when taking Keystone tests. She described how the progression of courses would occur with the addition of the new course. Those students who have taken 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math will take Algebra 2.0 then Geometry. Those students who are currently taking the Algebra I course, in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, will go into an Algebra II course before moving into Geometry.

## **8. Management**

### **8.1 Action Items**

#### **a. Approval of Attendance for Superintendent to attend the following conferences during the course of the 2014-2015 school year:**

##### **i. Pennsylvania Council of International Education**

Friday, October 17 & Saturday, 18, 2014

Harrisburg, PA

Workshops focus teaching global competencies skills in classroom

##### **ii. Pennsylvania School Board Association in conjunction with Pennsylvania Superintendents' Association Annual Fall Conference**

Wednesday, October 22 & Thursday, October 23, 2014

Hershey, PA

Various sessions associated with improving education in Pennsylvania.

**Note:** A team from ELANCO will present a session on Wednesday, October 22nd

Dr. Hollister presented the Board, per their agreement with the Superintendent, with the two conferences that he wishes to attend for the 2014-2015 school year. He noted to Board Members that they were welcome to attend either of the conferences. The Board Secretary would register anyone who was interested.

#### **b. Policy 249 - Bullying.**

It is recommended by PSBA that the School Administration and School Board review the policy every 3 years.

Mr. Irvin commented that with more control on bullying by the District, the less we would see students registering with cyber schools.

### **8.2 Information Items**

#### **a. Enrollment figures, including cyber school participation.**

Dr. Hollister presented the current enrollment figures for the 2014-2015 school year with the notation that these were not the final numbers. Submission of the official reporting occurs on October 1, 2014. The Board would be given an updated report on enrollment numbers when this happens.

3249 total students registered (3262 total for 2013-2014 school year)

109 total students enrolled in cyber schools (89 total in 2013-2014 school year)

*Note: 27 of those students are from Brecknock Elementary school enrolled in Education Plus Academy Charter School. Approximately \$207,000 out of the District budget.*

99 total students enrolled in ElancOnline Virtual Academy

- 45 total students fully enrolled in as EOL students
- 31 total students taking online courses in addition to high school courses
- 5 total alternative education students
- 9 total students in new piloted Spartan Academy
- 9 total emotional support students

Currently do not have a number of Home School students, however, the number of students enrolled in home schooling for the 2013-2014 school was 378. Number for 2014-2015 school year will presumably remain close to that number.

94 total guest students in Special Education program from 7 surrounding school districts.

The total number of students in private schools will be provided for the Board at the time of official reporting.

Dr. Hollister mentioned an additional information item. Board Members were invited to attend a statewide video conference event to be held on September 30, 2014 from 7:00 to 8:45 a.m. at Lancaster-Lebanon IU for a new effort in changing education funding – Basic Education Funding Campaign sponsored by many associations in the Commonwealth. Dr. Hollister and Mr. Ramsey will be attending. Board members are to inform Board Secretary if they wish to attend.

## **9. Announcements**

None.

## **10. Adjournment**

Mr. Hartz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. with a second by Mr. Irvin.

**The motion was approved (8-0; 1 absent – Yoder)**

Justin W. Johnson  
School Board Secretary  
September 8, 2014