



Board of Directors Meeting February 23, 2015 Minutes

Roll Call

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

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

Members not in attendance were:

Staff/Public in attendance were: Several citizens and employees.

1. Call to Order

President Yoder opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

2. Moment of Silence/Reflection - Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Agenda Modification/Approval of Agenda

Requests by board members to remove an item for separate consideration

Mr. Wentzel made a motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Irvin. **The motion was approved. (9-0)**

4. Student of the Month Presentation

Mr. Sanger introduced the January Students of the Month and congratulated them for being chosen for their character trait of Personal Accountability.

January – Personal Accountability

Abigail Fulmer, New Holland, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Beth Fulmer

John Armstrong, New Holland, unable to attend.

Dr. Hollister thanked Abigail for being a leader and asked her to continue to contribute to the Garden Spot Community.

5. Citizens' Comments

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.)

Mark Weaver, New Holland

Mr. Weaver thanked the Board for their service and said a prayer.

Austin Meuller, East Earl

Bria Taylor, Narvon

Austin Meuller, student and FFA president thanked the Board and announced that it was National FFA week. He stated that the FFA was a collaboration of involvement not only of students, but of local businesses and the community. He thanked everyone for their support.

Bria Taylor informed the Board of their upcoming Whole Hog fundraiser which was a luncheon that they provided for teachers and staff where funds would be raised for the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

They distributed FFA t-shirts to all the Board members and Administration.

Dr. Hollister took the moment to acknowledge both new agriculture teachers, Mr. Caleb Wright and Ms. Heather Pray. He thanked them for the effort and announced them as the next evolution of Agriculture Program here at Garden Spot.

6. Special Guest - Adam Bills, District Director from the Office of Senator Ryan Aument

Dr. Hollister introduced Mr. Bills, the District Director for Senator Ryan Aument. Mr. Bills thanked the Board for allowing him to speak. He indicated that Senator Aument's office wanted to reach out to the Board to make them aware that they were there to help and if there was anything that they needed state-related to not hesitate to contact his office. He mentioned that although Senator Aument was no longer on the Education Committee, he is the Chairman for Communications and Technology as well as involved in Public Welfare & Health, Better Affairs and Agriculture and is still very interested in Education.

The Board thanked Mr. Bills for coming out to the meeting and acknowledged the Senator's interest as a good sign of commitment and communication.

7. Special Presentation

Dr. Hollister informed the Board that he again wanted to take the time to acknowledge some of the teachers from the High School all part of the Language Arts team. All have exceeded expectations for student achievement.

Hillary	Martin	Garden Spot High School	Language Arts
Michelle	Custer	Garden Spot High School	Language Arts
Neil	Weidman	Garden Spot High School	Language Arts

8. Consent Agenda

Mr. Hartz made a motion to approve the consent agenda. It was seconded by Mrs. Zeiset. **The motion was approved (9-0)**

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."

8.1 Approval of Minutes

8.2 Treasurer's Report

8.3 Bills Paid

8.4 Cafeteria Fund Treasurer's Report

8.5 Investments

8.6 Student Activity Account

8.7 Personnel Report

8.8 Approve Budgetary Transfers

8.9 Approve Board Meeting Calendar Dates for 2015-2016 school year.

8.10 Update Policy 227.2 to reflect current practice - Students in co-curricular programs are not subject to the random drug testing policy.

8.11 Approval of the bus and student tracking system and to authorize the Chief of Finance and Operations to sign the agreement.

9. Action Items

9.1 Items Removed from Consent Agenda for Separate Consideration

10. Reports

10.1 Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau

No report this month.

Next meeting is March 18, 2015

Mr. Ramsey informed the Board there was no report for this month. The next meeting will take place on March 18, 2015.

10.2 Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13

Mr. Irvin reported the Lancaster-Lebanon Board met on February 11, 2015. He reported several highlights from the board meeting report: There were no findings from the annual audit for the IU. The board approved \$7,705,632.00 in disbursements and also approved service contracts for Business Services, Early Childhood and Special Education Services, Instructional Services, Technology Services and Human Resource Services. There were seven (7) resignations, one (1) termination, three (3) early retirements, twelve (12) retirements, twenty-one (21) new hires, thirteen (13) changes in position or salaries and one (1) leave of absence.

Mr. Irving also informed the Board on the progress of the opening of the in-house clinics both at the Lancaster and Lebanon IU. He indicated that the 2nd of April was the tentative date for the opening of the clinics and announced that there would be an open-house.

10.3 Lancaster CTC

Mrs. Readman reported that the last meeting for the JOC of Lancaster CTC took place on January 22, 2015. She reported that at the Board meeting, a presentation was given discussing additional new program called New Beginnings for women in transition and in prisons. The new program would provide classes that will help women develop skills through short-term education in the adult education program. She mentioned that there has been discussion of expanding the program to the male population providing job training with the goal of providing employment after release from prisons.

Mrs. Readman announced two upcoming events. The first, the 5th annual March fundraiser, The Taste of Success will be held March 27th at the Willow Valley Communities Cultural Center. The second, the 9th annual Fly on the Run event, a fishing tournament that benefits the LCCT to be held May 13th & 14th. She distributed a flyer for both events for the Board to review.

She also announced that the JOC would be informed of the recommended candidate for Lancaster CTC Executive Director position at the next meeting.

10.4 Legislative

Mr. Wentzel reported that Tom Wolf would be presenting his proposed state budget on the 3rd of March. He also reported that the discussion of the liquor store sales is still on the agenda with the House for selling them and the Senate for maintaining control with changes to the way they are run. He commented that pension reform is also subject that is anticipated as being addressed as well by Governor Wolf during his budget presentation.

He also reported on House Bill 210, a bill which would overhaul the school construction reimbursement program to better help school districts and streamline the PlanCon steps. He commented that this was a great opportunity to make the program more efficient.

Mr. Wentzel also commented on Senate Bill 4, an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that provides criteria determining what defines a public charity. He noted that Senator Aument was sponsoring the bill. The bill has currently passed the Senate and has been sent to the House.

11. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Hollister reported that he had two items to present to the Board. The first was regarding the reports in the media about the epidemic of measles throughout the country. Dr. Hollister informed the Board that currently only 41 students in the District were not vaccinated for the measles virus due to either medical or religious exceptions. He commented that those students were currently being monitored.

Dr. Hollister then announced that the Garden Spot Rifle Team just recently won the Lancaster-Lebanon League Championship. He informed the Board that the whole team would be present at the next Board meeting to be recognized for their accomplishments.

12. Announcements

Dr. Hollister announced that there would be an executive session after the meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

Dr. Hollister also reminded the Board of two upcoming event dates. The first, a hosted breakfast by Senator Ryan Aument on March 6th at Ephrata Area High School and the second, the Legislative Breakfast hosted by IU13 on March 9th.

Mr. Glenn Hartz announced the resignation of his position as Board member due to his moving out of the county. He commented on his time as a Board member for Eastern Lancaster County School District, stating that he was leaving the Board at an exciting time. He stated that the District was moving up through the ranks with a strong financial position and poised to serve the community. He thanked the Board and Administration for the opportunity to serve on the Board.

Each Board member acknowledged the resignation of Mr. Hartz, thanking him for his valued counsel and many years of service as a Board member of Eastern Lancaster County School District.

Dr. Hollister also thanked Mr. Hartz for his leadership and support given to the Superintendent during his time on the Board.

13. Adjournment

Mr. Wentzel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. with a second by Mr. Irvin. **The motion was approved (9-0)**

Justin W. Johnson
School Board Secretary
February 23, 2015