

# LAMPETER-STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

Administration Building

Academic Committee Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2022

Mr. Matthew Parido called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Board Members, Mr. Matthew E. Parido, Mrs. Melissa S. Herr, Mrs. Kari A. Steinbacher; Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Andrew M. Godfrey; Lampeter-Strasburg High School principal, Dr. Benjamin Feeney; Community Members, Mrs. Amanda Schlee and Mrs. Kristina Szoke.

## ACADEMIC COMMITTEE CONSENT ITEMS

### 1. Letter of Agreement with Eastern University for Student Teaching

Dr. Godfrey presented a letter of agreement with Eastern University to host a student teacher in the Spring of 2023. He explained the agreement was routine in nature and aligned with agreements from other colleges/universities. The Committee was supportive of the agreement, and it will be recommended for approval by the full Board of Directors at the December 5, 2022, meeting.

### 2. Dual/Concurrent Enrollment Agreement with Thaddeus Stevens School of Technology

Dr. Godfrey presented a dual/concurrent enrollment agreement with Thaddeus Stevens School of Technology. This agreement was discussed by the Committee in Spring of 2022, but was not returned from the college. The signed agreement was recently returned and would be therefore recommended for approval by the full Board of Directors at the meeting later that evening.

## ACADEMIC COMMITTEE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

### 1. 2023-2024 Lampeter-Strasburg High School Course Guide – Changes and Updates

Dr. Benjamin Feeney provided the Committee with an overview of proposed changes to the Lampeter-Strasburg High School Course Guide for the 2023-2024 School Year. These changes included language to provide additional information related to Pathways to Graduation under Act 158, Career Readiness Indicators under Act 339, Proposed new courses, and the removal of several courses that have historically low enrollment. Dr. Feeney also provided an overview of the course selection process for students.

The complete course guide will be recommended for approval at the December 5, 2022, meeting of the full Board of Directors.

### 2. New Course Proposal – Modern Band

Dr. Godfrey provided an overview of a new recommended high school course, Modern Band. A rationale for the new course was provided and Dr. Godfrey shared that the course was supported by building administration and the subject area Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction Committee. Dr. Godfrey explained the course would be offered to students during the 2023-2024 school year pending final approval of the full Board of Directors. Curriculum writing would begin upon course approval and submitted to the full Board of Directors for approval prior to the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

Dr. Godfrey answered any questions from the Committee. The Committee recommended Modern Band be recommended to the full Board of Directors for approval at the December 5, 2022, meeting.

### 3. Mr. Parido welcomed two potential new community members to the Committee, Mrs. Amanda Schlee and Mrs. Kristina Szoke. Both community members will be recommended to the full Board of Directors for approval of a two-year term at the December 5, 2022, meeting.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.