



## **School Board of Directors Meeting**

### **January 25, 2021**

### **Minutes**

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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, January 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Due to the limited-time mitigation order for all Pennsylvanians, declared by Governor Wolf on December 10, 2020 and in consideration of the health and safety of the school community, the Eastern Lancaster County School Board of Directors held this meeting virtually via Zoom Video & Webinar.

#### **Roll Call**

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

**Board Members not in attendance were:**

**Also in attendance were:** Dr. Robert Hollister, Justin W. Johnson, Dr. Nadine Larkin and Keith Ramsey

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

#### **1. Welcome and Call to Order**

President Wentzel opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed the Community.

#### **2. Moment of Silence/Reflection - Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Kevin McCarroll Irvin 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. Irvin made a motion to approve the modified agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Buck. **The motion was approved. (9-0)**

#### **4. Student of the Month Presentation**

"Pursuit of Excellence"

Grade 12: Alexandria King, New Holland, PA - Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Kimberly King  
Grade 11: Brock Barshinger, Denver, PA - Son of Mr. & Mrs. Andrew & Kristin Barshinger  
Grade 10: Grace McCarty, New Holland, PA - Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Tim & Toni McCarty  
Grade 9: Lola Stillman, New Holland, PA - Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Stillman & Melanie Nixon-Stillman  
Grade 8: Abhirup Kulkarni, Son of Mr. & Mrs. Balachandra & Nandini Kulkarni  
Grade 7: Mariah Santiago, Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jeremy & Erin Santiago

Dr. Sanger presented and congratulated the Students of the Month for the month of November being chosen for their character trait of “Pursuit of Excellence”.

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## 5. 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*) 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. Due to the virtual aspect of the Board meeting, the Board is requesting if you wish to provide public comment during the virtual board meeting, you should sign-up to do so by completing the online form prior to the meeting.

[PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN-UP FORM](#)(Please use this form only if you are not attending the meeting in person.)

*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.

### **COMMENTS (IN-PERSON):**

Joel Martin, 157 Bergman Road, New Holland, PA 17557  
Mr. Martin thanked the Board for their leadership and said a prayer.

Emily Maldonado, 2 Lantern Lane, East Earl, PA 17519

Ms. Maldonado requested the Board to consider her petition to provide American Sign Language (ASL) courses for both learners and faculty at the Garden Spot Secondary Campus which she stated could meet the needs of learners with non-verbal disabilities and who were hard of hearing.

The Board and Administration discussed the possibility of adding an American Sign Language course as a foreign language or elective course. The Administration reported that they would return to the Board with options and thoughts.

## **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."

Mrs. Andersen, Principal of Brecknock Elementary School introduced Hannah Ashcroft (Garden Spot Graduate) as the new hired Kindergarten Teacher for Blue Ball Elementary.

Mr. Irvin made a motion to approve the consent agenda report. It was seconded by Mr. Naranjo. **The motion was approved. (9-0)**

### **a. Approval of Minutes**

### **b. Treasurer's Report**

### **c. Approve Personnel Report**

### **d. Bills Paid**

### **e. Cafeteria Fund Treasurer's Report**

### **f. Investments**

### **g. Student Activity Account**

### **h. Approve Budgetary Transfers**

### **i. Action Item - Approval of audit report for year ended June 30, 2020, which includes budget transfers, fund designations and fund transfers**

Carl Hogan, BBD, LLP will provide a summary of the Audit Report for Year Ended June 30, 2020

### **j. Action Item - Turnover of 2020 Delinquent Real Estate Taxes - MOTION BELOW**

Motion to acknowledge receipt from Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau as collector of district real estate tax, and filing with the Lancaster County Tax Claim Bureau on or before January 15, 2021, for collection of delinquent taxes, of Certification of Uncollected Real Estate Taxes due and payable in calendar year 2020 which remained unpaid, which Certification is in form as presented to the school board at this meeting.

***Total amount turned over for 2020 is \$491,390.97 (2019 total was \$621,342.56)***

**k. Action Item - Approval of the Change orders that were executed for the HS/MS Locker Room and HVAC Project, as follows:**

**General Contractor - ECI Construction**

**GC-14 \$3,252.00 Deduct** - deleted kick plates on shower and changing room doors

Architect's comment on GC-14 - Based on the durability of the door the kick plates were not needed.

**HVAC Contractor - Myco Mechanical**

**HC-05 \$2,354.01 Deduct** - deleted unit replacement in the Nurse's suite

Architect's comment on HC-05 - The District decided to hold off on replacing the HVAC unit in the nurse's suite due to not being able to relocate the nurses. This change order removes the labor for the install. The contractor will provide the District with the unit to store and install over the summer.

**l. Action Item - Approval of the Lancaster County Career & Technology Center (LCCTC) 2021-22 Operating Budget**

District's share of the LCCTC's operating budget is \$1,017,754.44 (or a \$1,643.61 increase over 2020-21).

**m. Action Item - New Courses at the Secondary Complex for the 2021-2022 School Year**

***All courses are aligned to the PA Core Standards and developed by the content teachers.***

**Ice House Elective - GSMS**

This course is designed to empower learners during a developmental phase of life and enhance their curiosity. In addition, it encourages creativity and critical thinking, communication, teamwork, and other entrepreneurial skills - skills that will enable them to succeed regardless of their chosen path. Most notably, the Ice House Program outcomes are designed to create more prepared and engaged learners, increase self-efficacy, develop entrepreneurial attitudes, behaviors, and skills, and assist in meeting college-readiness and career-readiness standards.

