



## School Board of Directors Meeting March 21, 2022 Minutes

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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, March 21, 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](http://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, and Thomas Wentzel

**Board Member(s) not in attendance were:** Bryan Naranjo

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

**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. Keith Ramsey led in a silent meditation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **3. Agenda Modification/Approval of Agenda**

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

### **4. Student of the Month Presentation**

Dr. Sanger presented and congratulated the Students of the Month for the month of February being chosen for their character trait of "Personal Accountability".

Grade 12: William Culbert

Grade 11: Brian Blazejewicz

Grade 10: Ajiah Fox

Grade 9: Sean Sexton

## 5. Citizens of the District Comments

Stacey Martin, 17 S. Whisper Ln., New Holland, PA

I want to thank the board members for their diligent work in leading our district. Your hard work does not go unnoticed. Please allow me to offer a prayer for the meeting tonight. "Heavenly Father, I want to thank you for the dedicated people who make up our school board. I pray that you would bless them, along with our new superintendent, with your wisdom as they make decisions that will affect our children. May your will be done. In Jesus name, Amen

David Breneman, 1612 Magnolia Dr., Lancaster, PA

Spoke about incident with son and is eager to seeing it being resolved. Feels as if it is not being handled properly and brought up previous incidents with teacher. Spoke on behalf of other parents regarding the teacher.

David Horst - 86 East Earl Rd., East Earl

Would like to have a meeting with the Board about becoming an independent school district.

Joan Benjamin, 256 E. Jackson St. New Holland

Spoke about school district doing a great job with the students. Happy to hear about the survey that went out to get information from the community. Had some questions about the curriculum, books and how parents can know what the children are learning or reading.

CJ Boone, 729 Pleasant Drive, New Holland, student at New Holland Elementary School

Brian Conroy spoke on behalf of CJ

President Dahl confirmed with Dr. Larkin that the curriculum is posted on the website. The library book question that was questioned by Ms. Benjamin was clarified on the process for the books. Mr. Conroy spoke about the policies.

## 6. Special Presentation – NONE

## 7. Consent Agenda

**7.a. Recommendation of Graduation Date for Class of 2022: June 8, 2022**

**7.b. Approve Revised Health and Safety Plan**

**7.c. Approval of lawn mowing services proposal**

**7.d. Approval of landscape/lawn services proposal**

**7.e. 2022-23 IU-13 General Operating Budget**

**7.f. Bills Paid**

**7.g. Treasurer's Report**

**7.h. Approval of Minutes**

**7.i. Approve Personnel Report - NONE**

**7.j. Cafeteria Fund Treasurer's Report**

**7.k. Approve Budgetary Transfers**

**7.l. Student Activity Account**

**7.m. Investments**

Motion was made by Brian Conroy and seconded by Mr. Irvin. **Motion was approved. (8-0; 1 absent)**

## **8. Action Items**

**8.a. Appoint Keith Ramsey to the Lancaster-Lebanon Joint Authority Board to serve a five-year term beginning January 1, 2022.**

Mr. Ramsey spoke about his position with the IU13 on the Joint Authority Board.

Motion was made by Mr. Wentzel and was seconded by Mr. Buck. **Motion was approved. (8-0; 1 absent)**

## **9. Reports**

**9.a. Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau**

Mr. Ramsey stated that the Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau met on March 16, 2022 and spoke about the Audit report.

**9.b. Lancaster-Lebanon IU13**

Mr. Irvin spoke about the IU13 meeting on March 9, 2022.

**9.c. Lancaster CTC**

Mr. Conroy spoke about the Lancaster CTC meeting on Thursday March 24, 2022. On March 25, 2021, the Pastry Taste was very successful. The Policy Committee is going through the 800 section.

**9.d. Legislative**

Mr. Conroy spoke to Dr. Snopkowski about getting educated more on the Charter School reform in Harrisburg. On April 4, 2022 there is a hearing happening on Charter Schools that could affect schools.

On April 25, 2022 he will be spending the day in Harrisburg with PSBA for their Advocacy Day.

## 10. Superintendent's Report

From Brecknock Elementary, I'm excited to share that two of our teachers have recently received grant awards that will result in additional resources and learning opportunities for our youngest learners. First is music teacher Mr. Nash Helsel, who earned a grant from the organization Music for Everyone that will result in the purchase of 30 guitars that will be added to our music department resources. These will be of different sizes and allow all learners at Brecknock to experience this additional way to make their own music. A second grant was received by Stacy Jackson from the Society of Health and Physical Educators through the Lancaster Bicycle Club in the amount of \$2300 in recognition her being named as the Lancaster-Lebanon-Berks Teacher of the Year for 2022. This will automatically designate her for consideration as teacher of the year for Pennsylvania, to be determined next school year.

At New Holland Elementary on this coming Friday from 6-8pm, learners and families are invited to attend STEM night. This is an opportunity for learners to bring in their families to see the variety of things they are learning through the STEM class, and how they are applying their creativity and problem solving to a variety of different problems and situations. There are approximately 20 student presenters who will be sharing their creations as well as answering questions, and those in attendance will be able to complete other STEM-based experiences as well. As a reminder, STEM is an experience that all of our elementary students have built into their schedules as part of their regular rotation, so all learners are being exposed to age and maturity-appropriate tasks and activities.

I'd also like to send a special thank you to Ms. Bradbury's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class at New Holland for the cards and notes that welcomed me to ELANCO. I had the opportunity to say thank you in person on Thursday of last week and really appreciate their hospitality and curiosity. It was great energy to spend time answering their questions, although when they found out my age and that I was in 4<sup>th</sup> grade all the way back in the 1980s, it took them a couple minutes to get their focus back.

With the official start of spring, we're beginning our spring sports season. This week begins our competition season, with 7 different high school programs as well as track and field at the middle school level. These programs, including both varsity and junior varsity, have over 270 athletes competing and representing our district. With schedules posted online through our website, I'd encourage our community to spend time during an afternoon or evening cheering on and supporting our athletes. One of our middle school students, Trent Rutt, recently competed at the Scholastic 3-D Archery Indoor National Championships held in Owensboro, KY. He earned a second-place finish with a score of 299. Please understand that the maximum score is 300, so Trent was nearly perfect in his performance. Finally, special thanks to our athletic director Marc Schaffer and his team for hosting over 700 people in the 6A girls' basketball eastern final on Friday night in the Garden Spot HS Gymnasium. As a former AD, I know there is a tremendous amount of prestige that goes with being asked to host one of these games since they are only awarded to the facilities and communities that are considered to be the best of the best. Not only was it a great evening for the teams who

participated, but it is a tremendous complement to our school community that an event like this would be hosted in our HS gymnasium.

Finally, to our overall community, I'm asking that you take a few minutes to complete the feedback form that is available on our website, and has also been shared by building principals and through email to all learners and families. The form asks only four questions and is focused on gathering the ideas of our community to help make our schools and the experiences of our learners the best they can be. As of today there are approximately 400 responses, and the form will remain open until Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup>, so I'm hopeful that even more people will participate. Thank you in advance for your participation, and I look forward to embedding the major ideas and concepts in our goals and action plans for next year as well as future years.

## **11. Announcements - NONE**

## **12. Adjournment**

Mr. Irvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. with a second by Mr. Wentzel.  
**Motion was approved. (8-0; 1 absent)**

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Keith D. Ramsey  
School Board Secretary  
March 21, 2022