



Committee of the Whole Meeting June 14, 2021 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, June 14, 2021 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. The meeting was broadcasted via live video feed as well.

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: 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 welcomed the Community.

President Wentzel announced that the Board held an Executive Session on Friday, June 11th to discuss a personnel matter.

President Wentzel announced that the Board held an Executive Session prior to the meeting regarding Safety to hear the Annual Safety Report.

President Wentzel announced that Dr. Hollister was unable to attend the meeting due to a death in the family.

He also announced that there would be a presentation of the Bee Impactful Award after Citizens Comments.

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) to 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**

COMMENTS (IN-PERSON): None

4. Bee Impactful Award Presentation

Dr. Larkin introduced Jamie Davis of the Bee Impactful Award Committee who presented the two winners of the Bee Impactful Award for 2021, Amanda McCabe, 1st Grade Blue Ball Elementary and Debra Olson, Chorus Teacher, Garden Spot High School.

5. Approve Personnel Report

Dr. Larkin informed the Board that several new teachers were attending to be presented to the Board.

Mrs. Heather Schrantz, Principal of Blue Ball Elementary introduced Cameron Horst, who was unable to attend, as the new P.E. Teacher at Blue Ball for the 2021-2022 school year.

Mr. Timothy Moll, Principal of Brecknock Elementary introduced Olivia Das as the 3rd Grade Teacher at Brecknock for the 2021-2022 school year. He also introduced Karoline Sigafos as a 6th Grade Long-Term Substitute at Brecknock for the 2021-2022 school year

Mr. Robert Arrick , Principal of Brecknock Elementary introduced Kelsey Hollenbach as the 1th Grade Teacher Long-Term Substitute at New Holland for the 2021-2022 school year.

Dr. Matthew Sanger, Principal of Garden Spot Secondary Campus introduced several new teachers starting the 2021-2022 school year in Middle School:

Cera Gaston, P.E. Teacher

Joshua Beller, Science Teacher

Trent Reber, Math Teacher

Joanna Rathkey, Social Studies Teacher

Anne Grandfield, Science Teacher

Mr. Irvin made a motion to approve the personnel report. It was seconded by Mrs. Geyer. **The motion was approved. (7-0; 2 abstained (Mr. Gary Buck and Mr. Bryan Naranjo abstained from voting due to being related to personnel.)**

6. Property and Services

6.a. Action Items:

6.a.a. Action Item: Approval of the Change Order for the Synthetic Turf and Track Project

FieldTurf USA, Inc.

CO-01 - \$230,279.10 for Track repairs

Comment: When the track was converted from cinders to asphalt in 1990, the cinder track was never dug up to provide the appropriate stone base. The asphalt was just installed over the cinder track. This change order fixes that issue.

Mr. Ramsey introduced Mr. Jim Hocker, Landscape Architect from Derck & Edson Associates, LLP who presented the Board with details regarding the change order for unforeseen track repairs for the Track and Turf Field project. He noted that this would not affect the turf field timeline but would add two or more weeks to the track construction.

Mr. Irvin made a motion to approve the Change Order for the Synthetic Turf and Track Project It was seconded by Mr. Conroy. **The motion was approved. (9-0)**

6.a.b. Action Item: Approval of Final Budget for General Fund Approval Resolution

The final budget includes a 2.22% tax increase

Mr. Ramsey presented the Board with an update on the Final Budget for the 2021-2022 school year. He presented several changes since the last meeting indicating some increases in revenue allocations that were not projected. He also informed them of several expenditure increases due to new personnel position and IU contract costs. Mr. Ramsey informed the Board the final budget was based on a 2.2% tax increase. He noted that the Board would be approving the Resolution to approve the Final Budget at the next Board meeting.

6.a.c. Action Item: Approval of Annual Tax Levy Resolution

This resolution sets the tax rates for 2021-22. The real estate tax rate is 12.85 mills

Mr. Ramsey requested the Board to approve the Annual Tax Levy Resolution, indicating that the proposed 2.2% tax increase set the real estate tax rate at 12.85.

