



## **Committee of the Whole Meeting November 12, 2018 Minutes**

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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, November 12, 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, 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:** Rodney Jones

**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.

Aaron Hoffman, New Holland.

Mr. Hoffman commented on his appreciation for Crossnet Ministries and the connection that it brings the community to the school. Mr. Hoffman said a prayer.

Karen Hechler, Brecknock Township

Mrs. Hechler presented several comments on the Eastern Lancaster County School District Comprehensive plan, Action Item 7a.

#### **4. Special Presentation - Ms. Barb Roda, Community Liaison, Lancaster Newspaper - Democracy Day Follow-up**

Dr. Hollister presented Ms. Barb Roda, Community Liaison of Lancaster Newspaper who presented comments on the Democracy Day event hosted by Eastern Lancaster County School District on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Roda thanked the Board for allowing the School District to host the event.

#### **5. Approve Personnel Report**

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

#### **6. Property and Services**

##### **a. Information Item - Develop 2019-20 Budget with Proposed Tax Increase not to exceed 2.3% Index**

Mr. Ramsey informed the Board that he was recommending that the District not apply for the usual exceptions when developing the upcoming 2019-2020 budget. He recommended that the Board proceed with the adoption of a resolution stating that the tax increase would not exceed 2.3% Index.

#### **7. Program**

##### **a. Action Item - Approval of Eastern Lancaster County School District Comprehensive Plan 7/1/2019 - 6/30/2022.**

Dr. Nadine Larkin requested the Board to approve the Eastern Lancaster County School District Comprehensive Plan. She noted that the plan would then be submitted to the state for final approval.

##### **b. Action Item - Approval of Contract with John's Driving School to provide Behind-the-Wheel instruction for students at Eastern Lancaster County SD.**

Dr. Nadine Larkin requested the Board to approve the contract with John's Driving School to provide Behind-the-Wheel instruction for students at Eastern Lancaster County School District. She indicated that this was a 5-year contract to replace the services of Connie Saylor, who is retiring in December.

## 8. Management

### **a. Information Item - Update on New Holland Elementary School Replacement and timeline for transition.**

Dr. Hollister updated the Board on the transition of principal, Mr. Jeffrey Starr from Garden Spot Middle School to New Holland Elementary. He noted that further discussions would occur about the replacements of the Middle School principal position and letters would go home to parents with updates.

### **b. Information Item - Updates on the Spartan Foundation for Education.**

Dr. Hollister updated the Board on two trips that the Spartan Foundation is sponsoring over the summer, one to Germany with 25 students and one to Vietnam with 27 students. He also noted that the Foundation with its newly re-elected President, Dennis Wilson, would be working on more fundraising opportunities in the near future, which include the Extraordinary Give and Restaurant Week.

### **c. Information Item - American Education Week, November 12 - November 16, 2018.**

Dr. Hollister informed the Board that the upcoming week was American Education Week and commented that even with the many changes in public education the District was serving students extremely well.

## 9. Announcements

Dr. Hollister announced that there would an executive session held after the meeting to discuss a personnel matter regarding the Administration Personnel and legal matter regarding an update on the grievance filed by the Union back in June.

## 10. Adjournment

Mr. Irvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. with a second by Mr. Wentzel. **The motion was approved. (8-0; 1 absent)**

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Justin W. Johnson  
School Board Secretary  
November 12, 2018