



Committee of the Whole Meeting April 11, 2016 Minutes

Roll Call

Members in attendance were: Jonathan Dahl, Paul Irvin, Rodney Jones, Dina Maio, Bryan Naranjo, Melissa Readman, Thomas Wentzel, Glenn Yoder, and Jennifer Zeiset **NOTE:** *Mr. Jonathan Dahl joined the meeting at 7:07 p.m.*

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

Members not in attendance were: None

Staff/Public in attendance were: Members of the community and staff members of the district

1. Welcome and Call to Order

President Yoder opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. President Yoder announced that an executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss employee personnel resignations, a student discipline matter and a negotiations matter.

2. Moment of Silence/Reflection - Pledge of Allegiance

President Yoder led in a silent meditation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Citizens Comments

Meredith Dahl, Earl Township

Mrs. Dahl thanked the Board and the Administration for all that they do for the District and said a prayer.

4. Approve Personnel Report

Mr. Wentzel made a motion to approve the personnel report. It was seconded by Mr. Irvin. **The motion was approved. (9-0)**

5. Property and Services

a. Action Item - Bid Award for the Parking Lot Project at the Blue Ball Elementary School

Mr. Ramsey informed the Board that he had provided them with the bid award for the Blue Ball Elementary parking lot project for approval at the upcoming Board meeting. He indicated that three bids were submitted with MCA, the contractor for the Brecknock Elementary project coming in with the lowest bid. He also noted that the bid included the changes and additions as required by the Township and County with a timeline for the project starting after the end of the school year and ending before the start of the new school year.

b. Action Item - Increase in Breakfast, Lunch and Milk Prices effective for 2016-17 school year

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act, which is effective July 1, 2011, requires schools participating in the School Nutrition Programs to price their school lunches so the reimbursement received for free meals or reduced price meals are not offsetting the cost to produce the paid meal.

For 2016-17, District's that charged less than \$2.78 for paid lunches in 2015-16 are required to adjust their lunch prices.

We are recommending increasing prices for next year per the attached document.

Mr. Ramsey presented the recommended increase for lunch and milk prices for the 16-17 school year for approval at the upcoming Board meeting, indicating the required adjustment by the CPI increasing prices by \$0.15. He noted that the District was still below the average and one of the lowest in the County.

c. Action Item - Designation of Agent Resolution

This resolution designates the Chief of Finance and Operations to execute all documents necessary to request reimbursement for the snow storm on January 22-23, 2016.

Mr. Ramsey requested the Board to approve his designation as the agent to complete all documentation seeking the reimbursement of contracted snow removal from the snow storm that occurred in January. He noted that the District had pursued this reimbursement several years ago and received \$18,000 in return.

d. Action Item - Approve the Chief of Finance and Operations Signing the Voluntary Accident Insurance Renewal Application for 2016-17

The voluntary accident coverage is renewing with no change in rates.

School Time Coverage - \$36.00 per student

24 Hour Coverage - \$125.00 per student

Mr. Ramsey informed the Board that he was seeking approval for signing the Voluntary Accident Insurance Renewal Application for the 16-17 school year and indicated that there were not changes in the rates. He informed the Board that it had been previously discussed about removing all sport insurance coverage including the football for this year. This leaves just the voluntary accident insurance coverage available to parents with no cost to the District.

e. Information Item - 2015-16 State Budget Update

Basic Education Funding (BEF):

The governor plans to send out the new 2015-16 BEF through a restoration formula, but the legislature is still working on implementing the new BEF formula. This issue is unsettled and likely to change by the end of June--meaning that the amounts may not be what you end up with for 2015-16.

BEF Funding Commission	\$160,080
Governor	<u>51,677</u>
Difference	\$108,403

Ready to Learn Grant (RTL):

The governor distributed the RTL increase via a restoration formula in January. The legislature disagrees on this distribution and has their own proposal. This issue is unsettled as well.

BEF Funding Commission	\$ 51,431
Governor	<u>30,973</u>
Difference	\$ 20,458

Special Education Funding (SEF):

Everyone agreed to the SEF increase of \$30 million back in December, so the distribution of the SEF is set, and you can count on this number...it won't change in 2015-16

Increase	\$17,449
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Rental Reimbursement:

This is the state reimbursement that the District receives on our Debt Service. The Governor vetoed this line item in the fiscal code. Therefore, as it stands right now, the District isn't receiving any reimbursement for this revenue item in 2015-16.

Mr. Ramsey updated the Board on the Budget Impasse and its effects on the District. The Administration and Board discussed the budget impasse and the ramifications on the District Budget. Mr. Ramsey noted that until there was a resolution, some disbursement of funds would be on hold and other amounts could not be determined.

6. Program

a. Information Item - AP World History Textbook Adoption for 2016-2017 School Year

The history department at Garden Spot High School has requested a new textbook for the AP World History course.

