

EASTERN LEBANON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
180 ELCO Drive, Myerstown, PA 17067

Committee-of-the-Whole Board of Education Meeting
District Board Room
Hybrid

January 3, 2024

The Committee-of-the-Whole Board of Education Meeting was called to order by President, Mr. David Ziegler at 6:01 p.m.

The Eastern Lebanon County School Board met in a Committee-of-the-Whole Board of Education Session (hybrid – in-person and via Zoom) with President David Ziegler presiding.

Mr. Ziegler noted the District is audio recording the meeting and the audio recording will be posted to the district website. Mr. Ziegler also inquired if anyone in attendance was recording the meeting; no one in attendance indicated audio recording the meeting.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Moyer.

Roll Call

Board Secretary, Mrs. Lori Mosser called the roll. The following members were present: Mrs. Kantner, Mrs. Morrissey, Mrs. Moyer; and Messer's Ziegler, Ferrari, Jr., Kahl, Kramer, Ondrusek, and Santos, . Also, in attendance were the following from the administrative team: Mrs. Vicente, Dr. Davis, Ms. Haas, Mr. Treese, Dr. Gerhart, Mrs. Hower, Mrs. Houck, Mr. Breeden, Mrs. Lutz, Mrs. Shoemaker, Mr. Sweigart, Mrs. Himmelreich, Mrs. DeHaven, Mr. Richards, Mr. Boltz, Mr. Dresch, Mr. Mealy; Lori Mosser, Board Secretary; William Zee, School Solicitor; and faculty/staff and community members (in-person and Zoom).

Board President Communications

- Welcomed everyone attending.
- The board will meet immediately following adjournment of tonight's meeting for required board training.

Students of the Month

January:

- Fort Zeller Student Ambassadors: Hudson Horning, Joslyn Thome, and Nora Ziegler.
- Jackson Elementary Student Ambassadors: Lincoln Behney, Eliza Scott, Grace Strayer, and Gracin Wike.
- Intermediate School Raider Crew.

On behalf of the School Board, Mr. Ziegler congratulated the students. He also thanked the parents, families, and teachers for their support.

Recognition

- Jonathan Bickel, Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year Finalist.

A brief recess was taken at 6:23 p.m., allowing parents and families to leave prior to the business meeting.

President Ziegler reconvened the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Board Committee & Rep Reports

- Personnel Committee – Mr. Kramer
 - No Report.
- Curriculum Committee – Mrs. Morrissey
 - Next meeting will be held Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
- General Services Committee – Mr. Kahl
 - No Report.
- Finance Committee – Mr. Kahl
 - The next meeting will be held Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
- IU13 Rep Report – Mr. Ondrusek
 - A meeting was held December 13, 2023, at the Northern Education Center. Next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 10, 2024.
- PSBA Rep Report – Mrs. Kantner
 - Update on required School Board Director training.
- CTC Rep Report – Mr. Santos
 - A meeting was held December 19, 2023. A Holiday meal was presented by students in the Culinary Arts Program.
- Lebanon Co. Tax Collection Rep Report – Mr. Ferrari, Jr.
 - No Report.
- ELCO Education Foundation – Mrs. Morrissey
 - The next meeting will be held January 11, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. in the District Office Board Room. Prior to the meeting, the foundation members will tour the new Planetarium.

Public Comments – Items On the Agenda

- No comments were made.

ACTION ITEMS

Personnel Committee – Mr. Howard Kramer, Chairperson

No items were requested to be separated from the overall vote.

On a motion by Mr. Kramer, seconded by Mr. Kahl and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, Personnel Items A-I, were approved:

- A. Accepted a “Letter of Resignation” from Melissa Bowman, full-time Specialized Paraprofessional, effective January 5, 2024.
- B. Accepted a “Letter of Resignation” from David Nye, Junior High Boys Soccer Coach, effective and retroactive to December 5, 2023.
- C. Accepted a “Letter of Resignation” from Kelsey Metzler, Middle School Special Education teacher, effective and retroactive to December 19, 2023.
- D. Approved the change in employment status of Anna Corbett *from* District Substitute *to* Intermediate School Long Term Music Substitute at a salary of Bachelor’s – Step 1 (\$52,314, prorated for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year). Retroactive to December 4, 2023.
Background: Position filled due to a leave.

E. Approved adding the following individual to the ELCO sub listing for the 2023-2024 school year, pending receipt of all documentation, clearances, and disclosures.

- Rachel Nelson - Teacher Sub

F. Approved the following individuals as coach for the 2023-2024 Spring Sports season as listed: (Board Attachment).

Background: Salary to be paid by Special Olympics Pennsylvania

Unified Sports Head Coach Megan Worley

G. Approved the following individuals as a coach for the 2023-2024 Spring Sports season as listed: (pending receipt of all required documentation, clearances, and disclosures). (Board Attachment).

Boys Baseball Varsity Asst. Coach Derek Fulk

H. Approved adding the following individuals to the ELCO volunteer listing for the 2023-2024 school year, as listed (noting all required documentation, clearances, and trainings are on file):

JoAnna Arena	Andrew Fies	Samantha Heisler
David Houtz	Rebecca Lehman	Matthew Peters
Jennifer Powell	Kirsten Wenger	Jessica Fulk
Diana Clair		

I. Approved the employment of Morgan Chapman as a Middle School Special Education teacher on a “Temporary Professional Contract” at a salary of Bachelor’s – Step 1 (\$52,314), start date TBD, pending receipt of all required documentation, clearances, and disclosures.

