



Committee of the Whole Meeting August 12, 2019 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, August 12, 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, Paul Irvin, Dina Maio, Bryan Naranjo, Melissa Readman, Thomas Wentzel, and Glenn Yoder **Note:** *Mr. Buck was joining via videocam.*

Board Members not in attendance were: Jonathan Dahl

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 several members of the media.

1. Welcome and Call to Order

President Yoder opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

President Yoder indicated several changes in the agenda, noting that the Board would be nominating a new board member to replace Mr. Rodney Jones. He also noted that the renewal contracts for both the Act 93 Group and Chief of Financial Officer would be removed from agenda and placed on the consent agenda at the following Board meeting to allow for Board members to review the contracts.

2. Moment of Silence/Reflection - Pledge of Allegiance

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

President Yoder noted that Mr. Gary Buck was joining the Meeting via videocam.

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.

[Bryan Glick, New Holland, PA](#)

Mr. Glick said a prayer.

Dave Horst, East Earl, PA

Mr. Horst presented his concerns, thoughts, and opinions on the current transgender issue.

Lisa Garrett, East Earl, PA

Mrs. Garret thanked Mr. Rodney Jones for all his service on the Board. She also presented her concerns, thoughts, and opinions on the School Board's decision to retain the services of the Independence Law Center.

4. Approve Personnel Report

Mrs. Heather Schrantz, Principal of Blue Ball Elementary introduced Brandon Goebel as the new incoming 4th grade teacher at Blue Ball Elementary School.

Mr. Jeffrey Starr, Principal of New Holland Elementary introduced Ryan Slawson as the new incoming 6th grade teacher at New Holland Elementary School.

Mr. Matthew Sanger, Principal of Garden Secondary Campus introduced Jennifer Zoll as the new incoming Science Teacher for the Secondary Campus.

Mr. Wentzel made a motion to approve the personnel report. It was seconded by Mr. Irvin. **The motion was approved. (7-0; 1 absent)**

5. Approve Board seat candidate to replace the seat vacated by Mr. Jones on August 1, 2019

Mr. Wentzel reported out on the proceedings from the Board interviews that occurred on Monday, August 5th. He indicated that the Interview Committee was recommending that the Board nominate Jacqueline Geyer to replace Mr. Rodney Jones's vacant Board seat.

Board President, Mr. Yoder, next asked for nominations for the office of Vice-President left vacant due to Mr. Rodney Jones' resignation. Mr. Buck nominated Mr. Naranjo. Mr. Irvin nominated Mrs. Dina Maio. Mr. Bryan Naranjo nominated Mr Gary Buck. There were no other nominations for the office of Vice-President. A roll call vote was taken, and **Mrs. Dina Maio was approved to be elected as Vice-President of the Eastern Lancaster County School Board. (5-Mrs. Dina Maio; 1-Mr. Bryan Naranjo; 1-Mr. Gary Buck; 1 absent)**

6. Property and Services

a. Action Item: Approval of the Tennis Court Project

This is only to approve the design and bidding of the project. The Board will have final approval to award bids and authorize the project after bids are received.

Mr. Ramsey requested the Board to approve the design and bidding of the Tennis Court Project. He noted that based on the Board's discussion at the previous Board meeting, the District would be moving forward with Option 3 of the several options presented which would move the tennis courts to the Blue Ball Elementary site. Mr. Ramsey also noted the timeline of the project would be a construction start in June 2020 with completion in November 2020.

b. Action Item - Authorize the Chief of Finance and Operations to sign the Non Public Transportation Contracts for 2019-20

The cost per student will increase by 1.9% based on the cost index. The total cost may vary depending on number of students transported.

Mr. Ramsey requested the Board to authorize him to sign the Non-Public Transportation Contracts. He indicated that the cost index was based on what is used for state reimbursement in 2019-2020 which had increased by 1.9%.

c. Action Item - Approval of Bus Drivers (Public and Nonpublic) and Bus Assistants for the 2019-20 School Year

The list will be provided at the August 19th Board Meeting

Mr. Ramsey requested the Board to approve the list of Bus Drivers (Public and Nonpublic) and Bus Assistants for the 2019-2020 School Year. He noted that the updated and current list would be provided at the upcoming Board meeting.

d. Action Item: HVAC Project for the Garden Spot Auditorium

Mr. Ramsey requested the Board to approval for the HVAC Project for the Garden Spot Auditorium. Mr. Ramsey informed the Board that of the 4 units for the Auditorium, 2 unit no longer worked. He also indicated that this project had been discussed previously as part of the locker room renovation and the total cost for the project was \$200,000, the estimate that was projected in the feasibility study.

7. Program

a. Action Item: Approval of Affidavits of Guardianship

Dr. Larkin requested the Board to approve an Affidavits of Guardianship.

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

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

8. Management

a. Information Item: New Teacher Induction is August 13, 2019.

Dr. Hollister informed the Board that the first day for new teachers was the following day on Tuesday, August 13th.

b. Information Item: First Day for All Teachers is August 20, 2019.

Dr. Hollister informed the Board that the first day for all teachers was August 20th. He noted that the welcome back day would occur on Thursday, August 22nd with breakfast and then his opening welcome speech. Dr. Hollister indicated that Board members were welcome to join.

c. Information Item: First Day for Students is August 26, 2019.

Dr. Hollister informed the Board that the first day for all students was August 26th.

9. Announcements

Dr. Hollister announced that the Board held an executive session prior to the meeting regarding a legal issue.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Wentzel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. with a second by Mr. Irvin. **The motion was approved. (7-0; 1 absent)**

Justin W. Johnson
School Board Secretary
August 12, 2019