Traditions and Encounters, A Global Perspective on the Past, 6th Ed., published by McGraw Hill, is a College Board approved textbook for Advanced Placement World History. The textbook is officially aligned to the updated Advanced Placement World History course and exam redesign, which is officially being implemented during the 2016-2017 academic school year. Content in the textbook is organized around the College Board's key concepts and course themes for AP World History. The text incorporates advanced placement historical thinking skills, chapter summaries, exam questions and primary sources (utilizing fantastic visuals). It also loops content throughout historical time periods. In addition to the text, McGraw Hill implements Connect, a web-based assignment and assessment platform. Here, students will use Smart Book, an interactive web-based textbook. Smart Book adapts to students by directing and highlighting text the student knows and does not know (based on various embedded formative assessments), promoting heightened engagement and long-term retention of content.

Traditions and Encounters is used by many school districts across the country. Included as a separate document is list compiled by Garden Spot High School's AP World History teacher, Mr. Chris Epler. Some school districts in Pennsylvania and surrounding areas include the following: Council Rock SD, Gettysburg Area SD, Radnor SD, Southern Lehigh SD, Fairfax County Public SD, Alexandria Public SD, Fairmont Heights High School (Prince George Country Public SD). Additionally, there are some universities implementing this text as well, which include: Ohio State University, Northeastern University and University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. Below is the option that is recommended to the Board as most beneficial for the students:

- \$135.00 Per Bundle
- Bundle = Bentley, *Traditions & Encounters: A Global Perspective on the*

Past UPDATED AP Edition 2017 6e, Standard Student Bundle, 6-Year Subscription (Student Edition with Connect) - This is a print student edition with six years of Connect (online access to Smart Book, assignments, messages, and resources).

- 50 Bundles Needed
- TOTAL COST = \$7,078.64 (Textbooks = \$6,750.00, Estimated Shipping & Handling = \$328.64 & Estimated Tax = TBD)

Dr. Larkin introduced Dr. Patrick Winters, Director of Curriculum and Instruction who present to the Board the request for a new text book for the AP World History class for the 16-17 school year. Dr. Winters reviewed the merits and cost of the new text, informing the Board that the new text was in line with changes the College Board had made in the World History AP test. Dr. Larkin informed the Board that the text would be placed on the May Board agenda for approval.

b. Information Item - Birth - 5 Outreach by District

Representatives from the District met with community organizations - Cross Connections, ESSN, Head Start, and New Holland Learning Center on March 31st. We discussed the learning opportunities that the District is providing or looking to provide during the 2016-2017 school year for parents, caregivers, and children. Attached are information items we shared with the organizations, along with our Kindergarten Registration Flyer for our Kindergarten Registration, May 10th - 12th.

Dr. Larkin introduced Mr. Greg Frederick, Director of Elementary Instruction, who updated the Board on several initiatives the District was putting in place for Pre-K learning including Pre-Kindergarten events hosted by the district as well as the parent access to early learning online tools and videos. He informed the Board that these initiatives were a result of a recent county-wide kindergarten readiness audit which revealed the district's kindergarten readiness at 19%, below the 25% average for the County. He also informed the Board of the District's outreach to local early learning centers and community organizations to discuss opportunities for professional development and distribution of early learning services and information to the district's community.

7. Management

a. Action Item - Permission for Dr. Hollister to attend the H.R. Retreat sponsored by the Lancaster Lebanon IU13 at the end of April.

Dr. Hollister requested the Board to approve his attendance to the Lancaster Lebanon IU13 H.R. Retreat to be held at the end of April.

b. Action Item - Post for an Elementary Assistant Principal to be shared at all three buildings, but primarily at Blue Ball and New Holland.

Post for an Elementary Assistant Principal to be shared at all three buildings, but primarily at Blue Ball and New Holland. The position will be advertised as a one year pilot and then reviewed.

Dr. Hollister updated the Board on the need for an additional administrator at the elementary level and requested the approval of the posting for an Elementary Assistant Principal on a one year pilot basis to assist in operations at all three elementary buildings, but primarily at New Holland and Blue Ball Elementary.

c. Information Item - TOBACCO USE POLICY 222

d. Information Item - NALOXONE POLICY 823

Dr. Hollister presented the Board with two School Board Policies, Tobacco – Policy 222 and Naloxone – Policy 823 for review and then up for approval at the next month’s Board meeting. He noted that the Naloxone policy was written by the District’s solicitor.

e. Information Item - a. Discussion regarding the purchase of gunshot detection software and the monitoring service that accompanies the system.

Dr. Hollister presented the Board with an update on the discussion of the purchase of the gunshot detection software and monitoring service. He indicated that the total amount of the implementing the service was \$150,000 for sensor installation and \$32,000 annually for 5 years. He noted that an additional \$25,000 was needed for the district to run all the cabling in-house. Dr. Hollister explained to the Board how the system worked and the merits of having the preventative service.

Board and Administration discussed the pros and cons of pursuing the purchase of the software. The Board requested that the Administration obtain additional information on the software for reporting at an upcoming Board meeting.

8. Announcements

No Announcements.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Wentzel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. with a second by Mr. Irvin. **The motion was approved. (9-0)**

Justin W. Johnson
School Board Secretary
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