

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

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

February 5, 2024

The Committee-of-the-Whole Board of Education Meeting was called to order by President, David Ziegler at 6:02 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; It was noted Daniel Larlham from Lebanon Daily News indicated he was recording the meeting.

A Moment of Silence was observed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Ondrusek.

Roll Call

Board Secretary, Lori Mosser called the roll. The following members were present: Mrs. Kantner, *Mrs. Morrissey, Mrs. Moyer; and Messer's Ferrari, Jr., Kahl, Kramer, Ondrusek, Santos, and Ziegler. 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. Boltz, Mr. Dresch, Mr. Mealy; Lori Mosser, Board Secretary; Kevin French, School Solicitor; and faculty/staff and community members (in-person and Zoom).

*Attended via Zoom

Board President Communications

- Welcomed everyone attending.
- General Services Committee meeting was held at 5:00 p.m., prior to the start of the Committee-of-the-Whole Board of Education Meeting.
- Principles of Governance and Leadership – distributed a copy to board members for review to be adopted February 20, 2024.
- Statement of Financial Interest forms were distributed to all board members.
- The Board will meet in an Executive Session directly following the adjournment of tonight's meeting to discuss legal matters and receipt of information.
- The Board will meet after the adjournment of the Executive Session for required board training.

Board Committee & Rep Reports

- Personnel Committee – Mr. Howard Kramer
 - No report.
- Curriculum Committee – Mrs. Joya Morrissey
 - Next scheduled meeting – Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

- General Services Committee – Mr. Jack Kahl
 - Next scheduled meeting – Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 5:15 p.m.
- Finance Committee – Mr. Jack Kahl
 - Next scheduled meeting – Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at 5:15 p.m.
- IU13 Rep Report – Mr. Ondrusek
 - Next scheduled meeting – Wednesday, February 14, 2024
- PSBA Rep Report – Mrs. Kantner
 - State of Education report was released.
 - Spring Advocacy Day – April 8, 2024.
- CTC Rep Report – Mr. Santos
 - No Report
- Lebanon Co. Tax Collection Rep Report – Mr. Ferrari, Jr.
 - No Report
- ELCO Education Foundation – Mrs. Morrissey
 - Next scheduled meeting – Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 8:00 a.m.

Students of the Month

- FBLA Students who qualified for State Competition
- Choral Students who qualified for PMEA Region V Festival

Presentation

- Preliminary 2024-2025 Budget Presentation – Mr. Michael Miller

Public Comments

- 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 Mrs. Moyer and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, Personnel Items A-H, were approved:

- A. Accepted a “Letter of Resignation” from Jessica Hutchinson, School Psychologist, effective the last teacher day of the 2023-2024 school year.
- B. Accepted a “Letter of Resignation” from Jennifer Lutz, Intermediate School Autistic Support Teacher, effective on or about 60 days from letter dated January 2, 2024.
- C. Accepted a “Letter of Retirement” from Patti Erby, full-time 2nd shift custodian, effective June 30, 2024.
- D. Accepted a “Letter of Retirement” from Elizabeth Quenzer, Intermediate School, School Nurse, effective last teacher day of the 2023-2024 school year.
- E. Accepted a “Letter of Retirement” from Sara Shirato, Jackson Elementary Life Skills Support Teacher, effective the last teacher day of the 2023-2024 school year.
- F. Accepted a “Letter of Retirement” from Tam Hower, Jackson Elementary Principal, effective June 30, 2024.

- G. Approved the following mentors for the 2023-2024 school year prorated to the number of days worked, as listed:

<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
Jennifer Greene	Morgan Chapman
Michael Lucky	Jenna Lovell

- 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):

Thomas Dellinger	Loren Miller	Brittany Schuhauer
Jody Hill	Joya Morrissey	Sabrina Tracey
Nicholas Grecco	Bridget Murray	Alexandra Wentzel
Amy Miller	Tiffany Schellhamer	Lori Yeiser
Kyra Cartagena		

Curriculum Committee – Mrs. Joya Morrissey, Chairperson

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

On a motion by Mrs. Morrissey, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, Jr. and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, Items A- D, were approved:

- A. Approved a trip and travel request from David Fair, High School Band Director, chaperones, and qualifying students to travel and participate in the Region Band Festival to be held February 22-24, 2024, at Eastern York High School.
Background: Annual event attended by director, chaperones, and qualifying students. Costs are budgeted.
- B. Approved a trip and travel request from David Fair, High School Band Director, chaperones, and qualifying students to travel and participate in the PMEA Region 5 Chorus Festival to be held March 8-9, 2024, at Dover Area High School.
Background: Annual event attended by director, chaperones, and qualifying students. Costs are budgeted.
- C. Approved a trip and travel request from David Fair and Melodie Fair, High School Choral and Band Teachers, and qualifying students, to travel and participate in the State Music Festival to be held April 17-20, 2024, at the Bayfront Convention Center, Erie, PA.
Background: This is an annual event, pending qualifying student(s). Costs are budgeted.
- D. Approved the implementation of full-day kindergarten beginning in the 2024-2025 school year.
Background: A full-day kindergarten presentation was made with the Curriculum Committee on January 11, 2024, and during the January 16, 2024, Board Meeting. Anticipated costs for the full-day kindergarten program are included in the 2024-2025 preliminary budget.

Finance Committee – Mr. Jack Kahl, Chairperson

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

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

- A. Approved an increase in the daily professional substitute rate *from* \$135 to \$155 effective and retroactive to the first day of the second semester, January 19, 2024.

Background: This increase is recommended to attract additional substitutes to work in the district and assist in alleviating the shortage of substitutes. This motion is recommended by the Finance Committee.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

Personnel 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
 - Students will celebrate “World Read Aloud” Day, February 7, 2024 with a visit from author Susan Richmond.
 - Thank you to Mrs. Joya Morrissey for being our mystery reader in Miss Meisenhelter’s room on February 2, 2024.
 - Mrs. Jodi Houck – Fort Zeller Elementary School
 - Students will celebrate “World Read Aloud” Day with a school-wide “Zoom” read aloud with author Anna Raft. She will also be visiting our building in May to present at our annual elementary Family Literacy Night.
 - Math/STEM Night will be held Tuesday, February 27, 2024. This year’s theme is Math and STEM are DINomite.
 - Dr. Michael Gerhart – ELCO Intermediate School
 - February 5, 2024, we celebrated the 100th day of school.
 - January 23, 2024 and January 25, 2024 – 5th grade students participated in a field trip to CTC.
 - Mr. Jonathan Treese – ELCO Middle School
 - Students participated in TSA events. 17 students qualified for state competition.
 - February 2, 2024 – We held a Raider Recognition Rally
 - Ms. Jennifer Haas – ELCO High School
 - Kicked off the course request process for the 2024-2025 school year.
 - Raider-THON carnival event – Friday, February 9, 2024 – 6:00 p.m - 10:00 p.m.
 - Mr. Tommy Mealy – Athletic Director
 - Recent Lebanon County Student-Athletes of the Week:
Ben Stohler – Indoor Track and Field
Dallas George – Boys Basketball
Maddie Stout – Girls Basketball
 - January 26, 2024 – ELCO hosted Boys and Girls Doubleheader Basketball event for RaiderTHON.
 - Congratulations David Ziegler for being inducted into the Lebanon-Lancaster Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Mrs. Vicente reported on the following:

- Thanked the Board for approving full-day kindergarten.
- Dr. Davis and I are touring all buildings and visiting classrooms. We just finished touring both K-2 elementary schools and plan to visit the Intermediate School this week.
- Our Intermediate School team placed 3rd at the Lancaster-Lebanon IU13 K'nex challenge.

Upcoming Dates/Announcements:

February 13, 2024 – 5:15 p.m. – General Services Committee Meeting
 February 15, 2024 – Act 80 Day – ½ day for students K-5 (Parent/Teacher Conferences)
 February 15, 2024 – 6:00 p.m. - Curriculum Committee Meeting
 February 16, 2024 – Act 80 Day – NO school for students K-12
 February 19, 2024 – NO school in observance of President's Day
 February 20, 2024 – 6:00 p.m. – Regular Board of Education Meeting
 February 28, 2024 – 5:15 p.m. – Finance Committee Meeting

Public Comments – Items On/Off the Agenda

- Shannon Martin – Thanked the Board for approving full-day kindergarten.
- Michelle Dermes speaking on behalf of Megan Schaeffer – commented on outside political campaigning.

Board Announcements/Comments

- Mr. Ferrari, Jr. – Congratulated Students of the Month and TSA students for their accomplishments. Thanked staff for all they do for our students. Congratulated retirees for their service to the district. Thanked the Board for approving full-day kindergarten.
- Mr. David Ziegler – Commented on the ELCO wrestling program and the great season they are having.
- Mrs. Rachel Moyer – Thanked the board for approving full-day kindergarten.

Old Business

- No Old Business was discussed.

New Business

- No New Business was discussed.

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mrs. Moyer and approved by a Voice vote, all voting Aye, President Ziegler adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Mosser