6.a.d. Action Item: Approval of Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution

The real estate tax reduction amount for 2021-22 is \$64.66 per homestead and farmstead

Mr. Ramsey requested the Board to approve the Homestead and Farmstead real estate tax reduction amount for 2020-2021 at \$64.66.

6.a.e. Action Item: Authorize Budgetary and Fund Transfers for the 2020-21 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, 2021, for the completion of the 2020-21 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. He noted that the transfers would be shown and approved with the Auditors' report.

6.a.f. Action Item: Approval of the Resolution for Commitment of June 30, 2021 Fund Balance

This resolution just authorizes what areas will be included in the committed fund balance. The areas that the District will commit fund balance includes PSERS, Technology Initiatives, and to Balance Future Budgets.

Actual amounts committed will be included in the audit report.

Mr. Ramsey requested the Board to approve the Resolution for Commitment of June 30, 2021 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.a.g. Action Item: Approval of the Special Education Service Contracts with the Lancaster-Lebanon IU #13 for the 2021-22 School Year

Contracted Special Education Services	\$ 950,661 (\$ 637,615 for 2020-21)
Job Training Services	\$ 139,050 (\$ 138,377 for 2020-21)

Mr. Ramsey requested the Board to approve the Special Education Service Contracts with the Lancaster-Lebanon IU #13 for the 2021-22 School Year. He indicated the total cost had increased \$175,000 and the job training services had increased as well.

6.a.h. Action Item: Approval of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Eastern Lancaster County School District Education Association

The MOA amends the current Collective Bargaining Agreement to include the allotment of 185 units for e-sports starting the 2020-21 school year and 110 units for Chess Club starting the 2021-22 school years.

Mr. Ramsey requested the Board to approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Eastern Lancaster County School District Education Association regarding changes to the Extracurricular matrix, adding both E-sports position for the 20-21 school year and Chess Club position for the 21-22 school year.

6.b. Information Items:

6.b.a. Tennis Court Project Update

Mr. Jim Hocker, Landscape Architect from Derck & Edson Associates, LLP informed the Board that an issue was found with the new tennis courts where the asphalt had somehow collapsed, and a hole had appeared. He noted that the contractor would be repairing the issue.

7. Program

7.a. Action Items:

7.a.a. Approval of Flexible Instruction Day (FID)

Dr. Larkin requested the Board to approve the Flexible Instruction Day (FID) application which will enable learners to work virtually if they are unable to attend school regularly either during, for example, a pandemic, hazardous weather, etc. She noted that the application had been due June 1st, however, the Department of Education was allowing for the District to apply and submit the Board's approval at a later time.

7.a.b. Approval of Eastern Lancaster County School District ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan 21- 22 SY

Dr. Larkin requested the Board to approve the Eastern Lancaster County School District ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan for the 2021-2022 school year. She informed the Board that this was a requirement of the ESSER. She also indicated that the Health and Safety plan had been updated to align with the changing recommendations and requirements from the Department of Health and CDC and once approved, the application would be submitted.

7.b. Information Items: None.

8. Management

8.a. Action Items: None

8.b. Information Items:

8.b.a. Report from Mr. Schaffer, Athletic Director, regarding County schools that operate co-op agreements for Athletics with private schools (Follow-up report from Last Board meeting).

Dr. Larkin introduced Mr. Marc Shaffer who presented the Board with information about co-op agreements with private schools throughout Lancaster County. He noted that Eastern Lancaster County School District had not enter into an agreement with private schools because of the concern of classification changes. The Board continued discussing co-op agreements and Lebanon Lancaster League classification requirement.

9. Announcements

None.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Irvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. with a second by Mr. Buck.
The motion was approved. (9-0)

Justin W. Johnson
School Board Secretary
June 14, 2021