Background: Position filled due to resignation.

Curriculum Committee – Mrs. Joya Morrissey, Chairperson

No items were requested to be separated from the overall agenda.

On a motion by Mrs. Morrissey, seconded by Mr. Ondrusek and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, Curriculum Items A-C, were approved.

A. Approved a trip and travel request from Madison Hetrick, FFA Advisor, chaperones, and approximately 40 students to travel and attend the Pennsylvania FFA ACES (Agricultural Cooperation Establishes Success) Conference at the Sheraton Hotel, Harrisburg, PA being held February 24-25, 2024.

Background: Annual Conference on leadership with costs budgeted.

B. Approved a trip and travel request from David Fair, High School Band Director, and chaperone to travel and attend with qualifying band students to the District Band Festival being held January 12-13, 2024, at Boiling Springs High School.

Background: Annual event attended by director and qualifying students. Costs are budgeted.

C. Approved a trip and travel request from Ben Moser, Head Varsity Wrestling Coach, Assistant Coaches Chris Longstaff and Warren Zimmerman, and the ELCO Wrestling Team to travel and attend the Chambersburg Trojan Wars Wrestling Tournament at Chambersburg High School on December 29-30, 2023. Retroactive to December 4, 2023.

Background: Costs for the trip are funded by the Wrestling Booster Club.

General Services Committee – Mr. Jack Kahl, Chairperson

On a motion by Mr. Kahl, seconded by Mr. Kramer and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, Item A was approved:

- A. Approved Change Order #13 to the High School Renovations and Additions project in the amount of \$1,457.22. (Board Attachment)
Background: This includes roofing contractor change order number RC-1 for \$1,457.22. This change order is to install coping at the dust collector wall and includes credit to change Admin coping to shop fabricated.

Finance Committee – Mr. Jack Kahl, Chairperson

On a motion by Mr. Kahl, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, Jr. and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, Item A was approved:

- A. Approved the Lancaster-Lebanon Public Schools Employees' Health Care Cooperative Amended and Restated Joint Membership Agreement. (Board Attachment)
Background: The IU13 is no longer responsible for the plan administration of the Healthcare Program and the Agreement is being updated to reflect this change.

NON-ACTION ITEMSPersonnel Committee – Mr. Howard Kramer, Chairperson

- No Items for discussion.

Curriculum Committee – Mrs. Joya Morrissey, Chairperson

- No Items for discussion.

General Services Committee – Mr. Jack Kahl, Chairperson

- No Items for discussion.

Finance Committee – Mr. Jack Kahl, Chairperson

- No Items for discussion.

Superintendent's Report

- Principal Reports
 - Mrs. Tam Hower – Jackson Elementary School
 - Continuing to build on CIP goal. The number of student absences are reduced due to various practices put into place to support both students and family.
 - Benchmark Testing will be taking place in the month of January.
 - Mrs. Jodi Houck – Fort Zeller Elementary School
 - Reading is Fundamental application approved. Book Bags with Reading supplies were distributed to 2nd grade class.
 - Benchmark Testing will take place in the month of January,
 - Dr. Michael Gerhart – ELCO Intermediate School
 - Annual Holiday Sing-Along held in December.
 - Welcome Back PBIS Assembly
 - Benchmark Testing will be taking place in the month of January.

- Mr. Jonathan Treese – ELCO Middle School
 - Middle School Dance – Friday, January 6, 2024
 - Facilitating academic and recognition activities at end of 2nd marking period.
- Ms. Jennifer Haas – ELCO High School
 - Science Department moved into their new classrooms January 2, 2024.
 - Our Interact and National Honor Society collaborative field trip to Stone Ridge to assist residents with technology.
- Mrs. Vicente for Mr. Thomas Mealy – Athletic Director’s Report
 - Jake Williams being selected as an AP All-State Football Player
 - Lebanon County Sports for recognizing ELCO athletes.
 - RaiderTHON Gold Rush Basketball games to be held Friday, January 26, 2024. Start time 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Vicente reported on the following:

- The ELCO 2023 Holiday Drive benefitted 189 children representing 67 families.
- Jenn Martin is our new Future Ready Facilitator. Our strategic goal is to prepare students for college, career, and life. Jenn has been out in the community meeting with businesses, developing partnerships, and laying the foundation to create opportunities for our students.

Upcoming Dates/Announcements:

January 11, 2024 - 6:00 p.m. – Curriculum Committee Meeting
 January 15, 2024 - NO School in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
 January 16, 2024 - 6:00 p.m. – Regular Board of Education Meeting
 January 17, 2024 - End of 2nd Marking period.
 January 22, 2024 - In-Service K-12 (No students)
 January 25, 2024 – 6:00 p.m. - Finance Committee Meeting
 January 31, 2024 – 2 Hr. Late Start for students K-12

Public Comment

- No comments were made.

Board Announcements/Comments

- Mrs. Moyer commented the Winter Musical. Enjoyed the performances immensely.
- Mr. Ziegler commented on the PA Farm Show taking place next week with several ELCO FFA students attending.

Old Business

- No Old Business was discussed.

New Business

- Policy Committee Reorganization
 - Will remain an Ad Hoc Committee
 - Members appointed by Board President Mr. Ziegler.
 Chairperson: Rachel Moyer
 Members: Jack Kahl, Bonnie Kantner, Ray Ondrusek

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Santos and approved by a Voice vote, all voting Aye, President Ziegler adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Mosser
Board Secretary