



School Board of Directors Meeting February 28, 2022 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, February 28, 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.

To hear the details under each agenda item, please refer to the recording of the meeting which is posted on the District's website (www.elanco.org) under Our District // School Board of Directors // Meeting Audio Minutes

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

Also in attendance were: Dr. Michael Snopkowski, Justin W. Johnson, Rebekah Ray, Dr. Nadine Larkin and Keith Ramsey

Staff/Public in attendance were: Several citizens of the community and staff members of the District.

1. Welcome and Call to Order

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

2. Moment of Silence/Reflection - Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Agenda Modification/Approval of Agenda

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

Tribute to Mr. Day requested to move to the beginning of the meeting.

Mr. Wentzel read the resolution of tribute to Mr. Clifford Day.

Mr. Wentzel made comments about remembering Mr. Day.

Mrs. Geyer made comments about remembering Mr. Day.

4. Approve the Resolution of Tribute for Clifford Day Jr.

Mrs. Geyer made a motion to approve the modified agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Conroy.

The motion was approved. (9-0)

5. Student of the Month Presentation

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

Grade 12: Lejla Hamzi, New Holland, PA with Father Mr. Edin Hamzic

Grade 11: Kendall Moats, New Holland, PA with Mother Mrs. Sarah Moats

Grade 10: Zach Delgado, East Earl, PA with parents Mr. & Mrs. Bill & Sherry Delgado

Grade 9: Jazlyn Hoadley, New Holland, PA, Unable to attend

6. Special Presentation

6.a. CNH Grant Award Presentation for the Technology Education Department

Dr. Snopkowski introduced Mike Stitzer who introduced Tim Smith from CNH, who presented the school district with a check for \$25,000.00 to go towards an Automated Screen Printer.

7. 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.

If you are unable to attend the Board meeting in person and wish to make a public comment, please complete the [PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN-UP FORM](#).

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**

David Brenneman, Lancaster, PA

Mr. Brenneman presented comments and concerns about an incident that occurred in the MDS classroom regarding the care of his son.

Danielle Brenneman, Lancaster, PA

Mrs. Brenneman presented comments and concerns about an incident that occurred in the MDS classroom regarding the care of her son.

Ashley Murray, 424 Maple Street, East Earl, PA, on behalf of sister Amber Murray

Ms. Murray read a statement from Amber Murray regarding incident that occurred in MDS classroom that resulted in her termination.

Nikki Shirk, Blue Ball, PA

Ms. Shirk read her email that she sent the board with comments and concerns regarding incident that occurred in the lunchroom at the Blue Ball Elementary with MDS learners.

Cheryl Brubaker, Horning Road, Denver, PA

Ms. Brubaker presented her concerns and comments regarding incident that occurred in MDS classroom that resulted in her termination.

Jennifer Jarvis, Terre Hill, PA

Ms. Jarvis presented her concerns and comments regarding incident that occurred.

C.J. Boone, New Holland Elementary student

C.J. wanted to present a letter to the Board but changed his mind.

Dianne Boone, East Earl, PA

Ms. Boone spoke about son C.J.'s experiences at New Holland Elementary school. Assigned seats in cafeteria. Contact tracing is affecting the students and it should be reevaluated. With 3 months left in school, can we look at reevaluating the contract tracing rules for the rest of this year and the plan for next year.

President Dahl had a question for Dr. Larkin about contact tracing. Dr. Larkin said we are contact tracing and buildings have chosen how they want to do lunch based on the positive feedback they have gotten from what was done when COVID procedures were in place.

President Dahl responded to the public comments regarding the incident in the MDS classroom.

Mr. Conroy thanked C.J. for trying to speak in front of everyone.

8. Consent Agenda

8.a. Treasurer's Report

8.b. Approval of Minutes

8.c. Bills Paid

8.d. Approve Personnel Report

8.e. Investments

8.f. Cafeteria Fund Treasurer's Report

8.g. Approve Budgetary Transfers

8.h. Student Activity Account

8.i. Approve Achievement of TSI Goals for Blue Ball Elementary & Garden Spot High School

Motion by Mr. Irvin and seconded by Mr. Conroy. **The motion was approved (8-0; 1 abstained)**
Mr. Naranjo abstained due to his name being on the personnel report for approval.

9. Action Items

9.a. Approval of Agreement to Waive Expulsion Hearing

Motion made by Mr. Irvin and seconded by Mr. Buck. **The motion was approved. (9-0)**

Dr. Larkin indicated that an additional waiver expulsion was added from the previous meeting.

9.b. Appoint Keith Ramsey as Board Secretary and Rebekah Ray as Recording Secretary to finish out the term ending June 30, 2025

Motion made by Mr. Irvin and seconded by Mr. Wentzel. **The motion was approved. (9-0)**

9.c. Appoint Donna Prokay as Board Treasurer for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year

Motion made by Mr. Irvin and seconded by Mr. Conroy **The motion was approved. (9-0)**

10. Reports

10.a. Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau

Mr. Ramsey stated that there was no report. Next meeting is March 9th, 2022.

