



School Board of Directors Meeting July 15, 2019 Minutes

A Regular Meeting of the Eastern Lancaster County School Board of Directors, which was properly advertised in the *LNP Lancaster Newspaper*, was held on Monday, July 15, 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

Members in attendance were: Rodney Jones, Paul Irvin, Dina Maio, Melissa Readman, Thomas Wentzel, and Glenn Yoder

Board Members not in attendance were: Jonathan Dahl, Gary Buck, and Bryan Naranjo

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

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

Mr. Yoder led in a silent meditation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda Modification/Approval of Agenda

Requests by board members to remove an item for separate consideration.

Dr. Hollister informed the Board that the new SRO, Officer Joel Stoltzfus was in attendance and currently on patrol, so he introduced him to the Board at that time.

Mr. Wentzel made a motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Irvin. **The motion was approved. (6-0; 3 absent)**

4. 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. Please also note that the public is invited to attend our Committee Meetings where much of the discussion and deliberation of agenda topics is conducted. (Committee Meetings are held in the Community Hall at the Garden Spot Complex at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of the month.)

Lee Shaffer, Denver, PA

Mr. Shaffer said a prayer.

Dave Horst, Denver, PA

Mr. Horst presented his concerns, thoughts, and opinions on the District's proposed student privacy policy and the locker room renovations.

David Martin, Denver, PA

Mr. Martin presented their concerns, thoughts, and opinions on the District's proposed student privacy policy and the locker room renovations.

Dr. Brett Cooper, Denver, PA

Dr. Cooper presented his concerns, thoughts, and opinions on Agenda Item. 8a, regarding the retainment of Mr. Randall Wenger and the Independence Law Center.

5. Consent Agenda

Items listed under the Consent Agenda section of our Board Meeting Agenda are considered to be routine and are acted on by the Board in one motion. There is no Board discussion of these items individually prior to the Board vote unless a member of the Board requests that a specific item be removed from the Consent Agenda. Requests to remove an item from the Consent Agenda will be accepted at agenda section 3. Agenda Modification/Approval of Agenda. (Requests to remove an item for separate consideration). Items Removed from the Consent Agenda will be moved to agenda section "Action Items."

Mrs. Heather Schrantz, Principal of Blue Elementary introduced Kinsey Hartert as 6th Grade Teacher for Blue Ball Elementary.

Mrs. Kara Martin, Director of Special Education and Gifted Services introduced Rachel Leister, Math Teacher for Garden Spot Middle School; Brandy Speas, Emotional Support Teacher for Garden Spot Middle School; Kenneth Burt, Emotional Support Teacher for

Garden Spot High School; and Haley Reccek, Autistic Support Teacher for Garden Spot Middle School.

Mr. Wentzel made a motion to approve the consent agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Irvin. **The motion was approved. (6-0; 3 absent)**

Dr. Hollister welcomed the new teachers and thanked them for joining the team.

- a. Approval of Minutes**
- b. Treasurer's Report**
- c. Approve Personnel Report**
- d. Bills Paid**
- e. Cafeteria Fund Treasurer's Report**
- f. Investments**
- g. Student Activity Account**

6. Property and Services

a. Information Item: Tennis Court and Garden Spot Athletic Facilities Master Plan Update

Mr. Ramsey updated the Board on the Tennis Courts and Garden Spot Athletic Facility Mast Plan. Mr. Ramsey introduced Mr. Jim Hocker, Project Manager for Hocker, Derck, & Edson, who presented to the Board several scenarios and options for the tennis courts and synthetic turf field.

The Board and Administration discussed the options for moving or replacing tennis courts and the addition of a synthetic turf field.

A Recommendation was made that the District proceed with Option 3 for moving the tennis courts as a start to the projected Garden Spot Athletic Facilities Plan.

b. Information Item: Student Scanning for Transportation.

Mr. Ramsey informed the Board that due to several issues that had occurred with student scanning of IDs on and off buses, the District was recommending that the practice be discontinuing starting the 2019-2020 school year.

7. Program

a. Action 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 to the Board the new course, Global Social Problems for Garden Spot Middle School starting the 2019-2020 School Year.

