



## **Board of Directors Meeting June 16, 2014 Minutes**

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**Members in attendance were:** Jonathan Dahl, Glenn Hartz, Paul Irvin, Rodney Jones, Melissa Readman, Thomas Wentzel and Heidi Zimmerman

**Non-Voting Members in attendance were:** Robert Hollister, Nadine Larkin, Marion L. Martin and Keith Ramsey

**Members not in attendance were:** Glenn Yoder and Jennifer Zeiset

**Staff/Public in attendance were:** Several citizens, employees and a member of the press also attended the meeting.

### **1. Call to Order**

Vice-President Rodney Jones opened the meeting at 7:00 PM in lieu of President Glenn Yoder's absence.

### **2. Moment of Silence/Reflection - Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Jones led the group in silent meditation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **3. Agenda Modification/Approval of Agenda**

Requests by board members to remove an item for separate consideration

Mr. Jones asked to pull out Item 7.17 (Approve 2014-15 Sports Insurance) for further discussion and to be voted upon under Item 8.1.

Mr. Hartz made a motion to approve the agenda with the above modification. It was seconded by Mr. Wentzel. **The motion was approved. (7-0; 2 absent - Yoder and Zeiset)**

### **4. Student of the Month Presentation - None**

### **5. Citizens' Comments - None**

At this time we will invite public comment on any topic that is within the Board's jurisdiction. Please also note that the public is invited to attend our Committee Meetings where much of the discussion and deliberation of agenda topics is conducted. (Committee Meetings are held in the Community Hall at the Garden Spot Complex at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of the month.)

## **6. Special Presentation**

Dr. Hollister read and presented a certificate to Mrs. Martin, School Board Secretary, for serving the board these past 12 years and thanked her for her commitment and dedication to excellence in education along with contributing to our community.

## **7. Consent Agenda**

Items listed under the *Consent Agenda* section of our Board Meeting Agenda are considered to be routine and are acted on by the Board in one motion. There is no Board discussion of these items individually prior to the Board vote unless a member of the Board requests that a specific item be removed from the Consent Agenda. Requests to remove an item from the Consent Agenda will be accepted at agenda section 3. Agenda Modification/Approval of Agenda. (Requests to remove an item for separate consideration). Items Removed from the Consent Agenda will be moved to agenda section "Action Items."

Mr. Irvin made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda without Item 7.17. Mr. Wentzel seconded the motion.

Before the official vote, Mr. McCaskey, Blue Ball Elementary Principal, introduced Carol Williams as the newly hired 3rd grade teacher following a long term substitute position at Blue Ball. He also introduced Rachel Seckinger, who after completing her 5th year teaching 4th grade at Blue Ball Elementary School has been promoted to Instructional Support teacher at BBES. Congratulations to both!

Mr. Ramsey commented on the 2014-15 budget. The full amount for the student sport insurance is included in the budget that will be approved tonight. The changes were not taken out as the vote had not yet been taken. If approved this evening, Dr. Hollister will recommend the transfer of those funds go to support the lacrosse team's transportation and referees. He told the board lacrosse is still considered a club sport.

Mr. Jones suggested we table the decision on the transfer of funds until we have more information. Dr. Hollister said the estimated savings on the insurance would be between \$12,000 and \$13,000. He will work on getting more information to the board before voting next month. Mr. Irvin affirmed the wisdom of waiting to have further information before voting or he would be voting against the transfer. Dr. Zimmerman echoed his words.

**The consent agenda was approved. (7-0; 2 absent - Yoder and Zeiset)**

- 7.1 Approval of Minutes
- 7.2 Treasurer's Report
- 7.3 Bills Paid
- 7.4 Cafeteria Fund Treasurer's Report
- 7.5 Investments
- 7.6 Student Activity Account
- 7.7 Personnel Report
- 7.8 Approve Budgetary Transfers
- 7.9 Approval of Final Budget for General Fund Approval Resolution
- 7.10 Approval of Annual Tax Levy Resolution
- 7.11 Approval of the Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution
- 7.12 Authorize the Chief of Finance & Operations to make the necessary Budgetary Transfers for the 2013-14 School Year after June 30, 2014
- 7.13 Approval of the Resolution for Commitment of June 30, 2014 Fund Balance
- 7.14 Approve Increase in Breakfast, Lunch and Milk Prices effective for the 2014-15 School Year
- 7.15 Approval of the Resolution Setting Initial Measurement Period (IMP) and Stability Period (SP) to Comply with PPACA (Health Care Reform).
- 7.16 Approve Change Order(s) for the Brecknock Elementary School Project and to Authorize the Chief of Finance & Operations to Sign
- 7.17 Approve 2014-15 Sports Insurance (Football Only) Coverage for a total premium of \$8,928 and the Voluntary Student Accident Coverage
- 7.18 Approve the Authorization of the Superintendent of Schools to Sign a Contract with Warwick School District for Warwick IEP Writer
- 7.19 Approve Conducting an Updated Enrollment Projection by the Pennsylvania Economy League.

## **8. Action Items**

- 8.1 Items Removed from Consent Agenda for Separate Consideration:

### **Item 7.17 Approve 2014-15 Sports Insurance (Football only) Coverage for a total premium of \$8,928 and the Voluntary Student Accident Coverage**

Dr. Zimmerman made a motion to approve the above Sports Insurance Coverage. Mr. Irwin seconded the motion. **The motion was approved. (7-0; 2 absent - Yoder and Zeiset)**

## **9. Reports**

### **9.1 Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau**

The June 11, 2014 Board Meeting was cancelled due to the limited actions requiring Board review.

