



Committee of the Whole Meeting October 12, 2020 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 12, 2020 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, Brian Conroy, Jonathan Dahl, Jacqueline Geyer, Paul Irvin, Dina Maio, Kevin McCarroll, Bryan Naranjo, and Thomas Wentzel

Board Members not in attendance were:

Also in attendance were: Dr. Robert Hollister, Justin W. Johnson, Dr. 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 Wentzel opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and announced that all attendees should wear their masks during the meeting unless when speaking into the microphone.

2. Moment of Silence/Reflection - Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Citizens of the District Comments

The Board encourages citizens of the district to come before the Board to present their petitions, inquiries, or other communications of interest. The Board invites public (*Citizens of the District*) comment on any topic that is within the Board's jurisdiction. As outlined in Board Policy 903, the Board requires that public participants be residents or taxpayers of this district. Due to the virtual aspect of the Board meeting, the Board is requesting if you wish to provide public comment during the virtual board meeting, you should sign-up to do so by completing the online form prior to the meeting.

[PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN-UP FORM](#) (Please use this form only if you are not attending the meeting in person.)

Public comments will be read aloud during the public comment section of the agenda.
Thank you.

SUBMITTED COMMENTS (VIA PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN-UP FORM): None Submitted.

COMMENTS (IN-PERSON):

[Joan Benjamin, 256 E. Jackson Street, New Holland, PA 17557](#)

Ms. Benjamin thanked the Board and said a prayer.

4. Approve Personnel Report

Dr. Hollister introduced Mr. Mathew Fox, the newly hired Assistant Principal for the Secondary campus.

Holland Elementary Principal, Mr. Robert Arrick introduced Amber Adams, the new Music Teacher for New Holland Elementary.

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

5. Property and Services

a. Action Item - Approval of Agreement with New Holland Borough for a School Resource Officer (SRO)

Previous agreement, the District paid \$95,064 in 2019-20 with an escalator of 3% per year
Current agreement, the District will pay \$91,808 in 2020-21 with an escalator of 2% per year.

Mr. Ramsey requested the Board to approve the agreement with the New Holland Borough for the School Resource Officer, Officer Joel Stoltzfus. He informed the Board that he and Dr. Hollister had been working with the New Holland Borough and the pay cost was reduced to \$91,808 with an escalator from 3% to 2%.

b. Action Item - Bid Award for the Roof Replacement over the New Gym at Garden Spot

Mr. Ramsey informed the Board that the District would be opening bids for the roof replacement over the new gym. He noted that there were six potential bidders, four whom were

local companies. Mr. Ramsey requested that the Board approve the Award that would be presented on Monday at the upcoming Board meeting.

c. Information Item - 2021-22 Act 1 Index - 3%

Mr. Ramsey informed the Board that the Act 1 Index had increased from 2.6% to 3%. He noted that it was the Administration's recommendation to opt out of early budget adoption and stay within the index.

6. Program

a. Action Item- Approval of Affidavits of Guardianship

Dr. Larkin requested the Board approve an affidavit of guardianship.

7. Management

a. Action Item - Approval of the Superintendent 2020-2021 Focus Areas (Goals)

Dr. Hollister requested the Board to approve the Superintendent 2020-2021 Focus Areas.

b. Action Item - POLICY 237 – Electronic Devices | Second & Final Reading

Dr. Hollister presented the Board with the updated Board Policy 237 for Electronic Devices for its second and final reading for approval. He noted that the current changes noted in the policy were made by the Building Administrators to better aligned with current building protocol.

c. Action Item - POLICY 815.1 – Use of Livestream Video on School District Property | Second & Final Reading

Dr. Hollister presented the Board with the new Board Policy 815.1 for Livestreaming Video on School District Property for its second and final reading for approval.

d. Action Item - Add a half day professional development day on Wednesday, October 28, 2020, Wednesday, November 11,2020 and Wednesday, December 2, 2020.

Dr. Hollister requested the Board to approve three additional half days for teachers on Wednesday, October 28, 2020, Wednesday, November 11,2020 and Wednesday, December 2, 2020. He noted that this additional time would be for teachers to use at their own discretion. He did indicate that the District would need to consider the number of required hours for the year and noting that if there were any snow days, they would need to reevaluate how they would be handled.

The Board and Administration discussed the early dismissal days and providing district lunches for learners on those days.

Mr. Dahl made a motion to approve to add a half day professional development day on Wednesday, October 28, 2020, Wednesday, November 11, 2020 and Wednesday, December 2, 2020. It was seconded by Mr. Conroy. **The motion was approved. (9-0)**

e. Action Item - Approval of the Agriculture Department Ag Advisory Board for the 2020-2021 school year to comply with PDE Requirement:

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Jim Shirk
Scott Bailey
Priscilla Eberly
Cliff Horning
Kevin Stoltzfus
Terri Williams
Tom Wentzel
Larry Shirk
Kevin Stoltzfus
George Zimmerman

Dr. Hollister requested the Board to approve the Agriculture Department Ag Advisory Board for the 2020-2021 school year. He noted that this was an annual action item.

The Board and Administration discussed the Ag Advisory Board and its proposed future changes.

f. Information Item - POLICY 005 – Organization | First Reading

Dr. Hollister presented the Board with the updated Board Policy 005 Organization for its first reading. He noted that this was the last of the 000 Board Policies and the Administration would be moving onto the 100s policies for review.

g. Information Item - Cyber Charter School Cost Discussion/Update

Dr. Hollister presented with the Board with an update regarding the current cost of Cyber Charter School. He noted that this was one of his goals to begin looking at statistics and what it means for the District and taxpayers.

The Board and Administration discussed Cyber Charter Schools their effect on the public school system.

Dr. Hollister informed the Board he was going to start allowing after school events occur with required mask wearing and social distancing requirements.

He also informed the Board that the GSPA would be working on an alternate production that would be a radio show.

Dr. Hollister updated the Board on the previously approved vape detectors the District had purchased to be installed in bathroom, indicating that the system was working and the District would be requesting additional detectors.

Mr. Neal Walsh updated the Board on the current three construction projects.

The Board and Administration discussed the current spectator guidelines and masking wearing and social distancing requirements at Athletics events.

8. Announcements

The Board and Dr. Hollister thanked and show their appreciation to the students for being adaptive during the current COVID-19 pandemic, noting the positive change in the culture in the school buildings.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Buck made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. with a second by Mr. Dahl. **The motion was approved. (9-0)**

Justin W. Johnson
School Board Secretary
October 12, 2020