



EASTERN LANCASTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board of Directors Meeting May 16, 2022 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, May 16, 2022 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. The meeting was broadcasted via live video feed as well.

To hear the details under each agenda item, please refer to the recording of the meeting which is posted on the District's website (www.elanco.org) under Our District // School Board of Directors // Meeting Audio Minutes

Roll Call

Board Members in attendance were: Gary Buck, Brian Conroy, Jonathan Dahl, Jacqueline Geyer, Paul Irvin, Dina Maio, Kevin McCarroll, Bryan Naranjo and Thomas Wentzel

Also in attendance were: Dr. Michael Snopkowski, Dr. Nadine Larkin, Keith Ramsey and Rebekah Ray

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

1. Welcome and Call to Order

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

2. Moment of Silence/Reflection - Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Agenda Modification/Approval of Agenda

Mr. Wentzel made a motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Irvin.

The motion was approved. (9-0)

4. Students of the Month and National Merit Scholarship Presentation

Mr. Sanger introduced the National Merit Scholarship finalist, Anurag Kulkarni, who will be going to the University of Pittsburgh to study Bioengineering.

Dr. Sanger presented and congratulated the Students of the Month for the month of April being chosen for their character trait of "Compassion".

Grade 12: Hope Monderwicz

Grade 11: Sarah Babb

Grade 10: Emma Felpel

Grade 9: Sarina Trupe

5. Special Presentation - Future Farmers of America (FFA)

Ms. Katie Ranck introduced the Agricultural Department.

Abigail O'Neil is the State President for the FFA and spoke about her time within the FFA as a Senior.

Allison Zimmerman is the Chapter Secretary/Recorder. She is a Senior and works at a local agriculture business where she started as an intern and has moved up within that business.

Madison Myers is the Junior Historian within the FFA. She spoke about her farming experiences and her project with her pig.

Ajiah Fox spoke about her experiences in elementary and middle school and how FFA has helped her become a better person.

Ms. Ashley Pierson spoke about the certifications and the experiences that the FFA has been through throughout the years.

6. Citizens of the District Comments

The Board encourages citizens of the district to come before the Board to present their petitions, inquiries, or other communications of interest. The Board invites public (Citizens of the District) to comment on any topic that is within the Board's jurisdiction. As outlined in Board Policy 903, the Board requires that public participants be residents or taxpayers of this district.

If you are unable to attend the Board meeting in person and wish to make a public comment, please complete the [PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN-UP FORM](#).

Public comments will be read aloud during the public comment section of the agenda.

Thank you.

SUBMITTED COMMENTS (VIA PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN-UP FORM): **None**

Neal Martin, New Holland, PA – spoke about how the administration and teachers are doing a great job and said a prayer.

Michele Good, New Holland, PA – spoke about students misbehaving in the schools.

Bryan Howers – New Holland, PA – spoke about the House bill 2169 and how it would possibly take money away from our public school and give it to the private schools.

Mr. Conroy and Mrs. Geyer spoke about Bryan Howers comment and if it would affect our school.

President Dahl asked the administration about the incentives for staffing in the school, has it helped? Dr. Larkin stated that it's still an issue.

7. Consent Agenda

7.a. Approval of Minutes

7.b. Treasurer's Report

7.c. Approve Personnel Report

7.d. Bills Paid

7.e. Cafeteria Fund Treasurer's Report

7.f. Investments

7.g. Student Activity Account

7.h. Approve Budgetary Transfers

7.i. Approve Donna Prokay as Treasurer of the Eastern Lancaster County School Board for a period of one year (2022-2023).

7.j. Approval of PNC Bank and Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF) - as District Depositories for 2022-23

7.k. Approval to award the RFP for 2nd Shift Cleaning Services to Jani-King

7.l. Approve Resolution Authorizing Proposed Final Budget Display and Advertising

Mr. Irvin made a motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Conroy.

The motion was approved. (9-0)

8. Action Items - NONE

9. Reports

9.a. Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau.

Mr. Ramsey stated that there was no meeting this month. The next meeting is June 8, 2022.

9.b. Lancaster-Lebanon IU13

Mr. Irvin stated that the meeting is next week, so next month he will have to 2 reports to update the Board on.

9.c. Lancaster CTC

Mr. Conroy visited both the Willow Street and Brownstown campuses where he saw a lot of our students in attendance.

