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 10, 2019 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**

**Board Members in attendance were:** Gary Buck, Jonathan Dahl, Paul Irvin, Dina Maio, Bryan Naranjo, Melissa Readman, Thomas Wentzel, and Glenn Yoder  **Note:** Mr. Dahl arrived at 7:06 p.m.

**Board Members not in attendance were:** Rodney Jones

**Also, in attendance were:** Dr. Robert Hollister, Justin Johnson, Dr. Nadine Larkin, and Keith Ramsey

**Staff/Public in attendance were:** Citizens of the community, faculty & 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 mediation 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.

   Meredith Dahl, New Holland, PA

   Mrs. Dahl thanked the Board and said a prayer.

4. **Approve Personnel Report**

   Mr. Wentzel made a motion to approve the personnel report. It was seconded by Mr. Irvin. The motion was approved. (7-0; 2 absent)
5. Property and Services

a. Action Item: Approval of the Resolution Authorizing Sale of Property
   Mr. Ramsey requested the Board to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Property. He presented the Board with the plan showing the parcel of land that the Administration was proposing that the District sell, noting that there was no foreseeable use of the land in the future even with any growth or expansion.

Mr. Dahl arrived at the meeting 7:06 p.m.

b. Action Item: Approval of Floor Plan Design for Garden Spot High School Locker Room Area Renovation
   With this approval, we will authorize the Architect to finalize the bid specifications and advertise to solicit bids.
   (Note: Included in the project will be the Feasibility Study items that relate to the Garden Spot Complex...i.e. HVAC, etc.)
   The first advertisement should occur at the end of August/beginning of September. We anticipate construction to start at the end of October.

Dr. Hollister presented the Board with the finalized plans of the floor design for the Garden Spot High School Locker Room Area Renovations. The Administration and Board discussed the plans and various options or changes. The Administration informed the Board that once the plans were approved the advertisement for bids would be posted at the end of August and construction to start in October.

c. Action Item: Approval of Final Budget for General Fund Approval Resolution
   The final budget includes a proposed tax increase of 1.50% and use of Fund Balance

   Mr. Ramsey requested the Board to approve the Final Budget for the General Fund Approval Resolution indicating that the proposed tax increase was 1.5%.

d. Action Item: Approval of Annual Tax Levy Resolution
   This resolution sets the tax rates for 2019-20. The real estate tax rate would be set at 12.5711

   Mr. Ramsey requested the Board to approve the Annual Tax Levy Resolution, indicating that the proposed 1.5% tax increase set the real estate tax rate at 12.5711.
e. **Action Item: Approval of Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution**
   The real estate tax reduction amount for 2019-20 is $64.67 per homestead and farmstead
   Mr. Ramsey requested the Board to approve the Homestead and Farmstead real estate tax reduction amount for 2019-2020 at $64.67.

f. **Action Item: Authorize Budgetary and Fund Transfers for the 2018-19 school year with approval, of such, at acceptance of the Audit Report**
   This approval authorizes the Chief of Finance and Operations to make the necessary budgetary transfers, after June 30, 2019, for the completion of the 2018-2019 financial reports and fund transfers with subsequent approval of such at acceptance of the final audited financial statements.
   Mr. Ramsey requested the Board to approve the authorization of budget and fund transfers at the school year end to cover negative balances in certain areas.

g. **Action Item: Approval of the Resolution for Commitment of June 30, 2019 Fund Balance**
   This resolution just authorizes what areas will be included in the committed fund balance. Currently, the District’s committed fund balance includes PSERS and Technology Initiatives.
   Actual amounts committed will be included in the audit report.
   Mr. Ramsey requested the Board to approve the Resolution for Commitment of June 30, 2019 Fund Balance funds. He noted that currently the District has committed funds to PSERs and technology initiatives. Mr. Ramsey also informed the Board that the actual total amounts would be finalized in the audit report.

6. **Program**
   a. **Action Item - Approval of Affidavits of Guardianship**
      Dr. Larkin requested the Board to approve an Affidavit of Guardianship.

   b. **Action Item: New Course - PS21 for Garden Spot Middle School 2019-2020 School Year**
      Problem Solving for the 21st Century is a class designed to engage learners in the design process using tools for the modern age to address relevant global issues.
      **Topics Covered:**
      - Robotic Factory Lines
      - Block Coding
      - Pacific Garbage Patch
      - Moon Rovers
      - Autonomous Vehicles, Biomechanics
      - Earthquake Engineering
• Drone Delivery

Dr. Larkin requested the Board approve the new elective course, PS21 - Problem Solving for the 21st Century, for Garden Spot Middle School students for the 2019-2020 school year.

c. Action Item: New Course - AP Calculus BC for Garden Spot High School 2019-2020 School Year

This course will be a study in Differentiation, Integral, Series, and Parametric and Polar Functions. The students will be preparing themselves for the AP exam by completing the topics in a college Calculus II course.

