



School Board of Directors Meeting June 21, 2021 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, June 21, 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, Jonathan Dahl, Brian Conroy, 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 a member of the media.

1. Welcome and Call to Order

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

2. Moment of Silence/Reflection - Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Larkin led in a silent mediation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda Modification/Approval of Agenda

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

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

4. Student of the Month Presentation

Dr. Sanger presented and congratulated the Students of the Month for the month of May being chosen for their character trait of “Selflessness”.

Grade 12: Tressa Hackel, East Earl, PA, with parents Mr. & Mrs. Randell & Sheryl Hackel

Grade 11: Zoe Weir, East Earl, PA, Unable to Attend

Grade 10: Ameila Sharp, New Holland, PA, Unable to Attend

Grade 9: Emma Felpel, New Holland, PA, Unable to Attend

Dr. Hollister acknowledged and thanked the students and their parents.

5. 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):

Faith Pickel, 1612 Main St, Goodville, PA 17528

"prayer" Good evening board members, thank you for your time and commitment as board members of this school district in the decisions you make and have made especially during this difficult season of our lives. Let us pray, Gracious Heavenly Father, I bow before You for You are Sovereign Ruler, Creator of the Universe. You have created us individually and uniquely, giving gifts and talents according to our needs to carry out your will and purposes. You love each of us but especially the children as you have given warnings in Your Word concerning the harm of a child.

Help the board members as they make decisions to be discerning and to fear You rather than man as they assume the great responsibility for the lives of so many children. Do not let them be influenced by the pressures of society or politics but to stand for truth.

As they make a decision tonight concerning the budget and the increase of taxes to take every consideration into account as to the effects it will have on the children, families and the community. I ask for protection of their hearts and minds from Your adversary that he will not influence them but keep them safe from the evil one and give them Your wisdom and guidance.

May Your will be done Your kingdom come on earth as it is in Heaven.

In Jesus precious name I pray. Amen

COMMENTS (IN-PERSON): [None](#)

6. 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. Kara Martin introduced Jordan Kern, Emotional Support Teacher at Brecknock Elementary and Donna Montgomery, Speech-Language Pathologist at Brecknock Elementary and Secondary Campus, both starting the 2021-2022 school year.](#)

[Mr. Irvin made a motion to approve the consent agenda report. It was seconded by Mr. Naranjo. **The motion was approved. \(9-0\)**](#)

6.a. Approval of Minutes

6.b. Treasurer's Report

6.c. Approve Personnel Report

6.d. Bills Paid

6.e. Cafeteria Fund Treasurer's Report

6.f. Investments

6.g. Student Activity Account

6.h. Approve Budgetary Transfers

6.i. Approval of Final Budget for General Fund Approval Resolution

The final budget includes a 2.22% tax increase

6.j. Approval of Annual Tax Levy Resolution

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

6.k. Approval of Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution

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

6.l. 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.

6.m. 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)

6.n. 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.

6.o. 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.

6.p. Approval of Eastern Lancaster County School District ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan 21- 22 SY

6.q. Approval of Flexible Instruction Day (FID)

7. Action Items

Items Removed from Consent Agenda for Separate Consideration.

8. Reports

8.a. Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau

Mr. Ramsey reported that the Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau met on June 16th. He noted that the LCTCB would be extending their tax collection services to several additional school districts, including Penn Manor and Lampeter Strasburg.

8.b. Lancaster-Lebanon IU13

Mr. Irvin indicated that the Lancaster-Lebanon Board had met twice since the Board last met. He reported on both the May 19th and June 17th meetings.

Mr. Irvin shared several highlights from the May 19th board meeting report: He reported that the IU Board had was currently working on budgets. He also reported that the IU13 Board approved new or addition to service contracts for Business Services, Early Childhood & Special Education Services, Instructional/Technology Services and Human Resource Services. He noted that there were two hundred, seventy-seven (277) new hires, three (3) resignations, three (3) terminations, three (3) retirements, fourteen (14) changes in position or salaries, and six (6) leaves of absences.

Mr. Irvin shared several highlights from the June 17th board meeting report: He reported that the IU13 Board approved \$17,210,022.66 in disbursements and approved new or addition to service contracts for Business Services, Early Childhood & Special Education Services, Instructional/Technology Services and Human Resource Services. He noted they had also approved sixteen (16) resignations, one (1) Death, six (6) retirements, three hundred, twenty-six (326) new hires, forty-one (41) changes in position or salaries, and two (2) leaves of absences.

Mr. Irvin distributed to the Board copies of the Helping Districts, Helping Students newsletters for both May and June.

8.c. Lancaster CTC

Mrs. Maio reported that the Lancaster County CTC JOC met in May and received a summary report of total graduates indicating that a total 800 students had graduated, including 100 adult students. She reported that several Garden Spot learners received awards at each of the campuses and 8 Garden Spot learners were inducted into the National Technology Honor Society. Mrs. Maio also reported on the finalized dual enrollment partnership with Penn College. She reported that the distance education program had also been approved which

would allow adult education students to take general education classes virtually. Mrs. Maio announced that the CTC would be hosting at the beginning of May its annual Fly on the Run fundraiser. She also announced that the Mount Joy Campus had begun construction on two new houses.

8.d. Legislative

Mr. Wentzel reported on the State budget indicating that the goal was to have the budget approved by June 30th. He also reported on the Senate Bill 1 by Senator Martin regarding charter schools and Senate Bill 381 regarding student teachers being permitted to be substitute teachers in the classroom.

9. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Hollister congratulated the winners of the Bee Impactful Award, Deb Olson and Amber McCabe and thanked the Davis family for sponsoring the award.

Dr. Hollister updated the Board on a summary of the District's Co-op program, Career Pathways and reported on several success stories of learners in the Co-op program.

Dr. Hollister shared with the Board his visit with SACA, the Spanish American Civic Association and possible future partnership.

Dr. Hollister noted that the District was busy preparing for the next school year.

10. Announcements

Dr. Hollister announced that there would be only one meeting in July on Monday, July 19th.

11. Adjournment

Mr. Irvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. with a second by Mr. Naranjo. **The motion was approved. (9-0)**

Justin W. Johnson
School Board Secretary
June 21, 2021