School Board of Directors Meeting  
June 19, 2023  
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, June 19, 2023 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, Jonathan Dahl, Jacqueline Geyer, Paul Irvin, Dina Maio, Kevin McCarroll, Bryan Naranjo, and Thomas Wentzel

**Board Member(s) not in attendance were:** Brian Conroy

**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 7:01 p.m.

2. **Moment of Silence/Reflection - Pledge of Allegiance**  
   Mr. Bryan Naranjo led in a silent mediation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Agenda Modification/Approval of Agenda**  
   Mr. Wentzel made a motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Irvin.  
   **The motion was approved.** (8-0; 1 absent)

4. **Approve Resolution of Tributes**  
   Mr. Wentzel made a motion to approve the Resolution of Tributes. It was seconded by Mrs. Maio. Mr. Buck read the resolutions for, Glenn Weber, Arlene L. Slabach and Patricia L. Bixler.  
   **The motion was approved.** (8-0; 1 absent)

5. **Student Board Representative Introduction**  
   Dr. Sanger introduced Nayla Forshee for the 2023-2024 school year.
6. Special Education Audit Presentation

Dr. Larkin introduced Sam Ewing from the CCIU who lead the Audit for the Special Education Department.

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.

Thank you.

Deb Reimers – spoke to the board about the job they are doing and said a prayer for the district.

John Saint – spoke to the Board about a book that his neighbor’s child brought home from school.

8. Consent Agenda

8.a. Treasurer's Report
8.b. Approval of Minutes
8.c. Bills Paid
8.d. Approve Personnel Reports
   8.d.a. Staff Personnel Report
   8.d.b. Extra-Curricular Personnel Report
8.e. Investments
8.f. Cafeteria Fund Treasurer's Report
8.g. Approve Budgetary Transfers
8.h. Student Activity Account
8.i. Approval of Final Budget for General Fund Approval Resolution
8.j. Approval of Annual Tax Levy Resolution
8.k. Approval of Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution
8.l. Approval of the Resolution for Commitment of June 30, 2023 Fund Balance
8.m. Authorize Budgetary and Fund Transfers for the 2022-23 school year with approval, of such, at acceptance of the Audit Report
8.n. Approval to allow the Administration to fill open positions and process new hires with retroactive approval to hire date affirmed at the August 7, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting.
8.o. Approval of the Special Education Service Contracts with the Lancaster-Lebanon IU #13 for the 2023-24 School Year
8.p. Agreement to Waive Expulsion Hearing
8.q. Approval of ARP/ESSER Health and Safety Plan
8.r. Approval of Contract with Caron Foundation for the 2023-2024 School Year
8.s. Approval of K-12 English Language Development Materials
8.t. Second Read Policies

Motion by Mr. Irvin and seconded by Mr. Naranjo.
The motion was approved (8-0; 1 absent).

9. Action Items
9.a. Appoint Dr. Nadine Larkin as ACT 44 coordinator for the Eastern Lancaster County School District
Motion by Mr. Naranjo and seconded by Mr. Irvin.
The motion was approved (8-0; 1 absent).

10. Reports
10.a. Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau
Mr. Ramsey stated that they had a meeting on June 14 and the focus was to approve changes and clarity on the by-laws. The next meeting is in September.
10.b. Lancaster-Lebanon IU13
Mr. Irvin stated that they met on May 24, 2023.
10.c. Lancaster CTC
No report.
10.d. Legislative
No report.
10.e. Student Representative
Kendell Moats reported on activities at the elementary schools and Thomas Watt reported on the activities at the secondary campus.

11. Superintendent’s Report
The summer months for ELANCO have begun which means that our technology, maintenance, teaching and learning and HR teams are kicking their work into high gear to get as much accomplished during our shortened summer as possible. Some of the projects that you may see around our campuses include work on the fuel tanks at our transportation depot, sidewalk repair, deep cleaning in all buildings and a host of other repairs and fixes that simply can’t be done when students are in our buildings. Our technology team is imaging almost 1000 units to have them ready for distribution in August as well as doing other upgrades to our student information and learning management systems. Curriculum work is moving ahead in multiple subject areas including math and hiring will continue to be a focus until every one of our
openings is filled. I’d like to thank each of these teams for doing so much work behind the scenes that often goes unnoticed but is critical to our long-term success.

We also approved the budget tonight which is a labor of many hours by many people, but is always facilitated by our CFO. I want to publicly thank Mr. Ramsey and his team for all of the work that they do to fund our existing programs for our learners, and also keep ELANCO at one of the lowest tax rates for our community. Finding a balance between these two priorities is always difficult, but Mr. Ramsey has done this for a number of years and has positioned our district very well currently as well as for the future.

For the upcoming school year, the administrative team will continue to focus its efforts on building coherence throughout all systems and aspects of our school district. Tonight we received feedback and recommendations related to our special education practices and earlier this spring we heard how we can work to improve our communication systems internally and externally. In addition to action planning for these major areas of operation, we will prepare to share enrollment, facility and long-range planning projections with the board in the fall and throughout the winter. The goal of all of these processes is to provide our board and school community with the information that is needed to make sound decisions so we can best prepare our learners for their future success in whatever they choose.

To our recent graduates, I offer you the best of luck as you take your individual pathways toward your future success. You will always be welcome in our community and it is my sincere hope that you find your happiness in becoming your best for yourself, your family and your community. I’d also especially like to thank Kendell for her work as our senior student board representative. You were literally a trailblazer for our district in fulfilling your responsibilities and creating a legacy for all future student representatives to live up to in following your first footsteps. It is clear to all of us that your future is incredibly bright and knows no boundaries. Being here tonight after your official school year has ended, as well as being your birthday, shows your commitment and leadership for all to follow.

I hope everyone has a relaxing and restful summer and I look forward to seeing everyone 8 weeks from tomorrow as our district staff returns for our annual convocation and school year kick-off.

12. Announcements - NONE

13. Adjournment

Mr. Irvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. with a second by Mr. Wentzel. The motion was approved. (8-0; 1 absent).

Keith D. Ramsey
School Board Secretary
June 19, 2023