Course Content:

• Unit 1 - Limits, Continuity, and Derivatives
• Unit 2 - Derivative Applications, and the Mean Value Theorem
• Unit 3 - Derivative Applications and Modeling
• Unit 4 - Integrals and Applications
• Unit 5 - Logs and Exponents
• Unit 6 - Area and Volume
• Unit 7 - Sequences and Series
• Unit 8 - Parametric and Polar Functions

Dr. Larkin requested the Board to approve the new course, AP Calculus BC, for Garden Spot High School students for the 2019-2020 school year.


After networking with a number of AP Art History teachers and their programs the instructor vetted 3 of the most used and approved AP Art History textbooks this spring, and is hoping we can focus on Gateways to Art, Third AP Edition. This text to be the most approachable for students. It constantly compares works of art across historical time periods and within themes. The historical reasoning skills of comparison and contextualization are largely emphasized in the course and they are really the driving force for this text. In addition, the instructor planning to approach course content thematically for students, which this book establishes. Here’s a brief overview from the publisher:

Gateways to Art offers a balanced mix of art forms, history, and themes. Brief, modular chapters enable teachers to design precisely the syllabus they desire—with the support of unmatched digital teaching and learning resources. Ninety percent of the required images outlined in the AP® Curriculum Framework are included in the Gateways Global Gallery, and the Curriculum Planning and Pacing Guide (CPPG) places each of these images in context with concept maps that compare and contrast artworks at a glance.
We would be requesting digital copies for all students and approximately 8 - 10 hardback books for the classroom.

Dr. Larkin requested the Board to approve the new Textbook for the AP Art History class being offered for Garden Spot High School Students for the 2019-2020 school year.

e. Information Item: New Course - Global Social Problems for Garden Spot Middle School 2019-2020 School Year

This course is about improvement and empowerment. Improvement of oneself and the world through the empowerment of the individual and small group. The course is designed to teach learners the importance of continually improving oneself so that they can improve the world around them. This includes one's home, one's school, one's community, and the world outside of one's community. The learners will be encouraged and mentored throughout the course to work towards improving themselves through learning habits to help them be more successful in life and then taking that to the next level of helping others in the world. The possibilities are purposely limitless as the course will solely depend upon each individual's passions and the learners will be empowered by having endless opportunities of how they will choose to make a difference in the world.

Required Text:
- *7 Habits of Highly Successful Teens*, by Sean Covey

Dr. Larkin presented the new elective course, Global Social Problems, for Garden Spot Middle School students for the 2019-2020 school year to be voted on at the July Board Meeting.

f. Information Item - Pre-Kindergarten Summer Program

Dr. Larkin updated the Board on the Pre-Kindergarten programs that the District was offering, which included teacher at-home visits over the summer and the daytime Pre-K sessions in STEM, Art, Music, P.E., and Library during the school year. She also informed them of two programs that the District was currently participating in for pre-kindergarten children: Plant the Seed of Learning and Grow the Seed of Learning.

President Yoder announced that the Board held an executive session prior to the meeting regarding safety issues.

Dr. Hollister noted that with changes in the school code, the District Safety Coordinator, Mr. Steve Good, was to report to the Board on safety updates annually prior to June 30th at an executive session.
7. Management

a. Action Item - Memorandum of Agreement with ELCEA on Fair Share
Dr. Hollister requested the Board to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Eastern Lancaster County Education Association which updated the contract regarding the payment teacher membership dues.

b. Information Item - The District was unable to secure enough teachers and aides to conduct our extended year learning for our special needs students...
   The District was unable to secure enough teachers and aides to conduct our extended year learning for our special needs students and therefore IU13 will run the program in our facilities.
   Dr. Hollister informed the Board that the District would not be running the extended school year due to not being able to secure enough teachers and aides. He noted that the Lancaster Lebanon IU13 would be running the program in the District’s facilities.

8. Announcements
Dr. Hollister commented that the graduation held on Friday evening was a great success.

The Board and Administration discussed the Senior Walkthrough event held in the District.

Dr. Hollister announced that there would be an executive session held after the Board meeting regarding a personnel matter, the Superintendent’s evaluation.

Mr. Irvin commented that he wanted to clarify the statement that he made at the previous Board meeting regarding online cyber schools’ performance, noting that he was referring to online cyber charter schools and not the brick and mortal virtual academies.

9. Adjournment
Mr. Wentzel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. with a second by Mr. Irvin. The motion was approved. (8-0; 1 absent)

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Justin W. Johnson
School Board Secretary
June 10, 2019