9.d. Legislative

Mr. Conroy said that there wasn't much to report but he said that the biggest thing he had to report on was to go out and vote tomorrow, as it is Primary Day, 5/17/2022.

10. Superintendent's Report

The month of May is historically very busy celebrating our learners and their accomplishments from the year, and this year is no different. In addition to alternate schedules due to state testing and the weather finally feeling warmer, there have been a number of very exciting things happening in preparation for the end of the year.

Across our elementary schools, our learners have showcased their musical talents to our community through multiple performances. Bringing learners together from across our three elementary buildings to perform together is not an easy feat, and I want to thank our teachers, our parents, and most importantly our learners, for the time and effort that has gone into such a successful concert season. Watching and listening to these efforts was a wonderful prelude to the high-quality performances that were shared by our various performing groups. The performing arts are a wonderful look into the talents of our learners, built over many years through practice and perseverance, which are the same components that will help them be successful in the future regardless of what they will be doing. The elementary schools also celebrate the talents of learners through their artwork as shared through the art shows in each elementary. Blue Ball has already done this, while Brecknock and New Holland will do so this week.

Another group of learners who are showcasing their talents outside of our classrooms are those representing Garden Spot High School through interscholastic athletics. This spring has been one of significant success for our teams as well as individually. Our team success is highlighted by our Boys Volleyball team earning a top 4 seed in the District 3 playoffs and our girls lacrosse team setting program highlights in the number of wins and by qualifying for the first time for the District 3 playoffs. Individual accolades have been earned as well, with Bryna Kelly winning the 100m hurdles for the second consecutive year in the league meet this past weekend. She was one of 7 medal winners from the track team and we will have 5 athletes continuing their seasons this coming weekend at the District 3 meet. Additionally, on May 24th, we will be celebrating 16 Garden Spot seniors who will be continuing their athletic careers after graduation as they commit to playing a variety of sports at the collegiate level.

Among the most highly anticipated events during the month of May is the Relay for Life being organized through learners at Garden Spot High School and being lived in each of our buildings throughout the district. Participating in this event, which annually raises money to support the research, treatment and prevention of cancer, is an outstanding example of the service and support that the ELANCO community provides locally as well as nationally to others. The Relay for Life Spirit Week begins this week with themed days across the district and culminates next week on Tuesday with the Relay for Life for our district.

As another example of service to our community, GSMS learners recently donated 21 hand-made blankets for children. These blankets will be used by children in hospitals and community centers to stay warm, physically and hopefully emotionally as they experience healthcare or other needs in the immediate future.

At NHES, thanks to a grant from the Spartan Foundation, part of our New Holland courtyard has been transformed into a “Foodscape/Pollinator Garden” by Mrs. Spence’s fourth graders. After learning about the importance of supporting biodiversity and pollinator species in our environment in the winter, learners researched native plants and edibles and designed a garden in the courtyard. Thank you to the Spartan Foundation for supporting this program as well as others throughout the district.

This past weekend, Garden Spot juniors and seniors celebrated their prom, with over 350 attendees enjoying the first fully in-person and traditional prom in three years. Between now and the end of the school year, there will be numerous awards ceremonies, celebrations and banquets put on by multiple groups and classes of students. This all points toward the biggest event of the year, high school commencement, when we will honor the graduates of the class of 2022. This year’s ceremonies will once again be hosted here on campus on June 8 and will begin at 6:30 pm.

Finally, the variety of events that have been described would only be possible through the direct and indirect support of every one of our teaching professionals and staff members across our schools and offices. With May being teacher appreciation month, I want to extend my thanks and respect to each and everyone in the ELANCO school district who works to provide the best possible environment and experiences for the learners we are entrusted with each day. The work they do is at the core of our mission and goes far beyond a specific lesson or task. I commend our teachers for building relationships and unlocking the potential of our children each and every day through your teaching and service.

11. Announcements

President Dahl had a question regarding an incident that happened in another school in the Lancaster County area. His question was regarding a policy for guests coming into the district for activities during school hours and after school activities within the district. Dr. Snopkowski spoke about Policy 907 being in place for those guests that want to come into the school that are from outside of the district that have to abide by the policy.

Mr. Tom Wentzel spoke to the Board about graduation and felt that the Board members should do their best to show up to graduation to show support of our graduates.

12. Adjournment

Mr. Irvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. It was seconded by Mr. Wentzel.

The motion was approved. (9-0)



Keith D. Ramsey
School Board Secretary
May 16, 2022