



Board of Directors Meeting August 17, 2015 Minutes

Roll Call

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

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

Members not in attendance were: Rodney Jones, Bryan Naranjo and Jennifer Zeiset

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

1. Call to Order

President Yoder opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

2. Moment of Silence/Reflection - Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Paul Irvin 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

Dr. Larkin noted that there were several changes and additions to the personnel report.

Mr. Ramsey also noted that an updated bus driver list would be provided in September for the Board, if there were any changes.

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

4. Student of the Month Presentation

No Student of the Month Presentation.

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.)

Aaron Hoffman, New Holland

Mr. Hoffman commented on how much he appreciated the Board and the work that they were doing on behalf of education in New Holland. Mr. Hoffman said a prayer.

6. Special Presentation

No Special Presentation

7. Consent Agenda

Mr. Sanger presented the Board with information about the new incoming Agriculture Teacher, Ashley Tressler, listed on the personnel report for approval.

Mr. Irvin made a motion to approve the consent agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Dahl.
The motion was approved. (6-0; 3 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 Authorize the Chief of Finance and Operations to sign the Non Public Transportation Contracts for 2015-16

The cost per student increases by the increase in the transportation formula, which for 2015-16 is .8%. The total cost may vary depending on number of students transported.

7.10 Approval of Bus Drivers (Public and Nonpublic) and Bus Assistants for the 2015-16 School Year

Each year we are required to approve the listing of all contracted transportation drivers and bus assistants. A listing will be provided at the Board Meeting.

7.11 Approval to Renew the Agreement with Jani-King of Philadelphia, Inc. and to Authorize the Chief of Finance & Operations to Sign the Agreement

The cost remains fixed for the first 3 years of the agreement and a 2% increase in years 4 and 5.

7.12 Approve New High School Courses for the 2015-2016 School Year.

New high school courses for the 2105-2016 school year. All courses are aligned with PA Core Standards and developed by the content teachers.

Course syllabus, units and outlines available under Program Information Items - July 2015 Board Meeting.

Principles of Science

- This first year science course will serve as a foundation for ninth grade students to understand the nature of scientific thinking. Students will explore fundamental principles in physics, chemistry and biology that exist in the world that surrounds them. Topics will include the basics of measurement, matter, atomic, interactions, energy, and ecology. These topics will be introduced to students through hands-on activities and scientific questioning, as well as data collection and analysis to develop scientific models that will deepen understanding of science concepts. This course will prepare students for the rigorous Science, Technology, Engineering, and mathematics (STEM) curricula they will face in the future.
 - Resources used throughout the course - online content (see course below for websites), and labs

STEM 9

- The STEM 9 course will focus on the application of engineering, science, math, and technology skills to solve complex, open-ended problems in a real-world content. Students will focus on the process of defining and

solving a problem both individually as well as in small teams. Real world problems will be posed and students will have the opportunity to formulate a solution, design their product, and analyze their designs using math and science principles. Students will develop a global appreciation for alternative energy solutions and better understand how energy consumption affects the environment and economy.

- See attached resources in Resource List for STEM 9 below

Leadership

- This course will cover a range of leadership topics from personal leadership to group leadership to group communication skills. This course is designed to help students develop their personal leadership skills and learn how to apply those skills when working in a group setting. Students will also learn how to communicate effectively in a group setting. Hands-on activities in the various Agriculture Department shops and labs will enhance classroom lessons. All students are required to join and encouraged to actively participate in the Grassland FFA Chapter. All students will also have a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) project that they will work on throughout the semester.

- Texts

- *7 Habits of Highly Effective Teenagers*, by Steven Covey
- *Fish!* by Stephen Lundin, Harry Paul, and John Christensen
- *Strengths Based Leadership: Great Leaders, Teams and Why People Follow?* by Tom Rath and Barry Conchie

Animal Science

- This course will cover a range of animal science topics. These topics will include small animals, animal nutrition, poultry science, animals in society, animal breeding and environmental impacts of animals.

Information in this course will be helpful to those wishing to take the veterinary science course or those who are wishing to enter into a career that involves animals. Hands-on activities in the various Agriculture Department shops and labs will enhance classroom lessons. All students are required to join and encourages to actively participate in the Grassland FFA Chapter. All students will also have a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) project that they will work on throughout the semester.

