



Committee of the Whole Meeting April 10, 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, April 10, 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, 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 7:00 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.

Joel Martin, New Holland

Mr. Martin thanked the Board for the energy and time that they put in for the students and the community. He thanked them for their commitment and said a prayer.

4. Special Presentation - K-12 School Counselor Department "Chapter 339 K-12 Counseling Curriculum".

Dr. Larkin introduced the Counseling Department for Eastern Lancaster County School District.
Ellen Cantymagli, Co-Lead Counselor, Garden Spot High School
Lynn Sommer, Co-Lead Counselor, Garden Spot Middle School
James Chernigo, Blue Ball Elementary
Jessica Reidenbach, New Holland Elementary
Liz Horbal, Brecknock Elementary
Jill Bielawski, Garden Spot Middle School
Barb Kreider, Garden Spot High School
Krista Schick, Garden Spot High School

Each Counseling Department presented the Board with initiatives as part of the K-12 counseling curriculum that each building is implementing to help guide each individual students find their path either into post-secondary education or careers.

Board members and Administration thanked the Counseling for all that they are doing with the Counseling program.

5. Approve Personnel Report

Mr. Wentzel made a motion to approve the personnel report. It was seconded by Mr. Naranjo. **The motion was approved. (8-0)**

6. Property and Services

a. Action Item - PlanCon Part K (Project Refinancing) Approval Letter and Attachments for 2017 Bond Issue

Mr. Ramsey ask the Board to approve the PlanCon Part K Approval Letter and Attachments for the 2017 Bond Issue.

b. Action Item - Increase in Breakfast, Lunch and Milk Prices effective for 2017-18 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 2017-18, District's that charged less than \$2.86 for paid lunches in 2016-17 are required to adjust their lunch prices.

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

Mr. Ramsey ask the Board to approve the increases in breakfast and lunch prices for the 2017-2018 school year at \$0.10 each for both breakfast and lunch.

c. Action Item - Approve the Chief of Finance and Operations Signing the Voluntary Accident Insurance Renewal Application for 2017-18

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 ask the Board to approve him signing the Voluntary Accident Insurance Renewal Application for the 2017-2018 School year. He noted that the school district no longer offers sport insurance.

d. Information Item - Real Estate Tax Collection thru Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau (LTCB)

Mr. Ramsey informed the Board of a pilot that Eastern Lancaster County School District would be taking part in that entails the LTCB to help with collecting taxes for Lancaster County school districts. He indicated that three other schools districts would also be taking part in the pilot, including Pequea Valley, Conestoga Valley, and School District of Lancaster. He indicated that Conestoga Valley implementing the program first and Eastern Lancaster County School District would follow. Mr. Ramsey informed the Board that would continue with updates in the future.

e. Information Item - 2017-18 Budget

Mr. Ramsey presented the Board with a preview of the 2017-2018 Budget for Eastern Lancaster County School District. He reported a summary of the preliminary budget indicating the total increase of 3.22% in expenditures and 1.5% increase of revenues.

Board and Administration discussed options for balancing the budget for the 2017-2018 school year. The Board indicated that they would rather use reserves funds rather than raising taxes higher than the 2.5% index. Mr. Ramsey informed the Board that he would continue to update them on the preliminary budget.

Mr. Ramsey informed the Board that the Final Proposed Budget would be approved at the May 15th meeting and the Final Budget approved at the June 19th meeting. He also noted that the District were informed that the tax elimination proposal did not have the votes to move forward.

7. Program

a. Action Item - Approval of Chapter 339 School Counseling Plan

Dr. Larkin requested the Board to review and approve the Chapter 339 Counseling Plan. She noted that any questions or concerns could be directed to her or either co-lead counselor.

b. Action Item - Approval of Affidavits of Guardianship

Dr. Larkin requested the Board to approve Affidavits of Guardianship for the month of March.

8. Management

a. Action Item - Establish June 9th at 6:30 p.m. for Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2017.

Dr. Hollister requested the Board approve June 9th as the date for the graduation date for the Class of 2017.

Mr. Irvin made a motion to Establish June 9th at 6:30 p.m. for Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2017. It was seconded by Mr. Wentzel. **The motion was approved. (8-0)**

b. Information Item - PSSA testing opt out totals.

Dr. Hollister informed the Board that a total of 9 students were opted out of the PSSA testing at the Middle School and Blue Ball Elementary School.

c. Information Item - Beatrice Gauthier was accepted to the Global Studies Governor's School this summer held at The University of Pitt, Pittsburgh.

Dr. Hollister announced that Garden Spot High School student, Beatrice Gauthier was accepted into the Global Studies Governor's School for the upcoming summer.

d. Information Item - c. New program in the works to introduce young ladies to the corporate world. The program is called GenHERation...

New program in the works to introduce young ladies to the corporate world. The program is called GenHERation. It will occur this summer in Philadelphia.

Dr. Hollister reported to the Board that several Garden Spot High School female students were being recruited to take part in a new program that introduces young ladies to the corporate world. He noted that students would be would be traveling to Philadelphia for one day and visit several corporate business hosted by The Wharton Business School. Dr. Hollister requested the Board to help pay for students to attend the program. Board member encouraged Dr. Hollister to approach the Spartan Foundation to invest in supplying the funds.

e. Information Item - Hinkletown Mennonite request to have their students participate in our Athletic program.

Dr. Hollister informed the Board that Hinkletown Mennonite School requested the District allow their students to participate in the District's Athletic Program. Dr. Hollister reported that

he denied the request, indicating that currently no other private schools participated in the program and noted several reasons for his decision.

f. Information Item - IU “Reinventing Learning” Event, April 19th

Dr. Hollister announced that the IU13 was hosting an new event in place of the IU13 showcase which usually showcased new school buildings. He noted that several school districts would be presenting at the event and the Board was welcome to attend.

9. Announcements

Dr. Hollister announced that Mr. Justin Johnson, Board Secretary and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent’s Office was awarded the Educational Office Professional of the Year and also the Award of Merit for his work on the (LLAEOP) Lancaster Lebanon Association of Education Office Professionals’ newsletter.

Dr. Hollister announced that there would be an executive session after the meeting to discuss a personnel matter to discuss a resignation.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Irvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. with a second by Mrs. Zeiset. **The motion was approved. (8-0)**

Justin W. Johnson
School Board Secretary
April 10, 2017