



Committee of the Whole Meeting March 13, 2017 Minutes

A Committee Meeting of the Eastern Lancaster County School Board of Directors, which was properly advertised on April 8, 2016 in the LNP *Lancaster Newspaper*, was held on Monday, March 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., in Community Hall located at the Garden Spot High School and Middle Complex, 669 E. Main Street, New Holland, PA 17557.

Roll Call

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

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

Members not in attendance were: Bryan Naranjo

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 7:00 p.m.

2. Moment of Silence/Reflection - Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Citizens of the District Comments

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

Chris Buck, New Holland

Mr. Buck thanked the Board for their service and said a prayer.

4. Special Presentation

Alternative Education Program - Mr. Matthew Sanger, Garden Spot High School Principal & Deidre Petry

Dr. Larkin introduced Mr. Sanger, Principal for Garden Spot High School.

Mr. Sanger presented the Board with highlights of the Garden Spot High School Alternative Education Program and on the most recent audit that was received for the program. He indicated that the program received no recommendations for areas of improvement and highlighted several of the comments by the Audit Team. Mr. Sanger then introduced the Board to Deidre Petry, the teacher in charge of the Alt Ed Program along with her assistant Ms. Jennifer Sauler. Ms. Petry presented the Board with an overview of the Alt Ed Program noting the daily routine for the students enrolled in the program and areas of focus that were concentrated on in the classroom which included academics, counseling, and community service. Ms. Petry thanked the Board, Mr. Sanger and the Administration for their support.

5. Approve Personnel Report

Mr. Wentzel made a motion to approve the personnel report. It was seconded by Mrs. Zeiset. **The motion was approved. (8-0; 1 absent)**

6. Property and Services

a. Action Item - Approval of PlanCon Part K (Project Refinancing) and to Authorize Submission to PDE

PlanCon Part K assigns the project reimbursement percentage from the 2015 Note (refunded) to the 2017 Bond Issue (new issue)

Mr. Ramsey requested the Board to place the Approval of PlanCon Part K (Project Refinancing) and Authorize submission to PDE on the consent agenda for approval at the upcoming Board meeting. He noted that this will allow the District to move project reimbursements funds from the refunded 2015 note to the new issued 2017 Bond.

b. Action Item - Approve the Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit #13 General Operating Budget (GOB) Budget for 2017-18

The Intermediate Unit's General Operating Budget consists of 2 component budgets, as follows:

- The Core Program of Services budget reflects a 2.46% increase in total expenditures. There is no District assessment for this budget.
- The Instructional Media Services (IMS) budget reflects a 0.56% decrease in total expenditures and no change in district contributions to the program.

Mr. Ramsey also requested the Board place the Approval of the Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13 General Operating Budget for 2017-2018 on the consent agenda for approval at the upcoming Board meeting. Mr. Ramsey informed the Board that there was a 2.46% increase in the expenditures as related to school use services and for the Instructional Media Service budget there was a .56% decrease with no change in the District's contributions to the program. Mr. Ramsey thanked the IU for their work at keeping this no change in contributions over the last several years. He also thanked Mr. Irvin for helping by serving on the IU Board.

7. Program

a. Action Item - Approval of Affidavits of Guardianship

Dr. Larkin requested the Board to place on the consent agenda the Approval of an Affidavit of Guardianship at the upcoming Board meeting.

b. Action Item - Approve Assistant to the Superintendent to Sign Agreement with Seesaw

Dr. Larkin also requested the Board to approve her to sign an Agreement with Seesaw, a digital portfolio program currently being piloted at the Elementary levels, mainly at New Holland Elementary. She informed the Board that the agreement was for the 2017-2018 to be used schoolwide at all elementary schools. She indicated that the reason for the approval of signing the agreement now was to allow the District to continue to pilot the program for free for the next remaining three months. Dr. Larkin informed the Board that the total cost of the program for three years was \$19,480.

8. Management

a. Actions Items - None.

b. Information Item - Presently Graduation is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7, 2017. This is probably the least desirable day of the week for...

Presently Graduation is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7, 2017. This is probably the least desirable day of the week for Graduation. Discussion regarding options are underway.

The Administration and Board decided to table this item due to the upcoming inclement weather. Further discussion would continue at the next Board meeting.

c. Other Item - Compliments to the High School Administrative Team and Dr. Larkin's Team for an excellent audit of the Alternative Education Program.

Dr. Larkin on behalf of Dr. Hollister thanked and commended Mr. Sanger and the High School Alt Education Team for the excellent audit of the Alternative Education Program.

9. Announcements

No Announcements.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Wentzel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. with a second by Mr. Irvin. **The motion was approved. (8-0; 1 absent)**

Justin W. Johnson
School Board Secretary
March 13, 2017