- Texts

- *Animal Science: Biology and Technology*, by Robert Mikesell and MeeCee Baker
- *The Science of Animal Agriculture*, by Ray Herren
- *Modern Livestock and Poultry Production*, by James Gillespie

AP Environmental Science

- The goal of the AP Environmental Science course is to provide students with the scientific principles, concepts, and methodologies required to understand the interrelationships of the natural world, to identify and analyze environmental problems both natural and human-made, to evaluate the relative risks associated with these problems, and to examine alternative solutions for resolving or preventing them. Environmental science is interdisciplinary; it embraces a wide variety of topics from different areas of study. Yet there are several major unifying constructs, or themes, that cut across the many topics included in the study of environmental science.
 - Texts
 - *Environmental Science for AP*, by Friedland and Relyea
 - *A Sand County Almanac*, by Aldo Leopold
 - *Our Ecological Footprint*, by Wackernagel and Rees
 - Resources
 - Science Lab Notebook, from Lab Aids

7.13 Approve New Texts for Two Agriculture Courses at the High School for the 2015-2016 School Year.

Two new texts are being requested for two existing Agricultural courses, Ag Science 2 and Horticulture for the 2105-2016 school year. A sample unit for each course is attached to this section below to show where the text weaves into the curriculum.

Ag Science 2 Course

- Text
 - *The Man Who Fed the World*, by Leon Hesser

Horticulture Course

- Text
 - *Flower Confidential*, by Amy Stewart

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 September 16, 2015

Mr. Ramsey informed the Board that there had been no meeting for the Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau. The next meeting would take place on September 16, 2015.

9.2 Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13

Mr. Irvin reported the Lancaster-Lebanon Board met at the Lebanon office on August 12, 2015.

He reported that there was a new IU board member from Lampeter-Strasburg. He also reported several highlights from the meeting: The board approved \$17,278,896.14 in disbursements. He noted that if the governor and legislature of Pennsylvania do not pass a budget in the near future, then the IU13 would be looking to obtain a loan from the bank to cover expenses when their state funds were depleted. Mr. Irvin also reported that the board approved service contracts for Business Services Early Childhood and Special Education Services, Instructional Services, and Human Resource Services. There were twenty-three (23) resignations, three (3) retirements, one (1) termination, fifty-eight (58) new hires, forty-two (42) changes in position or salaries and three (3) leave of absences. The board also elected the 2015 PSBA Officers.

Mr. Irvin noted that Mr. Leon Moll was elected as the IU13 voting delegate to the 2015 PSBA Delegate Assembly. He commented that the Board would be receiving a recommendation from Mr. Moll and other local PSBA representatives for the upcoming PSBA officer elections for this year.

9.3 Lancaster CTC

Mrs. Readman reported that there was no meeting for the month of July. She did note that at the June meeting it was reported that enrollment was very full for the upcoming year.

9.4 Legislative

Mr. Wentzel reported that the stalemate regarding the state budget was continuing. He commented that there was a hint of compromise with the possibility of the Governor changing his stance regarding pension reform, however he was still being adamant about the increase of \$400 million for basic education. He noted that there may not be a passed budget until November or December.

He also presented the board with an article from the Reading Eagle by Karen Shuey regarding property tax rates across the country. He noted that it was mentioned that Pennsylvania was rated 13th worse in the country.

Mr. Wentzel also reported on the status of the State Attorney General, noting that Governor and both parties were calling her to either resign or take a leave of absence.

10. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Hollister announced to the Board that it had been a quiet summer, but there had been a lot of activity preparing for the upcoming new year. He informed the Board that there was a total of 27 new teachers starting this year and a total of 72 new teachers added to the District over the last three years. He commented that though a lot of work for the staff and principals, this was bringing into the District a lot of fresh and new ideas.

He reiterated to the Board that the first day for teachers was the next day, August 18th with breakfast starting at 7:20 a.m. He noted that all board members were welcome to attend.

11. Announcements

Dr. Hollister reminded the Board that the Board Retreat would take place at the end of September on the 28th.

12. Adjournment

Mr. Wentzel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. with a second by Mr. Irvin. **The motion was approved (6-0; 3 absent)**

Justin W. Johnson
School Board Secretary
August 17, 2015