



Committee of the Whole Meeting November 9, 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 **NOTE:** Mr. Jones was joining the group by videocam.

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

Members not in attendance were: Nadine Larkin

Staff/Public in attendance were: Members of the community, student/members of the Band, member of the press, staff members of the district

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 meditation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this time, President Yoder noted a change in the agenda moving the Program Information Item 6.3 to occur before Citizens Comments.

6. Program

6.3 Information Item - Review of the planned changes to the HS music program for the 2016/2017 school year.

Dr. Hollister presented to the Board the recommended and proposed changes to the Garden Spot High School music program for the 2016-2017 school year. He discussed the reasons for the changes and the benefits for the students.

Mr. Sanger discussed the issues the GPAs of students currently in the music program and the positive effect the proposed changes will have on their GPAs.

3. Citizens Comments

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

Vinny Tennis, New Holland

Mr. Tennis presented his concerns with the proposed changes to the Garden Spot High School music program and requested the Board change the homeschool policy. Mr. Tennis respectfully asked the Board to table the changes until further information was provided.

Charlotte Martin, New Holland

Ms. Martin thanked each Board Member for all that they do and then said a prayer.

Sherri Delgado, East Earl

Ms. Delgado also presented her concerns with the proposed changes to the Garden Spot High School music program and directed several questions to the Administration about the changes.

Raymond Townsend, Narvon

Mr. Townsend stated his concerns on how the new proposed changes to the Garden Spot High School music program would have effect the Spring concert.

Bonnie Tennis, New Holland

Mrs. Tennis commented on her concerns with the proposed changes to the Garden Spot High School music program.

Lisa Garrett, East Earl

Mrs. Garrett stated her concerns with the proposed changes to the Garden Spot High School music program as well as with the current "block scheduling" in place.

Julie Nugyen, New Holland

Ms. Nugyen presented her concerns regarding the current GPA rating system.

President Yoder thanked the audience for their attendance and comments. He noted that they would continue to discuss this issue with feedback from the community. He also noted that the Board would not be taking action on this issue.

Caleb Myers, East Earl

Mr. Myers presented to the Board a statement commenting on the banning of several sports from all 4th graders at Blue Ball Elementary recess time due to several students being hurt.

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

5.1 Action Item - Approval of the Chief of Finance & Operations signing Amendment #1 and #2 to the Medical Plan

Amendment #1 - Makes various changes as required by the Affordable Care Act (ACA)

Amendment #2 - Makes changes to the Maximum Out of Pocket (MOOP) as required by the ACA

5.2 Action Item - Approval of the Section 125 Plan as Amended 1/1/15 and Restated 11/1/15 and to Authorize the Chief of Finance & Operations to Sign

This document incorporates all of the amendments since the original document was adopted and incorporates into one document.

Mr. Ramsey advised the board that he had two action items to be placed on consent agenda at the upcoming Board meeting. The first was the approval of his signing two amendments to the current District Medical plan making changes as required by the Affordable Care Act. The second was the approval to authorize him to approve and sign the amended and restated Section 125 Plan. The changes combines all the amendments since the original into one plan document complying with the HSA as well as some of the other benefits.

5.3 Information Items - None

6. Program

6.1 Action Item - New German Textbook

Dr. Hollister reviewed what Dr. Larkin had presented at a previous Committee Meeting regarding the purchase of a new German Textbook up for approval at next board meeting. He commented that purchasing an all-electronic text was investigated, but none could be found.

6.2 Action Item - Approval of Change in Expulsion

The high school administration is recommending that a student who was expelled through the end of the 2015-2016 school year have his expulsion time decreased. Dr. Hollister requested the Board approve at the next Board meeting the reduction of expulsion time for a student per the request of the High School Administration

due the student's excellent progress in the District's Alternative Education Program.

7. Management

7.1 Action Items - None.

7.2 Information Item - Update on the Petition filed against PDE through PSBA regarding slot revenue redirection.

Dr. Hollister updated the Board on the Petition that was filed against PDE regarding the redirection of slot revenue funds to cyber schools. He advised them that the Districts were asked to withdraw the petition which had been done and the issue was currently placed on hold.

Dr. Hollister also informed the Board that District Solicitor updated him on EdPlus charter cyber school indicating that the school has now closed down two centers in Exton and Brandywine due to budget impasse and loss of funds.

8. Announcements

No Announcements.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Irvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. with a second by Mr. Wentzel. **The motion was approved. (9-0)**

Justin W. Johnson
School Board Secretary
October 12, 2015