10.b. Lancaster-Lebanon IU13

Mr. Irvin reported that they met on February 9, 2022. Approved payment of invoices in the amount of \$15,539,761.46. Approved 3 new/additions to existing contracts under business services. 18 extensions of existing contracts under early childhood/special education services. 11 new/extensions to existing contracts under instructional services/technology services. Personnel actions – 13 resignations, 54 termination, 9 retirements, 11 new hires, 14 changes of positions and salaries and 9 leaves of absences. Gave copy of board report and helping districts help students were distributed to board members and administration.

10.c. Lancaster CTC

Mr. Conroy was unable to attend the meeting but was able to zoom in on the policy committee review team. Would like to recommend having a policy committee review team here at ELANCO. New membership orientation to attend on March 15th. Would like to congratulate **Julianne Nathan** for winning the website design SkillsUSA District winner.

10.d. Legislative

Mr. Conroy stated that he had no information to report.

Mr. Wentzel reported on settlement redistricting.

11. Superintendent's Report

Board of Directors and the ELANCO Community:

Best of luck to Justin, but also welcome to Miranda Boorman as his replacement. Welcome to ELANCO.

As part of my first report to you and the ELANCO community, I am excited to share several positive events from across our district, as well as items that will be occurring in the weeks to come:

At the elementary level,

BBES:

This school year Blue Ball is implementing PBIS and has brought the “Golden High Five Challenge” to Blue Ball. Learners who exemplify being safe, respectful and kind are recognized throughout the day with “High Fives” from any adult in the building. These students then have their parents contacted, have their names recorded in the “high five book” and are randomly entered into a drawing for a future reward. This week, the 600th “Golden High Five” phone call was made home celebrating the positive choices of the students.

Also at Blue Ball, Mrs. Dickinson’s 6th grade learners worked with the kindergarteners to prepare activities for the upcoming “Read Across America” celebrations. Partnering the youngest and oldest learners in the building created wonderful interactions for all students and demonstrates the sense of community visible throughout the entire district.

BES:

- Brecknock held the 13th Annual Day of Service on Friday, February 25th to commemorate the memory of Mrs. Lisa Horning, a former Brecknock teacher. Every year, the students and staff at Brecknock unite to support a charity for one day. This year’s charity was Caitlin’s Smiles, a local organization that delivers care bags filled with fun activities and craft kits to children in the hospital.
- Students also engaged in their own version of the winter Olympics, mimicking a variety of the events from the winter Olympics in their own way, as well as learning about the history of the Olympics and earning medals for their teams.

NHES:

1. ELANCO Night at the Reading Royals occurred on February 19th. The New Holland principal, Mr. Arrick was involved, as were the mascot for the Royals and Iron Man. Between 25 and 30 of our families were in attendance as well to enjoy the event.
2. The Three Rs assemblies celebrating the school focus of being Responsible, Respectful, Ready to learn have been recognizing students since the fall, and the building is now gearing up for our NHES STEM Night on 3/25. On March 25th, student work will be showcased that demonstrates problem-solving, collaboration and creativity.

From a STEM perspective across all elementary schools, Cherie Lenahan, the Elementary Gifted Support Specialist, took multiple elementary students to represent ELANCO at the **IU13 Mini STEM Bowl** on Thursday, February 24th (Grade 3) and will be going to the IU13 STEM Bowl on Friday, March 4th (Grade 4 and 5).

This is also the beginning of Read across America Week, so our elementary buildings are filled with a variety of activities, dress up or down days, and specialized schedules to celebrate the value of reading to all students.

GSMS:

- As a PBIS reward, the learners chose a Faculty v. Learner Basketball game. Even though the faculty won both games, several learners walked away with some pretty amazing prizes:
 - \$25 gift cards donated by local businesses;
 - Shoe cleaning kit; and,
 - Two bikes

GSHS:

Here are a few recent Athletic accomplishments since the last board meeting:

1. Garrett Gehr – 3rd place finish in the 132 pound weight class at this weekend's District 3 Wrestling championships & state qualifier for the upcoming PIAA championships in 2 weeks
2. Bryna Kelly – 60m hurdle finalist (8th place overall) at this weekend's PA Track &Field Coaches Association Indoor State Championship Meet
3. Kayla Parry, Peter Hasse, and Zach Delgado each qualified in two events for next weekend's District 3 championship meet. Kayla is the 2nd seed in the 200 IM and the 100 Butterfly. Peter is the 4th seed in the 200 IM and 5th seed in the 100 Breast. Zach Delgado is the 14th seed in the 100 Fly and 19th seed in the 100 Free.

Additionally, I would like to thank the school board and administrative team for their patience as I finally began officially in ELANCO on February 23rd. I very much appreciate feeling welcomed by ELANCO and look forward to continuing to get to know everyone in the buildings as well as the community over the next several months. I would also like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Larkin for her leadership during the transition and efforts to help me hit the ground running. I can already see that there are wonderful things happening for our learners across all of our buildings and I am very excited to be a part of all things ELANCO moving forward.

12. Announcements

President Dahl stated there was an executive session held prior to the Board Meeting and that there will be an executive session after the meeting regarding a personnel and student issue.

13. Adjournment

Mr. Irvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. with a second by Mr. Conroy.
The motion was approved. (9-0)

Keith D. Ramsey
School Board Secretary
February 28, 2022