



Committee of the Whole Meeting February 10, 2014 Minutes

Roll Call

Members in attendance were: Jonathan Dahl, Glenn Hartz, Paul Irvin, Rodney Jones (by video), Melissa Readman, Thomas Wentzel and Glenn Yoder

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

Members not in attendance were: Jennifer Zeiset and Heidi Zimmerman

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

1. Welcome and Call to Order

President Yoder called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Moment of Silence/Reflection - Pledge of Allegiance

President Yoder led in a silent meditation before leading everyone with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Citizens Comments

At this time we will invite public comment on any topic that is within the Board's jurisdiction.

Josh Good - Terre Hill

Mr. Good thanked the board for all they do. He identified himself as a Youth Pastor at the Bridgeville E.C. Church and was present when they recently told the students about Mrs. Marchini's passing. It was an honor to see how the administrators and staff handled the situation. He said a prayer.

Sherry Weinhold - New Holland

Mrs. Weinhold wanted to discuss the school days that we have missed for snow and was questioning if the year-end date has been decided yet. Dr. Hollister said the date has not been decided but changes to the calendar to bring back some days are on the agenda this evening.

4. Approve Personnel Report

Mr. Irvin made a motion with a second by Mr. Wentzel. **The personnel report was approved. (7-0; 2 absent) Mr. Jones was voting by video camera and Mrs. Zeiset and Dr. Zimmerman were absent.**

Mr. Wentzel asked for a background of the new FFA teacher, Heather Pray. It was noted she comes from the Lehigh Valley area and has a similar educational background as Mrs. Marchini with degrees in Biology and FFA.

5. Approve Resolution Approving 2014-15 Preliminary Budget and Authorizing Referendum Exception and Final Budget and Per Capita Tax Notice

Mr. Wentzel made a motion to approve the resolution with a second by Mr. Hartz. **The motion was approved. (7-0; 2 absent)**

6. Property and Services

6.1 Approval of the Change Order(s) for the Brecknock Project that were Signed by the Chief of Finance and Operations
General Contractor: MCA Construction

Change Order # 6 To repoint 60 square feet of brick veneer for \$1,680.00

Dr. Hollister commented to the board how low the number of change orders are for the Brecknock job. We have been very pleased with the General Contractor and all those employees working hard to get this job done.

6.2 Approval of Amendment # 6 to the Eastern Lancaster County School District Employee Benefit Plan
The amendment makes changes to the Benefit Plan as required by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) and modifies the section on Organ or Tissue Transplant.

6.3 Information Items - None

7. Program

7.1 Action Items - None

7.2 Information Items - None

8. Management

8.1 Action Items

a. Approve the District Calendar for the 2014-2015 school year.

- The calendar had been discussed last month and basically it is the same. Elementary conferences will be changed to two straight days on November 13th and 14th with no school for the elementary students. To do it this way, we are

not giving up any professional development days. Dr. Hollister is looking for action on this item at the next board meeting.

b. Adjust the Current School Year Calendar in order to compensate for lost instruction days due to weather related closings.

- Dr. Hollister is seeking action tonight to adjust the school calendar. Given the situation we are in, he is asking the board for instructional days on February 14th, April 17th and April 21st. This will allow students to gain back three instructional days for the PSSAs and AP exams. If approved, the drafted letter you have before you will be delivered to the students tomorrow and teachers will be notified tonight. This letter also details plans for a three-hour delay school schedule if necessary. With these adjustments, the last day of school is projected to be June 9, 2014 but will still be subject to change. (As of the writing of these minutes, February 14th was canceled due to snow.)

Mr. Hartz made a motion to accept the school calendar as proposed above with a second by Mr. Wentzel. **The motion was approved. 7-0; 2 absent.**

c. Approve Board Meeting Calendar for 2014-2015 school year.

- The Board Calendar for the 2014-15 School Year indicates all meetings will be held in the Community Hall at the GS/MS Complex. It was always nice to visit the other buildings, but recording of these meetings off campus is not possible. It was discussed the school board either visit the PTO meetings of the individual schools or designate a meeting at the Community Hall for each school to come and have a special presentation. They were reminded the April 15th budget meeting will be held at Brecknock Elementary.

8.2 Information Items:

- a. Legislative Breakfast: Monday, March 10th, 7:30am
IU13 Conference Center, 1020 New Holland Avenue, Lancaster, PA
(Please contact Justin Johnson in order to be registered for breakfast.
(717) 354-1117 or justin_johnson@elanco.org
Registration must be completed by Friday, February 21st.)

- b. Comments regarding Governor Corbett's Budget Proposal.

Dr. Hollister made several comments on the Governor's budget proposal. Last Friday, he was privileged to sit in a small group setting and listen to the report of Carolyn C. Dumaresq, Acting Secretary of Education. A few items mentioned were:

- Special Education Funding - does not look like Elanco will see any new money this year.

- Accountability Block Grant - "Ready to Learn" feature was added and there is a potential of \$227,000 new money. With the grant money, there will be many new parameters including rules and regulations surrounding the money. If received, we will work to use it.
- Governor Corbett attempted to address the pension program, but there were no specifics mentioned how this will actually be planned out.

9. Announcements

- Dr. Hollister mentioned the passing of Agricultural Teacher, Mrs. Tracy Marchini, noting how much she will be missed at many levels. She was a great colleague and a hard worker along with being the heart and soul of the Ag program. Mrs. Marchini will be difficult to replace as a friend, a colleague and a teacher. Mr. Wentzel also commented that he knew her from the Ag Advisory Committee and appreciated her warm, bubbly personality. He felt the Ag students were really attached to her and will greatly miss her.
- No executive session is needed this evening.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Hartz made a motion to adjourn at 7:36 PM with a second by Mr. Irvin. **The motion was approved. (7-0; 2 absent)**

Marion L. Martin
School Board Secretary
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