



## Committee of the Whole Meeting February 14, 2022 Minutes

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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, February 14, 2022 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, Bryan Naranjo, and Thomas Wentzel

**Board Members not in attendance were:** Kevin McCarroll

**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 a member of the media.

### **1. Welcome and Call to Order**

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

### **2. Moment of Silence/Reflection - Pledge of Allegiance**

President Dahl 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**

[Rick Naranjo, 2571 Valley View Road, Morgantown, PA](#)

Mr. Naranjo said a prayer.

[Dave Horst, 1186 East Earl Drive, East Earl, PA](#)

Mr. Horst presented comments about the year of 2022 to be a year of rejoicing and thanked the Board for what they had done the past year.

[Brianna Hynson, 232 Wentzel Road, Mohnton, PA](#)

Ms. Hynson presented comments and concerns regarding the lack of resources student mental health issues and students with thoughts of suicide.

[Jarod Hynson, 232 Wentzel Road, Mohnton, PA](#)

Mr. Hynson presented comments and concerns regarding student mental health and requested the District to come up with a plan to help students who were struggling with mental issues.

The Board thanked Mr. Hynson and Brianna Hynson for speaking on the subject.

The Board and Administration discussed how the District was handling learner's mental health.

#### **4. Approve Personnel Report**

Mrs. Dianne D'Souza, Assistant Director of Special Education and Gifted Services introduced Samantha Dutt starting as a Special Education Learning Support teacher at Garden Spot Middle School.

Dr. Matthew Sanger, Principal of Secondary Campus introduced Eric Dorward starting as a Math teacher at Garden Spot Middle School.

Mr. Irvin made a motion to approve the personnel report. It was seconded by Mr. Conroy. **The motion was approved. (8-0; 1 absent)**

## 5. Property and Services

### 5.a. Action Items: NONE

### 5.b. Information Items:

#### 5.b.a. COVID-19 Relief Funds - Spending Plan Update

Mr. Ramsey updated the Board and Community on the current spending plan for the Covid-19 relief funds that the School District received. He reviewed each of the grants and how they were spent.

#### 5.b.b. Governors 2022-23 Budget Proposal

Mr. Ramsey presented the Governor's 2022-2023 budget and how it could potentially affect the 2022-2023 budget for Eastern Lancaster County School District.

## 6. Program

### 6.a. Action Items:

#### 6.a.a. Approve Achievement of TSI Goals for Blue Ball Elementary & Garden Spot High School

Dr. Larkin introduced Mrs. Heather Schrantz, Principal of Blue Ball Elementary and Dr. Matthew Sanger, Principal of Garden Spot Secondary Campus who presented the focus areas for their (TSI) targeted school improvement achievement goals for each of their schools, Blue Ball Elementary and Garden Spot High School, respectively.

Dr. Larkin informed the Board these goals would need to be reviewed and approved by the Board and then submitted to the State.

#### 6.a.b. Approval Agreement to Waive Expulsion Hearing

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

### 6.b. Information Items:

#### 6.b.a. Update on Curriculum Development & Resources

Greg Frederick, Director of Elementary Instruction, will be updating the School Board on the work of the Curriculum Specialists and our review of ELA programs.

Dr. Larkin introduced Mr. Gregory Frederick, Director of Elementary Instruction, who presented the Board with an update on Curriculum Development and Resources. He

indicated that the District was developing a common K-12 curriculum blueprint which would lead to the exit learner outcomes guided by the portrait of a graduate in the strategic design plan approved in May 2019.

He also updated the Board on new curriculum resources for elementary ELA Core programs.

Mr. Frederick updated the Board on the opening of Kindergarten registration for the 2022-2023 school year, indicating that the District had already connected with 50 families.

#### **6.b.b. COVID Update**

The District received 240 home test kits from IU13. We will be keeping them in the District Office for distribution to our staff if they are not feeling well and would like to test for COVID. Process will be developed by Kara Martin within the next week.

Dr. Larkin updated the Board on 240 home test kits from IU13 that would be used for staff members.

The Board and Administration discussed the District's Covid number reporting procedures.

## **7. Management**

### **7.a. Action Items: None**

### **7.b. Information Items: Winter Sports Update**

Dr. Larkin presented several Winter Sport updates and successes.

## **8. Announcements**

No Announcements.

## **9. Adjournment**

Mr. Irvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. with a second by Mr. Naranjo. **The motion was approved. (8-0; 1 absent)**

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Justin W. Johnson  
School Board Secretary  
February 14, 2022