



Committee of the Whole Meeting June 11, 2018 Minutes

A Committee Meeting of the Eastern Lancaster County School Board of Directors, which was properly advertised in the LNP *Lancaster Newspaper*, was held on Monday, June 11, 2018 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: Gary Buck, Jonathan Dahl, Paul Irvin, Rodney Jones, Dina Maio, Bryan Naranjo, Melissa Readman, Thomas Wentzel, and Glenn Yoder

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 and a member of the media.

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.

Earl Kreider, East Earl.

Mr. Kreider said a prayer.

4. Approve Personnel Report

a. Introduce our two new Assistant Principals, Mrs. Stacey Hoffman, Assistant High School Principal and Mrs. Rachel Bruno, Assistant Elementary Principal.

Dr. Hollister introduced Stacey Hoffman, Assistant Principal for Garden Spot High School and Rachel Bruno, Assistant Principal for Blue Ball and New Holland Elementary Schools.

Mr. Matthew Sanger, Principal of Garden Spot High School introduced Sara Gonzalez, Secondary Art Teacher.

Mrs. Kara Martin, Director of Special Education introduced Jennifer Stauffer, MDS Teacher at Garden Spot High School.

Mr. Wentzel made a motion to approve the personnel report. It was seconded by Mr. Irvin. **The motion was approved. (9-0)**

5. Presentation by Jill Kozer representing Head Start regarding our PK possibilities here.

Dr. Hollister introduced Jill Kozer, Education & Child Development Impact Team Leader of Community Action Partnership (CAP) of Lancaster County who presented to the Board three Pre-K program opportunities for the District. Eastern Lancaster County School District would be partnering with CAP and Crossnet Ministries to implement these programs in the District in the near future. The three programs were a state-funded program, Parents as Teachers, federal-funded, Head Start Program, and the state-funded, Pre-K Counts.

6. Property and Services

a. Action Item - Approval of the Agreement with River Rock Academy Incorporated for the 2018-19 School Year

The agreement provides the District with 4 slots (including transportation) at the River Rock Academy for the 2018-19 School Year at a total cost of \$155,903.20

Mr. Ramsey requested the Board to approve the Agreement with River Rock Academy incorporated for the 18-19 school year. Mr. Ramsey noted that the total cost was \$156,000 and was included in the budget.

The Board and Administration discussed the cost difference between the previous year and upcoming year based on the locked in rate the District was receiving for the new year.

b. Action Item - Approval of the Restated Collective Bargaining Agreement with the ELCEA Adjustments:

- Table of Contents - page numbers based on adjustments
- Notice of Vacancies - email versus posting
- Telemedicine - Removed at No Cost Memorandum of Agreement and Added \$15 co-pay (after annual deductible)
- Insurance Upon Retirement - added Vision program
- Column Movement - Official Transcript Deadline - 10/1 for Spring and Summer Courses and 3/1 for Fall Courses
- Prepayment for College Courses - added language based on current practice
- Extra-curricular - Units adjusted based on recent Board approval and reduced years of service factor to 3.15% and changed the annual increase for employees in same position to 3.50%

Mr. Ramsey requested the Board to approve the restate collective bargaining agreement with ELCEA. He reviewed the several updates and changes that the ELCEA and the District had agreed upon.

c. Action Item - Approval of Final Budget for General Fund Approval Resolution

The final budget includes a proposed tax increase or 1.90% and use of Fund Balance

Mr. Ramsey requested the Board to approve the Final Budget for the General Fund Approval Resolution with the revised proposed tax increase of 1.9% and use of the Fund Balance.

d. Action Item - Approval of Reassessment Year - Preliminary Resolution Establishing Revenue Neutral Tax Rate

This resolution sets the revenue neutral tax rate at 12.1545 mills.

Mr. Ramsey requested the Board to approve the Preliminary Resolution establishing Revenue Neutral Tax Rate based on the increase of the property assessments.

e. Action Item - Approval of Annual Tax Levy Resolution

This resolution sets the tax rates for 2018-19. The real estate tax rate would be set at 12.3854.

Mr. Ramsey requested the Board to approve the annual Tax Levy Resolution setting the millage rate at 12.3854.

f. Action Item - Approval of Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution

The real estate tax reduction amount for 2018-19 is \$64.05 per homestead and farmstead.

