



EASTERN LANCASTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board of Directors Meeting October 21, 2019 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, October 21, 2019 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.

Roll Call

Board Members in attendance were: Jonathan Dahl, Jacqueline Geyer, Paul Irvin, Dina Maio, Bryan Naranjo, Melissa Readman, Thomas Wentzel, and Glenn Yoder

Board Members not in attendance were: Gary Buck

Also in attendance were: Robert Hollister, Justin Johnson, Nadine Larkin and Keith Ramsey

Staff/Public in attendance were: Several citizens of the community and staff members of the District and a member of the media.

1. Welcome and Call to Order

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

Mr. Wentzel announced that on October 21, 1892 was the first time that the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and written by Francis Bellamy.

2. Moment of Silence/Reflection - Pledge of Allegiance

Vice President Maio 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. (8-0; 1 absent)**

4. Student of the Month Presentation

Mr. Sanger presented and congratulated the Students of the Month for the month of September being chosen for their character trait of “Integrity”.

Grade 12: Brielle Eby, New Holland, PA with mother, Mrs. Kimberly Eby
Grade 11: Lauren Esh, New Holland, PA, with parents, Mr. & Mrs. Donald & Kathy Esh
Grade 10: Amanda Hoover, Mohnton, PA, with parents, Mr. & Mrs. Aaron & Michelle Hoover
Grade 9: Kyra Bixler, East Earl, PA, with mother, Mrs. Janelle Bixler

Dr. Hollister thanked the students and their families.

5. Special Presentation - Karen Devine, Member Services Manager, PSBA Pennsylvania School Boards Association

Dr. Hollister introduced Karen Devine, Member Services Manager from PSBA. Mrs. Devine notified the Board that she would no longer be managing Eastern Lancaster County School District and introduced Autumn Alleman who would be taking over for her. She presented the Board with several services that PSBA provided for School Directors.

Mrs. Devine also introduced Mr. Lynn Kohler, PSBA Advocacy Ambassador and West York School Board Director. Mr. Kohler thanked the Board for their service and discussed several PSBA programs and initiatives

Mrs. Devine acknowledged and presented Honor Roll Awards for Years of Service to Board Members:

Thomas Wentzel – 24 Years of Service

Glenn Yoder – 12 Years of Service

Melissa Readman – 8 Years of Service

Rodney Jones – 8 Years of Service

The Board and Administration thanked PSBA for attending the Meeting.

6. Citizens of the District Comments

At this time we will invite public (Citizens of the District) 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.)

Karen Hechler, Bowmansville, PA

Mrs. Hechler thanked Mr. Justin Johnson for all his help with a project and thanked the Administration for hiring another Kindergarten teacher for Brecknock Elementary.

Aaron Hoffman, New Holland, PA

Mr. Hoffman thanked the Board and said a prayer.

Bryan Hower, New Holland, PA

Mr. Hower thanked the Board for their service and for voting for the locker room renovations.

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 report. It was seconded by Mr. Dahl. **The motion was approved. (8-0; 1 absent)**

- a. Approval of Minutes**
- b. Treasurer's Report**
- c. Approve Personnel Report**
- d. Bills Paid**
- e. Cafeteria Fund Treasurer's Report**
- f. Investments**
- g. Student Activity Account**
- h. Approve Budgetary Transfers**
- i. Approval of Amendment to the Shared Service Agreements with Columbia Borough SD**
- j. Approval of Affidavits of Guardianship**
- k. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with ELCEA on Instructional Periods at Garden Spot Secondary Campus**
- l. Approval of Policy 918 Title I Parent and Family Engagement - Second/Final Reading**
- m. Approval of Eastern Lancaster County School District Strategic Direction Plan**
- n. Approval of POLICY 006 Local Board Procedures: Meetings – Second/Final Reading**

8. Action Items

Items Removed from Consent Agenda for Separate Consideration.

a. Approval of the Agriculture Department Ag Advisory Board for the 2019-2020 school year to comply with PDE Requirement.

