



## Committee of the Whole Meeting April 11, 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, April 11, 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, Kevin McCarroll, and Thomas Wentzel

**Board Members not in attendance were:** Dina Maio, 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**

Dr. Nadine Larkin 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.

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**

Danielle Brenneman, 1612 Magnolia Dr., Lancaster, PA

Spoke about receiving closing on the situation regarding her son, however she feels as though they are in the dark with how the situation was handled. She is concerned how similar situations will be handled with future children.

Jason Kauffman, 598 West Broad St., New Holland, PA

Said a prayer

Sam Trego – New Holland, PA

Spoke about her concerns regarding political photographs being posted in classrooms around the school.

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

Mr. Irvin made a motion to approve the personnel report. It was seconded by Mr. Wentzel. **The motion was approved. (7-0; 2 absent)**

#### **5. Property and Services**

**5.a. Extending the time frame outlined in the Letter of Intent with Garden Spot Fire Rescue to execute a formal agreement of sale from 120 days to until March 31, 2023.**

Mr. Ramsey Spoke about the Garden Spot Fire Rescue having some delays with the subdivision and would like an extension through March 2023.

**5.b. 2022-23 Budget Update**

Mr. Ramsey provided an update on the 2022-2023 Budget and will provide another update in May.

Mr. Wentzel asked about the carryover that we would have, and Mr. Ramsey said he feels that conservatively, we will have about at least \$1.5 million.

**5.c. Capital Projects Update**

Mr. Ramsey spoke about the building improvements over the next 10 years.

#### **6. Program**

**6.a. Approval of Agreement to Waive Expulsion Hearing (2)**

Motion to approve next week

**6.b. Class of 2022 Class Trip**

Dr. Larkin introduced two representatives from the Class of 2022.

Hope Monderwicz and Taylor Martin from the Class of 2022 spoke about the class wanting to go to Ocean City, NJ on May 23, 2022, and would rent an Elite Coach Bus.

Mr. Wentzel asked how much it would cost. The students shared that it would cost about \$35-\$40/student.

There are 6 teachers that are willing to chaperone.

## 7. Management

### 7.a. Policy Review Process

Dr. Snopkowski spoke about the Process to update the Board policies and asked for volunteers for a subcommittee.

Subcommittee individuals will include: Brian Conroy, Kevin McCarroll, Jacqueline Geyer. President Dahl would like to be included in those meetings if possible.

### 7.b. Non-Voting Student Representatives

Dr. Sanger and Dr. Snopkowski met about Non-Voting Student Representatives at Board meetings.

Dr. Snopkowski stated that a Junior student would be the representative for the secondary campus and a Senior student would be the representative for the elementary schools.

Dr. Wentzel made a comment about it being a great addition to our school.

Mrs. Geyer stated that it's a great opportunity for these students.

### 7.c. Community Survey Update

Just under 600 respondents. 50% from learners. Narrative feedback was very interesting and will help with the comprehensive plan.

Dr. Snopkowski asked the State for an extension on the comprehensive plan submission, which was granted until November. Therefore, the Board will vote for the plan in October.

### 7.d. PA Charter Schools Update

Dr. Snopkowski – provided an update on the proposed changes on the Charter Schools.

Mrs. Geyer had a question about the private schools costing less than Charter schools. Dr. Snopkowski shared that the school districts have no control how the Charter Schools spend their money.

## 8. Announcements

Mr. Conroy spoke about Advocacy Day, which is held on April 25. He stated that he will get as much information on Cyber Charter Schools that he can.

Mr. Conroy also spoke about Mental Health regarding students. He stated that PSBA and the Washington Post put an article out on student Mental Health.

Mr. Conroy was a part of the AFBE tournament that happened at our campus the previous weekend and he heard a lot of positive comments made about our school facilities.

## 9. Adjournment

Mr. Irvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. with a second by Mr. Wentzel.  
**The motion was approved. (7-0; 2 absent)**



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Keith D. Ramsey  
School Board Secretary  
April 11, 2022