Mr. Irvin made a motion to approve the new course, Global Social Problems for Garden Spot Middle School starting the 2019-2020 School Year. It was seconded by Mr. Wentzel. **The motion was approved. (6-0; 3 absent)**

b. Information: New Course - Genius Hour for Garden Spot Middle School

Dr. Larkin requested the Board review and approve the new elective course, Genius Hour for Garden Spot Middle School students for the 2019-2020 school year.

8. Management

a. Action Item: Approve, pro bono, Mr. Randel Wenger of the Independence Law Center, as special legal counsel, consultant, and spokesperson for the...

Approve, pro bono, Mr. Randel Wenger of the Independence Law Center, as special legal counsel, consultant, and spokesperson for the Board upon approval of the Board and Superintendent in all matters related to the implementation of Policy 253: Physical Privacy including making recommendations for any additional policy changes to the District Policy Manual related to this matter, the development and implementation of Administrative Regulations and the facility design, in partnership with the District's architect, necessary for implementation of Policy 253 and any other policies related to this matter.

The Board and Administration discussed the language of the agenda action item regarding what actual services Mr. Wenger would be providing to the Board and Superintendent.

Mr. Wentzel made a motion to Approve, pro bono, Mr. Randel Wenger of the Independence Law Center, as special legal counsel, consultant, and spokesperson for the Board upon approval of the Board and Superintendent in all matters related to the implementation of Policy 253: Physical Privacy including making recommendations for any additional policy changes to the District Policy Manual related to this matter, the development and implementation of Administrative Regulations and the facility design, in partnership with the District's architect, necessary for implementation of Policy 253 and any other policies related to this matter. A roll call vote was taken, and **the motion was approved. (5-1; 3 absent)**

b. Action Item: Approve new (extensions with some modifications) service agreement contracts for Business Services, Technology Services and Human...

Approve new (extensions with some modifications) service agreement contracts for Business Services, Technology Services and Human Recourses between Eastern Lancaster County School District (provider) and Columbia Borough School District (purchaser). Note: either party can separate at any time with 180-day notice.

Dr. Hollister requested the Board to approve the new service agreement contracts for Business Services, Technology Services, and Human Services with Columbia Borough School District. He noted that he was recommending that the District continue their partnership with Columbia Borough School District.

Mr. Jones made a motion to Approve new (extensions with some modifications) service agreement contracts for Business Services, Technology Services and Human Recourses between Eastern Lancaster County School District (provider) and Columbia Borough School District (purchaser). It was seconded by Mr. Wentzel. **The motion was approved. (6-0; 3 absent)**

c. Information Item: Officer Joel Stoltzfus of the New Holland Police Department will begin serving as the school resource officer beginning with the...

Officer Joel Stoltzfus of the New Holland Police Department will begin serving as the school resource officer beginning with the 2019-2020 school year. (His first day will be Monday 8.19.19.) He will be replacing Officer Michael Specht.

d. Information Item: Spartan Foundation for Education hosts Welcome Home Reception honoring Garden Spot High School students traveling abroad to...

Spartan Foundation for Education hosts Welcome Home Reception honoring Garden Spot High School students traveling abroad to Germany and Vietnam on Thursday, July 18, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. at Garden Spot High School.

Dr. Hollister informed the Board that a reception was being held for student who had traveled abroad to Vietnam and Germany sponsored by the Spartan Foundation starting at 5:30 p.m. in the Garden Spot Secondary Campus lobby.

e. Information Item: Update on Graduation 2019 streaming issue and Graduation video publication.

Dr. Hollister updated on the Board on the significant issues that occurred with the streaming of graduation. He noted that the Technology Department had worked on fixing the issues with the graduation video including closed caption. Dr. Hollister indicated that the District would issuing free DVDs to anyone who ordered the graduation video and the graduation video would be made available for online viewing and download for free.

9. Action Items

Items Removed from Consent Agenda for Separate Consideration.

