Committee of the Whole Meeting  
September 14, 2015  
Minutes

Roll Call  
Members in attendance were: Rodney Jones, Dina Maio, Bryan Naranjo, Melissa Readman, Thomas Wentzel, Glenn Yoder and Jennifer Zeiset  
NOTE: Mr. Jones was joining the group by videocam.  
Non-Voting Members in attendance were: Robert Hollister, Justin Johnson, Nadine Larkin and Keith Ramsey  
Members not in attendance were: Jonathan Dahl and Paul Irvin  
Staff/Public in attendance were: Several citizens of the community.

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

2. Moment of Silence/Reflection - Pledge of Allegiance  
President Yoder led in a silent mediation 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.

Debra Reimers, Earl Township

Mrs. Reimers addressed the Board indicating that she wanted to encourage the Board with praise about the District from the community and said a prayer.

4. Approve Personnel Report  
Mr. Wentzel made a motion to approve the personnel report. It was seconded by Mrs. Zeiset.  
The motion was approved.  (7-0; 2 absent)
5. **Property and Services**
   5.1 Action Items - None

5.2 Information Items – None
Mr. Ramsey stated that he had neither action items nor information items to share with Board.

6. **Program**
   6.1 Action Item - Approval of Affidavits of Guardianship
Dr. Larkin informed the Board that she had Affidavits of Guardianship for approval at the next Board meeting.

6.2 Information Items – None

7. **Management**
   7.1 Action Item - Elect PSBA Officers for 2016 school year.
Dr. Hollister announced that the Board had until the next Board meeting to decide their votes for the President Elect and Vice President for the PSBA Officers for 2016. He noted that a motion to approve election of those officers would have to be made and commented that Mr. Irvin had mentioned that he would be bringing a recommendation from the IU.

7.2 Action Item - Approval to attend workshops/conferences for the Superintendent.
- **Pennsylvania Council for International Education, Pittsburgh, PA, Friday, October 2nd & Saturday, October 3rd.**
  This is an annual conference offered for K-20 educators. The overall theme of the workshop sessions and keynote is: Engaging students in international education opportunities and fostering global competency skills in the classroom.

- **PASA/PSBA Annual State Conference, Hershey, PA, Wednesday, October 14 & Thursday, October 15th.**
  A wide variety of sessions and keynote speakers address current trends, needs, and solutions for public education. *Note:* Dr. Hollister, Mr. Ramsey, Mrs. Martin, and Ms. Hare were invited to present a concurrent session on Thursday, October 15th.

- **IU13 Superintendent’s Fall Study Council, Cupertino, CA, October 27-October 31.**
  Lead by IU personnel, Superintendents will be working with educational facilitators from the Apple Organization and conducting school visitations of model school districts who are using technology in innovative ways.
Dr. Hollister presented to the Board several conferences that he would be attending this year for approval per his contract. He informed the Board that PACIE was an organization that promotes the inclusion of global competencies skills K-20. This conference will take place in Pittsburgh. He also informed the Board that at the Annual State School Board Conference, Eastern Lancaster County School District had been asked to present on Thursday morning of the conference, regarding the outsourcing of support staff members. He updated the Board on the upcoming Superintendent Retreat in Cupertino, CA, noting that the Superintendents had taken this trip 6-7 year ago, however he was unable to attend. He indicated that the Superintendents would be visiting the Apple headquarters in Cupertino and attending learning sessions on technology integration in schools. They also would be spending a day and half visiting local schools.

7.3 Action Item - Recommendation of Payment to Band Booster Organization
Recommend that the District make a lump sum payment to the Band Boosters organization to equal the cost that the District would have incurred to rent a van to travel to away football games for the current school year and for the 2016-2017 school year. The Band Boosters have acquired a trailer that will result in no need for the van rental going forward.
Dr. Hollister recommended the Board approve the District to issue $850 to the Band Boosters to contribute to the cost of the acquisition of a Band Trailer.
Dr. Hollister noted that the Band Boosters had worked very hard to acquire the trailer through donations from the community. He felt this was an appropriate way to acknowledge the work of the community by partnering with them and contributing to the overall cost of the trailer. This was a way to continue to encourage the community to work on district projects.

7.4 Action Item - Approval for Administration to work with Solicitor to develop scenarios to recoup finance resources from Cyber Chart School, EdPlus.
Approval for the Administration to work with Solicitor to develop possible scenarios to recoup finance resources from the illegally operated cyber charter school, EdPlus.
Dr. Hollister requested the Board approve the Administration to seek counsel from the District Solicitor to come up with options to recuperate funds that were given to the cyber charter school. (Total of $10,000 per student, $17,000 per special education student) Dr. Hollister informed the Board that the District currently has 39 students attending EdPlus, a cyber charter school affiliated with Cavod Academy. He noted that currently the school was not running as a legally sanctioned cyber school. He also noted that other districts in Lancaster County and Chester County, who also have students attending the school, may join in the possible investigation into this inquiry. Dr. Hollister informed the Board that Representative Zimmerman’s office was also involved due to the illegality of the situation. He commented that
Representative Zimmerman was very supportive of alternative education options such as cyber schools, however, not when they were breaking the law.

7.5 Information Item - “Pause” of the School Performance Profile (SPP) calculation and reporting for the 2015-2016 school year.
Dr. Hollister informed the Board that the District recently received communication from the Pennsylvania Department of Education regarding the anticipated PSSA scores from last year. He also informed the Board that PDE had put a hold or “pause” on the SPP, due to the fact that PSSA scores had plummeted across the state. Dr. Hollister stated that the District had just received the scores which would be mailed to parents in the near future. He advised the Board that the Secretary of Education would be drafting a letter that would be going out to parents preparing them for the fallen scores indicating that extreme differences in the test from last year and the year before.

Per the request from a Board member, Dr. Hollister informed the Board that there had not been the same rush of enrollments at the start of this year as there had been last year. He noted that there was the usual flood of registrations before the start of school, including those coming from EdPlus.

8. Announcements
No Announcements.

9. Adjournment
Mr. Wentzel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. with a second by Mrs. Zeiset. The motion was approved. (7-0; 2 absent)

Justin W. Johnson
School Board Secretary
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