



School Board of Directors Meeting

April 18, 2022

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, April 18, 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) 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, Dina Maio and Thomas Wentzel

Board Member(s) not in attendance were: Bryan Naranjo and Kevin McCarroll

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 7:03 p.m.

2. Moment of Silence/Reflection - Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Thomas Wentzel led in a silent meditation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda Modification/Approval of Agenda

Mr. Conroy made a motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Irvin.

The motion was approved. (7-0; 2 absent)

4. Student of the Month Presentation

Dr. Sanger presented and congratulated the Students of the Month for the month of March being chosen for their character trait of “Positive Attitude”.

Grade 12: Allison Zimmerman

Grade 11: Kolby Stoltzfus

Grade 10: Emma Kauffman

Grade 9: Lila Albertson

5. Citizens of the District Comments

Jodi Sensenig - said a prayer

Diane Boone - New Holland, PA spoke about school issues with teaching children.

Andy Walker - gave recognition with listening to parents with masks. Bullying has become more of an issue in the school.

Sam Trego - made a statement regarding the curriculum taught in the classrooms.

Sue Harpel - students are being bullied by the teachers. made statements about incidents that are happening within the school.

David Horst - spoke about becoming a free school from the state.

Jacinda Martin - spoke about bullying with all of her children. Spoke about forgiveness.

Brian Conroy spoke about policy changes/modifications as needed.

Gary Buck spoke about going through the process

Tom Wentzel spoke about everyone talking tonight as well.

President Dahl spoke about everything that has been heard/seen on social media. Nothing can be changed overnight, and these policy changes are going to take time. Be patient with all our efforts.

6. Consent Agenda

6.a. Approval of Minutes

6.b. Treasurer's Report

6.c. Approve Personnel Report

Dr. Larkin introduced Heather Schrantz from Blue Ball Elementary who introduced the new Kindergarten teacher, Jordan Herchelroath who will start on May 9, 2022.

6.d. Bills Paid

6.e. Cafeteria Fund Treasurer's Report

6.f. Investments

6.g. Student Activity Account

6.h. Approve Budgetary Transfers

6.i. Approval of Agreement to Waive Expulsion Hearing

6.j. Class of 2022 Class Trip

6.k. 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. Wentzel made a motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Irvin.

The motion was approved. (7-0; 2 absent)

7. Action Items - NONE

8. Reports

8.a. Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau

Mr. Ramsey stated there was no meeting this month. Next meeting is June 8, 2022.

8.b. Lancaster-Lebanon IU13

Mr. Irvin went to the meeting on April 13, 2022, at the Lebanon IU.

8.c. Lancaster CTC

Mr. Conroy stated that the Lancaster CTC met on April 28. They will be touring the Brownstown campus on May 10. He will give an update on that tour at the next meeting.

8.d. Legislative

Mr. Conroy stated that he will be at the Capital for PSBA day on April 25, 2022.

9. Superintendent's Report

The return from spring break this week will mean the beginning of our end-of-year testing windows starting next week. These end-of-year assessments will include PSSA, Keystone and AP exams for learners across many of our grades and content areas. Additional information will be shared by each of our building principals related to the specific schedule of exams and procedures.

Also, as we continue to progress into the spring, there will be many events and celebrations held at our schools, both during the regular day as well as in the evening. These may include concerts, art shows, or assemblies, so please be on the lookout for schedules and times. The events being held in the evenings are open to our entire community, so I encourage anyone to attend to see the wide variety of talents and interests of our learners on display.

During the last month, there have been a variety of events and activities in each building for our students.

Blue Ball Elementary hosted the BBES 2022 STEAM Fair on April 8th which featured a variety of learners' works and interests. There were an estimated 300 learners, family members and community citizens welcomed into the building that night to peruse our art show which featured a selected art piece from every Blue Ball learner. Many families purchased their child's artwork to display at home.

On Monday, April 11th, third graders across the district traveled to Brubaker Park for "Ag Awareness Day" which is hosted by our secondary ag learners. The day featured stations including "Garden in a Glove", a stream Study (highlighting bug/creatures that would be present in healthy and unhealthy streams), pollution and recycling, PA Wildlife (highlighting examples of furs and animals that live in PA), Dairy (explaining the process of producing milk), and animal care where they shared details of caring for small and large farm animals. Learners were able to pet a rabbit and two goats, and the day culminated with a hayride.

On Tuesday, April 12th, the Science Factory visited BBES. Our 2nd grade learners had a full blown "all hands-on deck opportunity." Blue Ball learners explored their mathematical worlds of measurement and mapping, construction and geometry, money and economy, 3D and 2D measurement, place value and wonder, and fractions and problem solving. The learners rotated between these stations while parent volunteers guided them through the activities at the stations. It was an amazing mix of playing and learning.

At Brecknock, our fourth-grade learners traveled to Harrisburg to visit the state capital and museum on Friday, April 1st. The trip's highlight was a meeting with State Representatives Mark Gillen (128th Legislative District) and David Zimmerman (99th Legislative District). Brecknock also hosted its STEM Fair on Friday, March 25th with over 30 participants and at least one student from every grade level participating. The Girls on the Run Program has started with about 17 students participating. The mission of Girls on the Run is to inspire

girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident using a fun, experience- based curriculum that creatively integrates running. They are also working hard to prepare for the 5K in May.

We are excited to have NHES support our community by restocking the CrossNet Food Bank after the Easter holiday with donations gathered by the students. This food drive collection will run from April 19-May 2 and will be a help for our community for the summer months.

Some of our older learners have helped in restarting our reading buddies program at NHES. This is a time when older students go to the younger learners' classrooms and read with them as classmates and role models. Also, New Holland's One School, One Book event is also in full swing with the reading of "The Mouse and the Motorcycle" by Beverly Cleary. It is our hope that activities like this will continue to emphasize a culture of learning in our school as we move from this year into the next.

At Garden Spot Middle School, learners and staff participated in an event called "Stop-Drop-and-Read" to celebrate School Librarian Appreciation Day. This occurred during the iSpartan segment of the schedule and had the students bring in their favorite books to read, as well as dress in comfortable clothes, to focus on the enjoyment and value of reading within their everyday activities.

At Garden Spot High School, AG and FFA members met with 3rd-grade learners from the district schools on different topics in agriculture. Learners were taught about PA Wildlife, Stream Studies, Animal Care, Pollution and Recycling, From the Udder to your Glass, and How Plants Grow, and Tractor Safety. This was referenced in the Blue Ball report as well and is a wonderful example of the sense of community that exists within and across schools in ELANCO. Finally, our GSHS Youth Politics Club took a field trip to Washington DC, met with Congressman Smucker, and toured the US Capitol Building.


10. Announcements

There was an executive session prior to the board meeting and there will be another one after the meeting for a personnel matter.

11. Adjournment

Mr. Irvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. It was seconded by Mr. Conroy.

The motion was approved. (7-0; 2 absent)


Keith D. Ramsey
School Board Secretary
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