10. Reports

a. Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau

Mr. Ramsey noted that there was no meeting to report on. The next meeting would occur on September 11th.

b. Lancaster-Lebanon IU13

Mr. Irvin reported on the June 19, 2019 IU Board meeting and shared several highlights from the board meeting report: He also reported the IU13 Board approved \$12,479,915.56 in disbursements and approved new or addition to service contracts for Business Services, Early Childhood and Special Education Services, Instructional & Technology Services, and Human Resource Services. There were twelve (12) resignations, one (1) termination, five (5) retirements, four hundred, sixty-four (464) new hires, seventy-seven (77) changes in position or salaries, and two (2) leaves of absences. He also noted that Election of Officers for the 2019-2020 took place and distributed to the Board copies of the Helping Districts, Helping Students.

c. Lancaster CTC

Mrs. Readman reported that she was unable to attend the meeting last month, but she reported on the results of the SkillsUSA National Conference in Kansas. She noted that 11 students went from LCCTC with 3 students earning gold medals and 4 students earning silver medals. Mrs. Readman also highlighted two Garden Spot Students, Kyle Martin, who won gold medal

for fire fighting and Nicole Scarle who won a silver medal for medical assistance. She also reported on several of the adult education programs.

d. Legislative

Mr. Wentzel and Mr. Ramsey reported on the state budget indicating the increases of funding that the District would receive in both basic education and special education.

Mr. Wentzel and Dr. Hollister reported on and commented on the suggestion coming from General Attorney regarding the use of SATs instead of the Keystone exams.

Dr. Hollister also discussed the flexible instruction days that the Department of Education was offering for school districts for virtual learning days to cover snow days, indicating his concerns regarding internet coverage in the District.

Mr. Wentzel reported on House Bill 1514 Act 34 regarding a farm to school program providing grants with the hope to improve nutrition for student Pre-K to 5.

Mr. Wentzel reported on Senate Bill 621 regarding school security personnel, indicating that the changes were not yet clear.

11. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Hollister reported on several accolades received by the FFA program at the state level. He congratulated all the students in the FFA program.

Dr. Hollister also reported on a student currently in the Pathways 2 Success program who earned certifications over the summer that allowed him to pursue a career in fiber optics installation thanks to Mr. Jill Hackman and Mr. Curt McCaskey.

12. Announcements

Dr. Hollister announced that there would an executive session held after the meeting to discuss a land matter regarding sale of a potential land and a personnel matter.

Mr. Rodney Jones read a statement regarding his resignation:

Due to responsibility changes in my professional life, I will resign my board position effective August 1st. I have thoroughly enjoyed working alongside each one of my fellow board members and I especially want to thank President Yoder for the patience he has shown by sitting next to me for 7 of the past 8 years and enduring my endless questions about Milage rates every year when Mr. Ramsey submits the budget proposal.

For the past 8 years it has been my pleasure to serve the students, teachers, administrators, and families of this district. I have attended board meetings from 5 different continents and 9 different time zones. Twice I was able to video in from the future by attending from Australia and China on Tuesday mornings. Thank you Jeff Ehly for all of your technical support.

Mostly I will miss the interaction that I have had with the students and teachers because of my board position. I sincerely believe that we have the finest student body in the state and I would encourage all parents and board members to have more faith and trust in our students to do what is right, to do their best, and to do for others. Thank you to the Administration, under the thoughtful guidance of Dr. Hollister, Dr. Larkin and Mr. Ramsey, I have been witness to some remarkable changes and advancements in our District. I want to share my deepest gratitude to the teachers in our district, I have grown to understand, appreciate and respect their commitment and passion to educate our students, including my own children who were and still are fortunate enough to attend Garden Spot Schools.

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the sacrifice that my wife Melissa and our children have made during the past 8 years, as if my hectic travel hasn't impacted our lives enough, my insistent worrying about all things related to our district from band songs, to bus trips, from curriculum changes, to teacher contracts and tax rates. What I will not miss however, is our dinner table debates on school closings...i.e. "dad, can't you do something about closing school tomorrow, it looks like it might snow, will you call Dr. Hollister?"

Respectfully submitted July 15th 2019
Rodney Jones

The Board and Administration thanked Mr. Jones for his years of service.

13. Adjournment

Mr. Wentzel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. with a second by Mr. Irvin. **The motion was approved. (5-0; 3 absent)**

Justin W. Johnson
School Board Secretary
July 15, 2019