

Committee of the Whole Meeting February 9, 2015 Minutes

Roll Call

Members in attendance were: Jonathan Dahl, Glenn Hartz, Paul Irvin, Rodney Jones, Melissa

Readman, Thomas Wentzel and Glenn Yoder

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

Members not in attendance were: Jennifer Zeiset and Heidi Zimmerman

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 mediation 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.

Neil Martin, New Holland

Mr. Martin thanked the Board for their hard work and said a prayer.

4. Approve Personnel Report.

Mr. Wentzel made a motion to approve the personnel report. It was seconded by Mr. Irvin. **The motion was approved (7-0; 2 absent)**

5. Approve Resolution Approving 2015-16 Preliminary Budget and Authorizing Referendum Exception and Final Budget and Per Capita Tax Notice

Mr. Ramsey noted that the resolution was the same that was presented at last month's meeting. He also noted that there would be some adjustments as the budget is reviewed further and when the governor's budget is announced.

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving 2015-16 Preliminary Budget and Authorizing Referendum Exception and Final Budget and Per Capita Tax Notice. It was seconded by Mr. Hartz. **The motion was approved (7-0; 2 absent)**

6. Property and Services

- **6.1** Action Items None
- 6.2 Information Items None

7. Program

- 7.1 Action Items None
- **7.2** Information Item Presentation by Matthew Sanger on Programming and Staffing at Garden Spot High School for the 2015-2016 School Year. Mr. Sanger presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Board describing a plan to change high school programs focusing more on grade level academies and STEM courses. This new programing is going to require addition of four new teachers added to staffing in the high school.

8. Management

8.1 Action Item - Approve Board Meeting Calendar Dates for 2015-2016 school year.

Dr. Hollister presented the School Board Calendar for next year for approval at the Board Meeting.

8.2 Action Item - Update Policy 227.2 to reflect current practice - Students in co-curricular programs are not subject to the random drug testing policy.

Dr. Hollister informed the board that currently the District does not include cocurricular program in random drug testing. The policy presented is updated to reflect the current practice.

- **8.3** Information Item Legislative Education Summit with Senator Aument at Ephrata High School, Friday, March 6th, 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- **8.4** Information Item Legislative Breakfast: Monday, March 9th, 7:30am IU13 Conference Center, 1020 New Holland Avenue, Lancaster, PA (Please contact Justin Johnson in order to be registered for breakfast. (717) 354-1117 | justin_johnson@elanco.org Registration must be completed by Friday, February 20th)

Dr. Hollister reminded the Board of upcoming legislative breakfasts, one with Senator Aument at Ephrata High School on March 6th and at IU13 on March 9th. Any Board member who wish to attend should contact Mr. Johnson as soon as possible.

8.5 Information Item - Mr. Todd Reitnouer will discuss the possibility of no track season because of a significant lack of coaches available.

Dr. Hollister informed the Board that there would be a track season due to the hard efforts of Mr. Reitnouer. He invited Mr. Reitnouer to the podium to explain to the Board how this was accomplished. Mr. Reitnouer informed the Board of the significant loss of coaches in the past several months and his efforts in placing ads and expanding his search to find coaches for the track team. He was able to find a Penn Manor teacher to take the position as Head Coach and several assistant coaches for Track & Field have taken on double the responsibility to help cover all the events that are needed for the team to compete in the season. He explained the difficulty of finding in-house teachers with increase of workload over the last 5 to 10 year, even those coming right of college.

Dr. Hollister publicly thanked Mr. Reitnouer for his service to the District and his effort in finding coaches for the track team.

9. Announcements

Dr. Hollister noted that the next School Board meeting would take place on Monday, February 23rd.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Irvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. with a second by Mr. Wentzel. **The motion was approved (7-0; 2 absent)**

Justin W. Johnson School Board Secretary February 9, 2015