**PS-22 Elective - GSMS**

PS-22 is an exploratory second-level course providing learners the opportunity to work in collaborative teams to identify relevant issues they are passionate about, generate a solution, and share their work with a global audience. Successful completion of PS-21 is required before learners can take this course.

Learners are required to complete 3 projects from the following menu to complete this course.

- Global Issue Solutions
- Manufacturing Automation
- Local Business Partnership
- Global Competition Entry
- Advancement in Application of Technology
- Connection with Others/Betterment of Life

Each project will follow the Design Process with adaptations made for each specific project:

- Identify Problem (Empathize)
- Research Topic
- Design a Plan
- Test the Plan
- Assess the Outcome
- Communicate the Results
- Evaluate the Experience

### **Access Success Co-Op Program - GSHS**

Access Success is a differentiated program that allows learners to access intrapersonal and professional success. This course is focused on supporting learners who have not experienced traditional academic success in the expected timeline. The course is a combination of academics and work experience.

### **Indigenous and Native American Studies Elective - GSHS**

What were the first civilizations like in North America? How have indigenous populations struggled and resisted since North America was colonized? What role have Native Americans played in the shaping of the United States? How can we celebrate what we have in common while also honoring our differences? How do power and privilege shape the relationships people have with each other and with institutions?

The Indigenous and Native American Studies course will examine these questions as well as many others. The first part of this course takes a look at the first civilizations that existed in North America, including their history, origin, religious, cultural, and agricultural practices. The rest of the course will focus on the challenges faced by Indigenous peoples in North America since European colonization, how these groups have responded to and resisted colonialism historically, and the ways in which Native American communities today are impacted by it. Learners who take this course can also expect to discover more about the history of Native American communities in and around Lancaster County, where and how Indigenous Americans live across the

United States today and what the fight for Indigenous rights looks like in the 21st Century.

## **7. Action Items**

Items Removed from Consent Agenda for Separate Consideration.

## **8. Reports**

### **a. Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau**

Mr. Ramsey reported that the Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau met on January 13<sup>th</sup>, noting that the meeting was primarily held for reorganization, appointing both officers and committees.

### **b. Lancaster-Lebanon IU13**

Mr. Irvin reported on the January 13<sup>th</sup> IU Board meeting and shared several highlights from the board meeting report: Mr. Irvin reported that the Board approved \$8,130,549.76 in disbursements. He also reported that the IU13 Board approved new or addition to service contracts for Business Services, Early Childhood & Special Education Services, Instructional/Technology Services and Human Resource Services. There were ten (10) resignations, two (2) terminations, eight (8) retirements, thirteen (13) new hires, fifteen (15) changes in position or salaries, and ten (10) leaves of absences. He noted that he had emailed the Board and Administration the IU Board reports.

### **c. Lancaster CTC**

Mrs. Maio reported that the Lancaster County CTC JOC would not meet until the upcoming Thursday, but informed the Board that they had received a 10 year summary of student demographics and provided the Board with several statistics of Garden Spot learners' participation in CTC program.

### **d. Legislative**

Mr. Wentzel reported that there was currently no activity with the General Assembly. He noted that the census had been completed and with that the state would redraw the state lines for congressional districts as it does every ten years. Mr. Wentzel also reported that Governor would be presented his Budget in early February. He commented that revenue continued to be down in the state and work also continued with charter school reform.

## **9. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Hollister informed the Board that the District hired an extra nurse at the Secondary Campus to assist with contact tracing, providing some relief for the staffed nurses. He thanked all the nurses for doing an incredible job.

Dr. Hollister updated the Board on the damaged main gym floor and thanked both Mr. Neal Walsh and Mr. Ken Weaver for their help in saving the floor. He stated that the hope was to be back on the gym floor that week, indicating that PE classes would begin their classes on Thursday. He informed the Board that only one spot had been fixed and there were other spots on the floor that would still need attention. Dr. Hollister also updated the Board on some issues regarding the score board connection that would delay Athletics from playing until the weekend.

Dr. Hollister reported to the Board on the mechanical failure that occurred on the Garden Spot Secondary Campus, indicating that a water main break caused a transformer to be flooded which caused both plumbing and electrical failure. He informed the Board that with the help of Town and County Electrical and Plumbing, things were back up and running. He indicated that a new transformer was scheduled to be installed over the Easter holiday. Dr. Hollister thanked both the Administrators and Facilities Department members for managing the situation.

Dr. Hollister informed the Board that the new Assistant Principal, Dr. Fox was implementing the Special Olympic program here at Eastern Lancaster County School District.

Dr. Hollister reported to the Board that the E-sports team was back up and running, reporting that they had received their required equipment needed to proceed.

The Board and Administration discussed whether the District facilities were closed to outside groups when there was a shift to remote learning.

Dr. Hollister updated the Board on employees receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, indicating that there were several challenges that had postponed the receipt and distribution of the vaccine.

## **10. Announcements**

No Announcements.

## 11. Adjournment

Mr. Irvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. with a second by Mr. Conroy. **The motion was approved. (9-0)**

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Justin W. Johnson  
School Board Secretary  
January 25, 2021