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Jim Shirk

Scott Bailey

William Shirk

Glenn Yoder

Priscilla Eberly

Cliff Horning

Dave Horst

Kevin Stoltzfus

Terri Williams

Tom Wentzel

Larry Shirk

George Zimmerman

Mr. Irvin made a motion to approve the Agriculture Department Ag Advisory Board for the 2019-2020 school year to comply with PDE Requirement. It was seconded by Mr. Wentzel. **The motion was approved. (6-0; 2 abstain (Mr. Glenn Yoder and Mr. Thomas Wentzel abstained from voting due to being on the Ag Advisory Board.) 1 absent)**

9. Reports

a. Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau

Mr. Ramsey reported that the Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau did not meet and their next meeting would occur December 11, 2019 to review and discuss the 2020 Budget.

b. Lancaster-Lebanon IU13

Mr. Irvin reported on the October 16th IU Board meeting and shared several highlights from the board meeting report: He reported that the Board received a presentation from Susan Fisher, the Lebanon IU Headstart Director, on the Headstart program which has been running for 40 years. Mr. Irvin also reported that the IU13 Board approved \$9,050,668.97 in disbursements and approved new or addition to service contracts for Business Services, Early Childhood and Special Education Services, Instructional & Technology Services, and Human Resource Services. He informed the Board that the IU currently had 70 unfilled position. There were thirteen (13) resignations, thirteen (13) terminations, four (4) retirements, seventy-seven (77) new hires, forty-three (43) changes in position or salaries, and seven (7) leaves of absence. He also distributed to the Board copies of the Helping Districts, Helping Students newsletter

c. Lancaster CTC

Mrs. Readman reported that the Lancaster County CTC JOC met on September 26th and indicated that they were also served a banquet meal prepared by the culinary students with an Apple theme due to it being Johnny Appleseed Day.

She also reported that they receive a thank you letter from Mr. Joe Fullerton, a father whose son graduated from the CTC Welding Program in 2018. Mr. Readman reported that the JOC received a presentation from Mr. Jonathan Heintzman, the new marketing communication coordinator, on current media outlet and marketing initiatives that he was pursuing as well as a newsletter called TECHconnect. She reported that this year the CTC would be hosting three different open houses at each campus and noted a mailer would be sent home to all students grades 9-11 as part of the hope to extend open CTC slots to 10th and 11th Graders. Mrs. Readman announced that the Annual Report was now available and that the 2020-2021 school year would be the 50th Anniversary for the CTC.

d. Legislative

Mr. Wentzel reported on the General Assembly's continued investigation into a proposal for cutting property tax and raising taxes. He also reported on the special education funding report that came from the Special Education Funding Commission.

Mr. Wentzel reported that the current cost of cyber charter schools was \$1.8 billion a year. He also reported on the state revenue and acknowledge Mr. Hower and Dr. Hollister who were both part of the online discussion through PSBA regarding the new teacher assessments that Senator Ryan Aument was proposing.

10. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Hollister reported on the online event sponsored by Lancaster Newspaper and PSBA regarding Senator Ryan Aument's proposed teacher evaluation changes. Dr. Hollister also acknowledged Mr. Hower for his contributions during this discussion.

Dr. Hollister also reported on the media and communications interns and their efforts in creating a social media presence for the District.

Dr. Hollister announced that the 2nd Annual Democracy Day would be taking place at Donegal School District on November 1st and informed the Board that Alex Nieves, and Deanna Phillips would be attending along with Mr. Robert Schneider, representing Eastern Lancaster County School District.

Dr. Hollister informed the Board that the FFA State Officer Group visited Garden Spot High School which included GSHS alumni, Brandon Bixler. He complimented and congratulated Mrs. Katherine Ranck, Garden Spot High School agriculture teacher, on being awarded a grant through Dart Technology for several science projects.

11. Announcements

Mr. Naranjo, as Board representative on the Health Council, announced that the Health Council was currently promoting an initiative of sharing kinds words or words of gratitude as being tagged “You’ve be Spartan’d!”

12. Adjournment

Mr. Wentzel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. with a second by Mr. Naranjo. The motion was approved. **(8-0; 1 absent)**

Justin W. Johnson
School Board Secretary
October 21, 2019