



Committee of the Whole Meeting August 8, 2016 Minutes

Roll Call

Members in attendance were: Paul Irvin, Dina Maio, Bryan Naranjo, 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, Rodney Jones, and Melissa Readman

Staff/Public in attendance were: Several citizens of the community, Faculty 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.

2. Moment of Silence/Reflection - Pledge of Allegiance

President Yoder led in a silent meditation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Citizens Comments

At this time we will invite public comment on any topic that is within the Board's jurisdiction.

Carol Lehman, East Earl

Mrs. Lehman thanked the Board members and said a prayer.

Dr. Hollister introduced Mr. Marc Shaffer, the new athletic trainer for Garden Spot High School to the Board and also noted that several members of the Columbia School Board were in attendance along with Mr. Tom Strickler, the future Director of Operations for Columbia Borough School District pending the approval of the Board.

4. Special Presentation - Ms. Sarah Fritz, Community Outreach Coordinator, District Attorney's Office of Lancaster County

Presentation by Ms. Sarah Fritz from the Office of the District Attorney of Lancaster County. Sarah will be discussing outreach opportunities related to her new role in the District Attorney's Office.

Dr. Hollister introduced, Ms. Sarah Fritz, the Community Outreach Coordinator from the Lancaster County District Attorney's Office. Ms. Fritz presented the Board with the purpose of her new role at the District Attorney's Office, explaining that she was presenting to every school district in the County in hopes to collaborate with districts in promoting, initiating, and administering in-school programs for crime prevention.

5. Special Presentation - Mindy Bauman, Eastern Lancaster County School District, Social Worker

Dr. Nadine Larkin introduced, Mindy Bauman, Social Worker for Eastern Lancaster County School District to present the recent findings from the Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS) for 2015. Mrs. Bauman explained to the Board that PAYS is a survey conducted with students at Eastern Lancaster County School District in 6th, 8th, 10th & 12th grades to learn about their behavior, attitudes, and knowledge concerning alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, mental health, and violence. Mrs. Bauman conducted a presentation summarizing the results of Eastern Lancaster County School District's student survey. She indicated that the greatest area of concern was the mental health of our students, noting the evidence of poverty and difficulties that students are currently dealing with in their home life. She also noted that results indicated that the District has many resources and support for the students from both the school and the community.

Administration and the Board discussed the ramifications of the results of the PAYS and possible solutions.

6. Approve Personnel Report

Dr. Larkin informed the Board that a new staff member was present for introduction.

Mrs. Kimberly Andersen, Principal of Brecknock Elementary School introduced Susan Wolfe as the new incoming Certified School Nurse at Brecknock Elementary.

Dr. Hollister reiterated the presence of Mr. Marc Shaffer, Athletic Trainer approved at a previous meeting and Mr. Tom Strickler, Director of Operations at Columbia School District to be approved that evening.

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

7. Property and Services

a. Action Item - Authorize the Chief of Finance and Operations to sign the Non Public Transportation Contracts for 2016-17

The cost per student increases by the increase in the transportation formula, which for 2016-17 is .7%. The total cost may vary depending on number of students transported.

Mr. Ramsey presented the action item for the Board to authorize him to sign the Non-Public Transportation Contract for the 2016-2017 school year. He noted that this was an annual approval that was needed and informed the Board that there was a 0.7% increase. He also noted that the total amount could fluctuate depending on student enrollment.

b. Action Item - Approval of Bus Drivers (Public and Nonpublic) and Bus Assistants for the 2016-17 School Year

Each year we are required to approve the listing of all contracted transportation drivers and bus assistants. A listing will be provided at the Board Meeting.

Mr. Ramsey presented the action item for the approval of bus drivers and bus assistants for the 2016-2017 school year which he noted is done annually.

c. Action Item - Approval of Change Order for the Blue Ball Elementary Parking Lot Project and to Authorize the Chief of Finance & Operations to Sign

General Contractor:

Change Order # 1 - 45 Cubic Yards of Rock Removal @ \$275.00 / CY
\$12,375.00

Mr. Ramsey presented the Board with the approval of a change order for the Blue Ball Elementary parking lot project and to authorize him to sign the change order. He informed the Board that 45 cubic yards of rock had to be removed.

Mr. Ramsey presented Mr. Neal Walsh to update the Board on the progress of the project. Mr. Walsh informed the Board that the paving was complete and parking lines painted, adding 41 additional parking spots to the Blue Ball parking lot. He noted that there would be some small minor projects to complete that may run after the opening of school which included landscaping.

Dr. Hollister complimented both contractors, Murry Construction and Usner Excavating for all their work on the project.

8. Program

a. Action Item: Approval of Affidavits of Guardianship

Dr. Larkin presented the Board with the action item to approve Affidavits of Guardianship for the 2016-2017 school year.

b. Action Item: Approval of Service Contract with Lindamood-Bell for reading instruction.

Contract with Lindamood-Bell to provide 500 hours of one-to one instruction @ \$94.40 each for a total not to exceed \$47,200.00.

Dr. Larkin presented the Board with the action item to approve herself to sign the contract with Lindamood-Bell for reading instruction services for a special education student attending Eastern Lancaster County School District the 2016-2017 school year. She noted that the services were required per the student's IEP.

Dr. Larkin also updated the Board indicating that the District is almost fully staffed for the 2016-2017 school year. She noted that a HS Emotional Support teacher position still need to be filled. She complimented Mr. Sanger, the HS principal for his work in rearranging the HS schedule due to the struggle in hiring science teachers to cover several sabbaticals and a resignation from the Science Department.

Dr. Hollister revisited the discussion with the Board of the raising concern of a teacher shortage throughout the County.

9. Management

a. Information Item - Presentation by Ms. Sarah Fritz from the Office of the District Attorney of Lancaster County...

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b. Information Item - New Holland Farm Equipment displayed at schools.

Dr. Hollister reported to the Board that Case New Holland would be displaying several pieces of farm equipment on the District's grounds.

c. Information Item - Former teacher Stan Deen passed away recently. A request was granted to have a "celebration" of life in the Auditorium...

Former teacher Stan Deen passed away recently. A request was granted to have a "celebration" of life in the Auditorium named for him. All expenses will be absorbed by private donors.

Dr. Hollister also reported to the Board that former teacher, Stan Deen had recently passed away and that the District would be hosting the celebration of his life in the Auditorium named for him planned by several former students. He noted that all cost would be assumed by private donors and the District would not be incurring any expenses.

Dr. Hollister acknowledged all the work the Stan Deen had done for students in Eastern Lancaster County School District.

Dr. Hollister also informed the Board of an action item that would be placed on the Board agenda as a separate action item. He indicated that a Resolution would need to be approved that stated he was currently not in charge at Columbia Borough School District since the agreement had been approved. The resolution was to note that Mr. Ken Klawitter had remained in place until this evening when Mr. Tom Strickler had been approved as the Director of Operations. The start date of the agreement would be changed to August 9, 2016.

10. Announcements

No Announcements.

11. Adjournment

Mr. Wentzel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. with a second by Mr. Irvin. **The motion was approved. (6-0; 3 absent)**

Justin W. Johnson
School Board Secretary
August 8, 2016