



Board of Directors Meeting September 21, 2015 Minutes

Roll Call

Members in attendance were: Rodney Jones, Bryan Naranjo, Melissa Readman, Thomas Wentzel, Glenn Yoder and Jennifer Zeiset

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

Members not in attendance were: Jonathan Dahl, Paul Irvin and Dina Maio

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

1. Call to Order

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

2. Moment of Silence/Reflection - Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Rodney Jones 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 Mrs. Zeiset. **The motion was approved. (6-0; 3 absent)**

4. Student of the Month Presentation

Mr. Sanger introduced and congratulated the September Students of the Month for being chosen for their character trait of Leadership.

September

Paige Martin, Denver, accompanied by her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Martin
Logan Eby, New Holland, unable to attend.

Dr. Hollister thanked and congratulated the students on behalf of the District. He noted that it was a challenge to be a teen in this day and age, commended them on a job well done. Dr. Hollister instructed the students to remember where they came from and be aware that they continue to wear the Garden Spot label on their back even when they leave.

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.)

Stephanie Shirk, East Earl

Mrs. Shirk thanked the Board for their service and noted the good start to the school year. She also thanked the Board for their dedication and support of the FFA program. Mrs. Hoffman then said a prayer.

6. 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. Jones made a motion to approve the consent agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Wentzel. **The motion was approved. (6-0; 3 absent)**

6.1 Approval of Minutes

6.2 Treasurer's Report

6.3 Bills Paid

6.4 Cafeteria Fund Treasurer's Report

6.5 Investments

6.6 Student Activity Account

6.7 Personnel Report

6.8 Approve Budgetary Transfers

6.9 Approval of Affidavits of Guardianship

6.10 Approval to attend workshops/conferences for the Superintendent

- **Pennsylvania Council for International Education, Pittsburgh, PA, Friday, October 2nd & Saturday, October 3rd.**

This is an annual conference offered for K-20 educators. The overall theme of the workshop sessions and keynote is: Engaging students in international education opportunities and fostering global competency skills in the classroom.

PASA/PSBA Annual State Conference, Hershey, PA, Wednesday, October 14 & Thursday, October 15th.

A wide variety of sessions and keynote speakers address current trends, needs, and solutions for public education. *Note:* Dr. Hollister, Mr. Ramsey, Mrs. Martin, and Ms. Hare were invited to present a concurrent session on Thursday, October 15th.

IU13 Superintendent's Fall Study Council, Cupertino, CA, October 27-October 31.

Lead by IU personnel, Superintendents will be working with educational facilitators from the Apple Organization and conducting school visitations of model school districts who are using technology in innovative ways.

6.11 Approval of Payment to Band Booster Organization

Recommend that the District make a lump sum payment to the Band Boosters organization to equal the cost that the District would have incurred to rent a van to travel to away football games for the current school year and for the 2016-2017 school year. The Band Boosters have acquired a trailer that will result in no need for the van rental going forward.

6.12 Approval for Administration to work with Solicitor to develop scenarios to recoup finance resources from Cyber Chart School, EdPlus

Approval for the Administration to work with Solicitor to develop possible scenarios to recoup finance resources from the illegally operated cyber charter school, EdPlus.

7. Action Items

7.1 Items Removed from Consent Agenda for Separate Consideration

7.2 Elect PSBA Officers for 2016 school year

Mrs. Zeiset made a motion to recommend candidate, Mark Miller of Centennial School District as President-Elect for the 2016 PSBA Officers Election. It was seconded by Mr. Wentzel. **The motion was approved. (6-0; 3 absent)**

Mr. Wentzel made a motion to recommend candidate, John Love of Muhlenburg Township School District as Vice-President for the 2016 PSBA Officers Election. It was seconded by Mr. Jones. **The motion was approved. (6-0; 3 absent)**

8. Reports

8.1 Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau

Met on Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Service Organization Control Audit Report presented

- Opinion - LCTCB has tremendous controls and safeguards in place to ensure the appropriate collection and distribution of EIT and LST revenues

Submitting a proposal to Provide IT Services to the Berks EIT Bureau

LCTCB will be providing testimony on 2 legislative bills (SB 356 and HB 245) and to report on Act 32 Implementation

A one-time distribution of funds (\$1.5 million) will occur in November 2015 from money left over from the RADS project and unidentified/unclaimed tax balances from 2006 and prior. ELANCO's portion is approximately \$40,000

November 18, 2015 - Next Meeting

Mr. Ramsey reported to the Board that the Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau (LCTCB) met on September 16, 2015. He indicated that the Service Organizational Control Audio Report was presented. The audit looks at the controls in place and how things could go wrong, how money is collected and distributed to correct school districts. Mr. Ramsey noted that things currently in place are exceptional and complimented both the executive director of the LCTCB and his staff. He also noted that the Bureau would be submitting a proposal to help provide IT services to the Berks EIT Bureau. He noted that this could require any additional staff and this was only an approval to submit proposal. Additional information would be forthcoming.

Mr. Ramsey also reported that the Bureau would be providing testimony on Senate Bill 356 and house Hill 245 to report on Act 32 implementation.

Mr. Ramsey informed the Board that would be a one-time distribution of funds in the total amount of \$1.5 million that will occur in November of this year leftover from the RADS project and balances left from unclaimed tax property 2016 and prior which would be split among school districts. Eastern Lancaster County School District would be receiving an amount of \$40,000.

Mr. Rasmey announced that the next meeting for the LCTCB was November 18, 2015.

8.2 Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13

Mr. Irvin was absent. No Lancaster-Lebanon IU13 report.

8.3 Lancaster CTC

Mrs. Readman informed the Board that she was unable to attend the August JOC Meeting. She noted that the JOC would be meeting Thursday, September 24, 2015.

8.4 Legislative

Budget Impasse Discussion Item

Dr. Hollister asked the Board to consider of reduction of expenses towards charter school, cyber charter schools, and the PSERS obligation due to the impasse of the budget. He noted that he was still waiting on an opinion from the District Solicitor regarding EdPlus Cyber Charter School.

Board discussed the Budget Impasse and its effect on the District.

Mr. Wentzel made a motion to follow through with the recommendation of the Administration to reduce payments to Charter Schools and Cyber Charter Schools and disperse only partial payment to PSERS, avoiding the 6% interest that would occur when full payment is due after budget impasse. It was seconded by Mrs. Zeiset. **The motion was approved. (6-0; 3 absent)**

9. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Hollister announced that PSSA scores would be sent out to parents the next day along with a letter from the Secretary of Education. He also commented on the CTC annual report which indicates some the highest NOCTI scores the school has ever seen. Dr. Hollister also announced that Julie Graft and the Health Council would be working a joint effort countywide for Relay for Life acknowledging health and wellness and raising funds for American Cancer Society on May 27th.

10. Announcements

No Announcements.

11. Adjournment

Mr. Wentzel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. with a second by Mrs. Zeiset. **The motion was approved (6-0; 3 absent)**

Justin W. Johnson
School Board Secretary
September 21, 2015