

Board of Directors Meeting May 19, 2014 Minutes

Roll Call

Members in attendance were: Jonathan Dahl, Glenn Hartz, Paul Irvin, Rodney Jones (on video camera), Melissa Readman, Thomas Wentzel, Glenn Yoder, Jennifer Zeiset and Heidi Zimmerman **Non-Voting Members in attendance were:** Robert Hollister, Nadine Larkin, Marion L. Martin and Keith Ramsey

Staff/Public in attendance were: Students, Citizens, Employees and a member of the press also attended the meeting.

1. 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 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda Modification/Approval of Agenda

Requests by board members to remove an item for separate consideration

A correction was made to the May 12, 2014 Personnel Report as follows:

Amber Reif, Grade 2 at New Holland Elementary, leave of absence beginning on or about September 15, 2014 thru the end of the **2014-15** school year

A motion was made by Mr. Hartz to approve the amended agenda with a second by Mr. Wentzel. The motion was approved. (9-0) Mr. Jones was voting by video camera.

4. Student of the Month Presentation

Mr. Sanger announced he has presentations for the April and May *Students of the Month:*

For April, the character trait was compassion and the students receiving the award were:

Nicole Best, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Best, New Holland

Micah Hostetter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Hostetter, New Holland

For May, the character trait was selflessness and the students receiving the award were:

Rachel Weaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Weaver, East Earl

Cheeleng Moua, son of Mr. and Mrs. Xue Moua, Denver

Dr. Hollister thanked the students and their parents for attending this evening. He congratulated each one on their leadership abilities but he also asked them to strive for even greater goals. He told them they are an ambassador of our school and our community and urged them to continue pursuing excellence.

5. Citizens' Comments

At this time we invited 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.)

Bonita Stone, New Holland

Mrs. Stone handed out a packet of papers with an invitation to the Division II Championship swim meet on July 19, 2014 at the New Holland Pool.

She also included a proposed budget for a school sanctioned swim team starting 2016-17 totaling an annual budget of \$15,914 or a startup budget at \$16,940 for the first year. She reported to the board a letter of intent would be required by November 2014 to have a starting date for the 2016-17 school year.

Ian Roggie, Bowmansville, PA

Mr. Roggie gave words of encouragement to the school board and said a prayer.

6. Special Presentation

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."

Dr. Hollister introduced Mr. Justin Johnson as the newly approved school board secretary beginning July 1, 2014.

Mr. Irvin made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with a second by Mrs. Zeiset. **The motion was approved.** (9-0)

- **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** Approve the Special Education Service Contracts with the Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13 for the 2014-15 School Year
- **7.10** Approval of Fulton Bank, PNC Bank, and the PA School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF) as the District's Depositories for 2014-2015
- **7.11** Approval of the Bulk Fuel Fixed Prices for 2014-15 that were locked in by the Chief of Finance and Operations
- **7.12** Approval of the Change Order(s) for the Brecknock Elementary School Project and to Authorize the Chief of Finance & Operations to sign
- **7.13** Approve the signing of a service contract with Clarity Service Group by the Assistant to the Superintendent
- 7.14 Approval of Summer School Programming
- **7.15** Approve through Resolution Mr. Keith Ramsey as the District's Tax Collector for the 2014-15 School Year

The position of District Tax Collector is part of Mr. Ramsey's regular duties as Chief of Finance and Operations.

- **7.16** Approve Mr. Thomas Wentzel as Treasurer of the Eastern Lancaster County School Board for a period of one year. (2014-15)
- **7.17** Approve Mr. Justin Johnson as Eastern Lancaster County School Board Secretary for a four-year term beginning July 2014.
- **7.18** Approve Policy 103.1 Nondiscrimination Qualified Students With Disabilities
- 7.19 Approve Policy 113.1 Discipline Of Students With Disabilities
- **7.20** Approve Policy 121 Field Trips
- **7.21** Approve Policy 210 Use Of Medications
- 7.22 Approve Policy 218 Student Discipline
- 7.23 Approve Policy 227 Controlled Substances Paraphernalia
- 7.24 Approve Policy 313 Evaluation of Employees
- 7.25 Approve Policy 323 Tobacco Use
- **7.26** Approve Policy 351 Drug and Substance Abuse

- 7.27 Approve Policy 805 Emergency Management Preparedness
- 7.28 Approve Policy 904 Public Attendance At School Events
- **7.29** Approve Policy 909 Municipal Government Relations

8. Action Items

8.1 Items Removed from Consent Agenda for Separate Consideration-None

9. Reports

9.1 Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau – No Meeting Next meeting - June 11, 2014

9.2 Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13

Mr. Irvin reported the IU Board met May 14, 2014

The Annie Sullivan Award was given to Heidi Gardner, IU-13 Teacher of Special Education from Warwick High School. This award is named after Helen Keller's teacher and is presented to a professional in special education who has been nominated by his/her peers.