Mr. Ramsey requested the Board to approve the Homestead and Farmstead exclusion resolution set at \$64.05.

g. Action Item - Authorize the Chief of Finance and Operations to make the necessary Budgetary Transfers for the 2017-18 school year after June 30, 2018

Mr. Ramsey requested the Board to approve the him to make the budgetary transfers for the 2017-2018 school year after June 30, 2018. He noted that this was an annual action item that the Board approved allowing him to make the necessary transfers for the 2017-2018 school year after June 30th which would be brought to the Board in October or November for their approval.

h. Action Item - Approval of the Resolution for Commitment of June 30, 2018 Fund Balance

Mr. Ramsey requested the Board to approve the resolution for Commitment of June 30, 2018 Fund Balance.

i. Information Item - Garden Spot HS/MS Complex Electronic Sign

As discussed at previous meetings, the District is able to install an electronic sign out front of the Garden Spot HS/MS Complex from the profits from the partnership with Columbia Borough SD.

Mr. Ramsey updated that Board on the purchase and installing of the new electronic school sign purchased with the profit funds from the Columbia Borough School District partnership and a contribution from the 2018 Graduating Class. The total cost of the sign was \$23,000.

7. Program

a. Action Item - New Course in Design Engineering for Garden Spot High School Fall 2018

A new course has been developed by the Technology & Engineering Department for the Fall of 2018. A new Design & Engineering course was developed that is not about introducing new technological concepts, but focuses on mastering previously learned concepts while learning how to manage a large project. Some of the new project management skills students will develop are collaboration, time management, budget management, working professionally with local businesses, and preparing a large professional presentation. Students may choose to compete with the project that they design in the course in the Pennsylvania Governor's STEM Competition. However, no student will be required to enter that competition.

Course Description: At this level the students should be proficient in using the technological design process for small and medium sized design challenges. This course will focus on mastery of the design process and its application in a long-term, open-ended project. Students will learn how to develop a design process, and plan and organize a large-scale project. The students will learn how to conduct detailed research for a design problem. Students will also learn how to collaborate with peers and businesses to find a solution to their problem.

Dr. Nadine Larkin requested the Board to approve the new course Design in Engineering for Garden Spot High School. She indicated that the course would start in the Spring of the 2018-2019 school year.

b. Information Item - New Course in Sport Performance for Garden Spot High School 2018-19 School Year

Physical Education - Sport Performance

Sport Performance will focus on improving a student athlete's performance within the sport(s) that they play at Garden Spot. The course will utilize a blended format between classroom, gym, track, and the fitness center. Individual Programs will be written and utilized to develop each student's potential within strength and performance. This class, like other physical education classes will focus on physical fitness through personal fitness assessment followed by individual goal setting. Students will engage in activities that will improve both health- and skill- related elements of fitness ultimately leading to better performance within their sport of choice. Students will apply the elements of fitness and principles of exercise to achieve their performance goals. Sport Nutrition and diet will also be a part of the course encouraging healthy eating. The Primary goal of this course is to support our student athlete population with a course that can facilitate enhanced performance in the realm of athletics.

Dr. Larkin presented a new Garden Spot High School course, Sports Performance, designed specifically for already high performing athletics for the 2018-2019 school year to be offered in the Fall. She noted that the Board would vote on the course in July.

8. Management

a. Information Item - Re-bid Ewell Property Barn take down timeline.

Dr. Hollister informed the Board the District would working on a re-bid for the Ewell property take down in the late summer.

9. Announcements

Dr. Hollister announced that graduation had occurred on Friday, June 8th and was a great success and indicated that the following day was the last day of school.

Dr. Hollister announced that there would an executive session held after the meeting to discuss a personnel matter regarding the Superintendent's evaluation.

The Board and Administration discussed the recent passed House Bill 2327 which allows Boards to discuss safety matters in executive sessions. They also discussed Senate Bill 2 regarding education savings accounts for students in underperforming schools.

Board and Administration discussed a resolution to keep Cyber Charter schools from marketing "free" tuition.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Wentzel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. with a second by Mr. Naranjo. **The motion was approved. (9-0)**

Justin W. Johnson
School Board Secretary
June 11, 2018