



Committee of the Whole Meeting October 8, 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, October 8, 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 7:02 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.

Stephanie Shirk, East Earl Township

Mrs. Shirk thanked the Board for all the opportunities that are given to the students and said a prayer.

4. Approve Personnel Report

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

5. Introduction - Dr. Stuart Savin, Administrative Director of Lancaster County Career & Technology Center

Dr. Hollister introduced Dr. Stuart Savin who discussed the goals he desired to pursue for the LCCTC during his tenure which included having the accredited courses for high school students.

6. Property and Services

a. Information Item - Barn Demolition Project

Mr. Ramsey updated the Board on the upcoming barn demolition project. He noted that the demolition would begin in the next upcoming week with the dismantling of the lumber for resale. He indicated that the project would take approximately 30 days to complete.

7. Program

a. Action Item - Affidavits of Guardianship

Dr. Larkin requested the Board to approved Affidavits of Guardianship at the upcoming Board Meeting.

b. Action Item - Authorize the Assistant Superintendent to sign a contract with Don Johnston, Inc.

This agreement provides 3 years of assistive technology programming for students with special needs.

Dr. Larkin requested the Board to approve the authorization for her sign a 3-year contract with Don Johnston, Inc. which provides assistive technology programing for the special education classes especially software that reads and writes for students.

c. Information Item - Preview of Comprehensive Plan.

Dr. Larkin presented the Board with a preview of the state-required District Comprehensive Plan that was due at the end of November. Dr. Larkin noted that plan was to start in July 1, 2019 and would help plan the goals for the District over the next three years. She presented a summary of the Comprehensive Plan including a revised and updated District profile with student enrollment and economically disadvantage numbers, highlighted several District accomplishments which included the implementation of an enhanced proactive attendance plan and a state-approved RTI program identifying special education services in both ready and writing, and presented several goals that still needed the District's attention including, pre-

kindergarten readiness and more consistent schoolwide K-12 screening for academic and behavior concerns.

Dr. Larkin informed the Board that the plan would be placed for public for 28 days, then she would bring the plan to the Board for Approval at the November 19th Board meeting.

8. Management

a. Information Item - Senate Bill 1095 Graduation Options - Update & Highlight

Dr. Hollister updated the Board on Senate Bill 1095 which provides students with multiple options for graduating. Dr. Hollister reviewed each of the various options set forth in the bill, noting that the bill would be implemented in the 2020-2021 school year. He also noted that the bill would allow parents to opt their students out of Keystone testing similar to the PSSA opt-out and the opt-out reason can be for philosophical reasons instead of religious.

b. Information Item - Mandated Professional Trainings

Dr. Hollister presented the Board with a listing of state-mandated training hours that professional staff need to complete along with regular professional development requirements.

c. Recommendation to Implement Mid-day Transportation beginning the 2019-2020 school year. (Discussion)

Dr. Hollister informed the Board that he was recommending that the District implement mid-day transportation starting the 2019-2020 school year. He updated the Board on the current transportation options that other districts are providing for half-day kindergarten. The Board and Administration discussed the implementation and logistics of mid-day transportation and the timeline for the possible implementation of full-day kindergarten. Dr. Hollister informed the Board that the Administration was recommending the start of mid-day transportation for half-day kindergartens at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year and then further discussion for full-day kindergarten would continue.

9. Announcements

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

10. Adjournment

Mr. Naranjo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. with a second by Mr. Dahl. **The motion was approved. (9-0)**

Justin W. Johnson
School Board Secretary
October 8, 2018