In other board actions:

Contracts were approved in Business Services (6); Early Childhood & Special Education Services (6); Instructional Services (7); Technology Services (2); and Human Resources Services (6).

Approved 12 resignations; 2 early retirements; 1 termination; 2 new hires; 21 change of position/status/salary; and 4 leave of absences.

Mr. Irvin said the IU is proposing School Directed Clinics to the districts for school employees and dependents. He will report more in the coming months. Dr. Hollister noted he is aware of these proposed clinics and is very excited as they continue to investigate the logistics. Some discussion followed and we will be hearing more details as the information becomes available. The clinics will be in-schools and should help cut the costs of health care for the districts and the IU. They are hoping to open the first clinic by January 2015.

9.3 Lancaster CTC

Mrs. Readman reported that at the April 24th meeting, they listened to a presentation by the Cosmetology Program and how they recently started a student teacher program this year. The student teachers need 500 hours before being able to take their State Board test. The program is proving to be very successful.

An update was also given on the renovations at the three campuses:

Mt. Joy - bids were awarded; Willow Street – renovations are underway and going well; Brownstown – project is finished. The District Superintendents and Business Managers have approved the need to finance \$3.9 million for the building projects. The IU plans to replace some technology equipment this year as part of the approved Technology plan.

Mrs. Readman reported changes to the annual Open Houses for the campuses this year. They realized December is not the best time to get the attention of new students. The open house date for this year is Saturday, October 18, 2014. All campuses will be open all day long and are currently making plans to advertise in creative ways to high school and post-secondary students.

9.4 Legislative

Mr. Wentzel reported Harrisburg has been in recess since May 9th.

He shared details from a recent article on Senate Bill 76 - Property Tax Independent Act. The sales tax would increase to 7% from 6% and be charged on many additional goods and services. The proposed personal income tax would increase to 4.34% from 3.07%. One of the major concerns Mr. Wentzel has is that if property tax is eliminated, all funds will be filtered through the State and eliminates local control.

Discussion followed and board members questioned what our senators and representatives think of this plan. Mr. Wentzel reported the only feedback received is they want to reduce property taxes. SB 76 looks favorable to pass in the Senate, but the House vote is unpredictable. Mr. Wentzel will keep the board informed.

He also gave an update on the primary election for tomorrow. For the seat in the Senate, Ryan Aument and Gordon Denlinger are running; and Mr. Wentzel reported David Zimmerman running for the 99th seat now has Ed Donnegan as a write-in opponent. He encouraged everyone to Get Out and Vote!

10. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Hollister noted he had numerous celebrations to report saying the end of the school year is an exciting harvest season for Elanco.

Before reporting the celebrations, Dr. Hollister gave a report on the athletic numbers requested at last Monday's meeting:

For grades 7 through 12, there were 363 boys and 312 girls participating in sports. The percentages come to 45% (male) and 41% (female).

- Annual bus rodeo was held with Elanco doing really well. Dana Clifford was awarded 2nd place and Christine Radcliffe 3rd place. The top five drivers in the rodeo were all Brightbill drivers. Congratulations! Dr. Hollister wanted to take this time to really thank our bus drivers. They do an awesome job and they work really well as a team.
- County Band students recognized were: Larisa Hursh, Natalie Ziemer, Tara Bowman, Kelsie Dissinger, Miranda Eckert, Rachel Fulford, Anh Do, Lauren Reiff, Elena Martin, Tracy Sauder, Chase Glick, Brian Zwally, John Redding, Adam Fellenbaum and Logan Middlekauff
- County Chorus students recognized were: Natalie Ziemer, Hannah Tennis, Kirsten Corneilson, Juliana Wardle, Emily weaver, Joshua Houck and Nick Skiles. We continue to have a vibrant music program at both the county and regional level. Congratulations to all these accomplished musicians.
- Senior, Joel Hoover, was recognized for his Science Academic Award in the County Science Fair
- Congratulations were given to Ashley Gordon (10) who was chosen to have her artwork hang in Congressman Pitt's Office this year.
- Congratulations to Middle School Teacher, Dave Smith, and his students for being awarded one of two top winners in micro-lending by the Weinberg Foundation!

Dr. Hollister was pleased to report the great year-end with our students and wanted to encourage the board members to come out to the Senior Award Ceremony held tomorrow at 7:00 PM and the 2014 Graduation Ceremony on June 6th.

11. Announcements

An executive session will be held following adjournment to discuss personnel, student discipline and two legal matters.

12. Adjournment

Mr. Hartz made a motion with a second by Mr. Wentzel to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM.

Marion L. Martin School Board Secretary May 19, 2014