



School Board of Directors Meeting

October 21, 2024

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, October 21, 2024 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.

All attachments are available to view at <https://app.agendamanager.com/elanco/meetings>.

Roll Call

Board Members in attendance were: Gary Buck, Brian Conroy, Jacqueline Geyer, Jarod Hynson, Paul Irvin, Bryan Naranjo, Phil Stoltzfus and Thomas Wentzel

Board Member(s) not in attendance were: Jonathan Dahl

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

Staff/Public in attendance were: Several citizens of the community, a member from LNP newspaper and staff members of the District.

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Vice President Conroy opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

2. Moment of Silence/Reflection - Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Paul Irvin led in a silent meditation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Resolutions of Tribute

Mr. Wentzel read the resolutions.

4. Agenda Modification/Approval of Agenda

Mr. Wentzel made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Mr. Naranjo.

The motion was approved. (8-0;1 absent)

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 “Leadership”.

Grade 12: Genevieve Adamow

Grade 11: Elena Zimmerman

Grade 10: Katie Hoffman

Grade 9: Spencer Babb

6. 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 the 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.

[Shelby Hollinger, New Holland, PA](#) – said a prayer for the district.

7. Consent Agenda

7.a. Approval of Minutes

7.b. Treasurer's Report

7.c. Approve Personnel Report

7.c.a. Staff Personnel Report

Mary Ann Harple was introduced as the new Administrative Assistant for the Athletic Department.

Ms. Seckman introduced Melissa Cherkasky who will be the Media Specialist at New Holland Elementary.

7.c.b. Extra-Curricular Personnel Report

7.d. Bills Paid

7.e. Cafeteria Fund Treasurer's Report

7.f. Investments

7.g. Student Activity Account

7.h. Busch Gardens Field Trip- 5/02/25 - 5/04/25

7.i. Approval of K-8 Science Curriculum, Materials and Resources

7.j. Approve Resolutions of Tribute

Mr. Naranjo made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Mr. Wentzel.

The motion was approved. (7-0;1 absent; 1 abstention - Mr. Irvin)

8. Action Items

8.a. Motion to convert the Athletic Director position from a 10-month position to a 12-month position, effective immediately.

Mr. Irvin made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Mr. Buck.

The motion was approved. (8-0;1 absent)

8.b. Approval of General Fund checks

Mr. Irvin made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Mr. Naranjo.

The motion was approved. (7-0; 1 absent; 1 abstention - Stoltzfus)

9. Reports

9.a. Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau

Mr. Ramsey stated that there was no meeting this month, the next meeting is on November 13, 2024, which will discuss the upcoming budget.

9.b. Lancaster-Lebanon IU13

Mr. Irvin updated the board about the meeting from October 9, 2024.

9.c. Lancaster CTC

Mr. Conroy stated that there was no meeting this month.

9.d. Legislative

Mr. Wentzel spoke about the upcoming election.

9.e. Student Representative

Nyla Forshee reported on activities at the elementary schools and Riley Arment reported on the activities at the secondary campus.

10. Superintendent's Report

As we head into the last week of the first quarter, there are several items that I'd like to draw our attention to. The first is to a grant that was awarded to our cafeteria program that provides funding to purchase our beef locally from our community farms and suppliers. This is the first year we've been awarded the grant and it will provide almost \$4,000 this year to create quality nutrition sourced from local suppliers. In future years the hope is that this funding will be expanded to provide additional options for our students as well as support our community.

In a similar vein, students at Brecknock Elementary raised almost \$15,000 through their fall fun run fundraiser. In partnership with the PTO, these funds will support numerous activities and experiences for students during the year, including field trips, assemblies and classroom mini-grants. Even more importantly, because of the amount raised Mr. Moll and Mrs. Koehler camped overnight on the front lawn of Brecknock and are still thawing out from the experience.

Garden Spot High School students hosted a group of student visitors from Germany as part of an exchange program. Our students were able to spend time in Germany in the early summer and repay the hospitality during the first week of October. While here, the students from Germany were able to attend classes with our students, visit local and regional historical sites as well as attend a football game and our homecoming dance. Special thanks for Laura Trimble and Manfred Eller for the months of preparations that made this so successful.

As our fall sports seasons are wrapping up, I'd like to offer the best of luck to our girls' volleyball team as they open play as the #2 seed in their classification. They are hosting on Thursday night after earning a bye in the first round, so please come out to support the team at 7pm in our gym.


I would also like to acknowledge three of our board members for their service. On behalf of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, I would like to congratulate Mr. Conroy, Mrs. Geyer and Mr. Irvin for their years of service to ELANCO through the roles on the board. Mr. Conroy and Mrs. Geyer have completed 5 years of service, and Mr. Irvin has completed 15 years of service. Please join me in thanking them for their time and efforts in making ELANCO the wonderful school district it is.

11. Announcements

Mr. Conroy commented on the PSBA vote that the has been recommended by Mr. Ramsey as all parties being reelected are unopposed.

12. Adjournment

Mr. Irvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. with a second by Mr. Conroy.
The motion was approved. (8-0;1 absent)



Keith D. Ramsey
School Board Secretary
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