The September 10, 2014 Board Meeting was changed to September 17, 2014.

### **9.2 Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13**

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, June 18, 2014.

### **9.3 Lancaster CTC**

The Joint Operating Committee met May 22nd at the Mt. Joy location. The following items were shared by Mrs. Readman:

- A presentation was given on Protective Services that included a display of their emergency mobile unit available to school districts. The unit includes most items you may need in an emergency situation.
- The JOC was able to meet the SkillsUSA winners who will be leaving for Nationals on June 24th through the 29th. The school pays 50% of the expenses for the students and 100% for the advisors.
- Reported the masonry program will not be running this year but hope to the following year.
- A change has been made to allow adult enrollment before June 1st this year to help fill classes.
- Training is being held one day this summer and 1/2 day in the fall for counselors in 8th-12th grades.
- The Lancaster CTC is working to set up an agreement for CDL training at the Franklin County CTC that should be a profit making decision for the Lancaster CTC.
- Fly-On-The-Run was held May 14 and May 15 and made approximately \$40,000. Students did a fantastic job.
- Student built house is under contract for \$315,000. (asking price was \$319,000)
- A Big Run Stream water/flood plan study is being held at the Willow Street Campus with no cost to the school
- Great report on the Culinary Accreditation Review and should be re-credited for another 5-7 years.

### **9.4 Legislative**

Before Mr. Wentzel gave his report, Mr. Jones commented Mr. Wentzel did an excellent job at the East Earl Township meeting last week sharing information on the budget, taxes and other school related issues.

Mr. Wentzel reported:

- no news on the budget
- nothing more on property tax reform as of now
- Mr. Wentzel recently spoke with Barbara Roda from Lancaster News and she had high praise for Elanco's openness and communication with Lancaster Newspapers.
- Last Tuesday, Governor Corbett signed the Basic Education Funding System proposal
- Reported update on SB 1316 - an amendment addressing charter schools to be offered to the Special Education funding bill.
- HB 1722 passed in the House Education Committee. This bill proposes amending state law to protect excellent educators in the classroom and dismissing the teacher seniority rule. . As of now, school are not able to dismiss their more senior teachers in favor of the most qualified. Dr. Hollister stated he would support this bill.

Dr. Zimmerman asked if she could give a side report on the Health Council at this time. The Health Council consists of students, faculty and administrators. This is an outstanding group of people who recently were in charge of heading up a min-relay and raising funds for the American Cancer Society. She was pleased to report \$9,542.23 was recently received for the Mini-Relay and the "Fun Color Run" in October brought in \$1,943.30 making a grand total of \$11,485.53 to be turned in to the ACS. Dr. Zimmerman says she does not know of any other school district doing this well. She complimented Mr. Rupp and Mr. Marchini (the husbands of the two teachers who lost the battle of cancer this school year) for walking in the relay this year. Dr. Zimmerman also had pictures of the finished walkway Mr. Marchini completed on Saturday. This was a project Mrs. Marchini had started several years ago out in the science/ag area of the high school. She asked the administration if they would send a thank you to Mr. Marchini on behalf of the board for the completion of this project.

Dr. Hollister concluded our health council is doing a great job under the direction of Julie Groff. He also thanked Mr. Ramsey and Dr. Zimmerman for serving on the council. It truly was a connected school event as the torches were carried to each of the elementary school for their students to participate as well. It was a great way to wrap up the year end.

## **10. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Hollister's report consisted of only a couple items:

- We closed the year with 181 student school days due to a one day staff trade for training in technology. This change was well received by the staff and we will look to holding a similar learning day next year.
- Good news at the Brecknock Elementary School. They recently held their 5th annual day of service for former teacher, Lisa Horning, and collected 33 boxes of food and over 20 bags of paper products for the Lancaster County Food Bank and the Cross Connection in New Holland.

- Dr. Hollister was pleased to receive a thank you email from a New Holland parent in which he read in entirety. The email was addressed to Principal Sue Sneath but thanked the many people involved in her child's life. These included the front office, the nursing staff, the teaching staff, Ms. Sheila Harrison and her support staff, along with Miss Irwin, Mrs. Good, Mr. Larkin and Mrs. Anderson at Brecknock. We have many challenges in the Special Needs Program, but it is very encouraging to all of us to receive a thank-you.

## **11. Announcements**

Dr. Hollister noted there will be an executive session held following adjournment to discuss a student matter.

Mr. Jones read the following statement from the School Board of Eastern Lancaster County:

The Eastern Lancaster County School District has reached an agreement with the Eastern Lancaster Education Association for a successful collective bargaining agreement. Both the district and the association worked hard to reach an agreement that cuts down on health care costs while maintaining a quality product for the staff.

The agreement is for four years dating back to the 2012-2013 school year and ending at the conclusion of the 2015-2016 school year. Salary increases will range from 1.9% to 3.4% averaging 2.8%. Health care will convert from a basic PPO plan to a High Deductible Health Care plan in which the teachers and the District will share in covering the high deductible. Significant savings to the District are expected without loss in coverage for the employees. A wellness program is also a component of the new health care plan.

The District is pleased that it was able to avoid a prolonged labor dispute and attain significant savings in health care costs. The agreement is fair to the taxpayers and the teachers while meeting the educational programming needs of students in the District.

## **12. Adjournment**

Mr. Irvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 with a second by Mr. Wentzel. **The motion was approved. (7-0; 2 absent-Yoder and Zeiset)**

Marion L. Martin  
School Board Secretary  
June 16, 2014