

Committee of the Whole Meeting October 12, 2015 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

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

Members not in attendance were:

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

1. Welcome and Call to Order

President Yoder opened the meeting at 7:06 p.m. President Yoder indicated that an executive meeting had occurred before the meeting to discuss a legal matter.

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.

Daryl Martin, Terre Hill

Mr. Martin thanked the Board for all that they do. Mr. Martin then 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.** (9-0)

5. Property and Services

5.1 Action Item - Approval of the Snow Removal Contract with Usner Excavating for 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18

Usner Excavating is not increasing prices from last year and has locked them in for 3 years.

We solicited quotes the last 2 years and Usner Excavating was the successful low bidder.

5.2 Action Item - Capital Reserve Fund Transfer and Fund Balance Commitments as of June 30, 2015

Mr. Ramsey informed the Board that he had two actions items to present to be taken action on at next Board Meeting. He indicated that a RFP was sent out for Snow Removal and Usner Excavating came in with the lowest bid. He noted that there was no increase in prices from the previous year and this rate would be locked in for length of contract. Mr. Ramsey was recommending that the Board approve the contract with Usner Excavating for the next three years (15-16, 16-17 7 17-18).

Dr. Hollister noted that Usner Excavating has served the District well.

Mr. Ramsey presented to the Board the fund balance of the 2014-2015 fiscal year of \$1,562,417. He reviewed with the Board the expenditures and revenue increases which resulted in the current fund balance total. He presented his recommendation to keep \$500,000 in the General Fund for technology expenditures. Mr. Ramsey requested the Board approve the Capital Reserve Fund Transfer and Fund Balance commitments for the 14-15 fiscal year at the next Board meeting.

Dr. Hollister made a note, with compliments to Mr. Ramsey, that the budget came in where it should be and revenues were increasing, good for both the economy and the school district.

5.3 Information Items - None

6. Program

6.1 Presentation from High School Health & PE Teachers on Fitness Program

Julie Groft and Colleen Parmer of the High School Health & PE Department, along with several students, presented to the Board a presentation on heartrate monitors and their use in the classroom.

Dr. Hollister commented that this was an awesome program.

6.2 Action Item - Approve the Assistant to the Superintendent to sign coaching contract with the Lanc/Leb IU13 for \$90,100 for the 15-16 school year.

Lancaster-Lebanon IU13 is providing the following services within the scope of this contract:

- Assist in the development and implementation of instructional strategies, curriculum and instruction to support rotational learning.
- Provide up to 106 days of services in the school district, including professional development, coaching, site visits, and planning meetings.
- Professional development will consist of the following areas:
 - Understanding the rotational learning model
 - o Classroom Management
 - Lesson Planning
 - Data Driven Instruction
 - Content Provider Assistance/Training
 - Any content providers that are selected
 - o Project Based Learning Collaborative Station Ideas
 - Professional Development Work Days Meeting the individual needs of the teachers.
- Instructional coaching will include the following services:
 - o Classroom coaching
 - o 1:1 teacher support
 - o Small Group Instruction
 - o Teacher pull out training days
 - Lesson planning and development, including lesson plan ideas, resources, and strategies provided throughout the school year
 - Meetings with school administrators to discuss progress and changes that need to occur
 - Ongoing consultation from the instructional coach through email, phone calls, Skype, etc.
 - Content provider support

6.3 Action Item - Approve a Settlement Agreement for educational expenses for a student with special needs.

Dr. Larkin announced to the Board that she had two items for the Consent agenda at the next board meeting. The first was the approval for the Assistant to the Superintendent to sign the coaching contract with the IU13 regarding rotational learning. She noted that this cost comes from the professional development budget. Also for approval was a settlement agreement for educational expenses for a student with special needs.

6.4 Information Item - New German Textbook

Dr. Larkin also presented a new German textbook that would be up for approval at the November Board Meeting. The book was available for any Board members who wish to review.

7. Management

7.1 Action Item - Approve Amy Shaffer & Bonita Stone as a non-stipendiary Volunteer Coaches representing GSHS at all PIAA Sanctioned Swimming Events.

Dr. Hollister noted that every year the Board must approve the volunteer coaches representing the Garden Spot High School at the PIAA swimming events.

7.2 Action Item - Cyber Charter School Costs and Payment delay/withhold due to state budget stalemate and unsanctioned cyber school operation. Dr. Hollister presented the recommendation of the District Solicitor to stop all funds and expenses to EdPlus Cyber Charter School indefinitely due to unsanctioned operations.

7.3 Information Items.

Dr. Hollister announced that the State Police were conducting a safety patrol the following Wednesday, following several busses from the District to track any traffic violations.

8. Announcements

Dr. Hollister announced that an executive session would take place after the meeting discuss a personnel matter.

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.** (9-0)

Justin W. Johnson School Board Secretary October 12, 2015