



EASTERN LANCASTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Committee of the Whole Meeting February 13, 2017 Minutes

A Committee Meeting of the Eastern Lancaster County School Board of Directors, which was properly advertised on April 8, 2016 in the LNP *Lancaster Newspaper*, was held on Monday, February 13, 2017 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.

Roll Call

Members in attendance were: Jonathan Dahl, Paul Irvin, Rodney Jones, Bryan Naranjo, Melissa Readman, Thomas Wentzel, Glenn Yoder, and Jennifer Zeiset **Note:** *Mr. Jones was joining via videocam.*

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

Members not in attendance were: Dina Maio

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 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 of the District Comments

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

Martin Fickes, Brecknock Township

Mr. Fickes thanked the Board for their service and said a prayer.

Daryl Bensinger, Caernarvon Township

Mr. Bensinger placed his concerns and questions to the Board about the sale of the Caernarvon Property.

4. Special Presentation

Allison Cuthie presented to the Board a proposal for a fundraiser/reunion on the Caernarvon Property for local community members. She distributed to the Board her proposal and asked that any questions or concerns to be directed to her.

The Administration noted that there were many details to consider, but recommended the Board approve the proposal.

5. Approve Personnel Report

Mr. Wentzel made a motion to approve the personnel report. It was seconded by Mr. Zeiset. **The motion was approved. (8-0; 1 absent)**

6. Approve Resolution Approving 2017-18 Preliminary Budget and Authorizing Referendum Exception Notice

Attached is the proposed preliminary budget, which allows the District to apply for exceptions. Also, attached is the resolution adopting the preliminary budget along with the Act 1 Referendum Exception Notice.

Mr. Ramsey ask the Board to approve the Resolution approving the 2017-2018 Preliminary Budget and authorizing Referendum Exception Notice to comply with mandatory deadlines.

Mrs. Zeiset made a motion to Approve the Resolution Approving 2017-18 Preliminary Budget and Authorizing Referendum Exception Notice. It was seconded by Mr. Dahl. **The motion was approved. (8-0; 1 absent)**

7. Property and Services

a. Action Item - Approve settlement of the New Holland N.A. tax assessment appeal based upon a fair market value of \$24 million

Mr. Ramsey requested that the Board place the settlement of the New Holland N.A. tax assessment appeal on the consent agenda for approval at the upcoming Board meeting. He noted that there would be no impact on the budget.

b. Action Item - PlanCon Part K (Project Refinancing) Approval Letter and Attachments for 2014 A Note Payoff

Mr. Ramsey requested that the Board place the PlanCon Part K (Project Refinancing) Approval Letter and Attachments for 2014 A Note Payoff on the consent agenda for approval at the upcoming Board meeting.

c. Information Item - Technology Update

Mr. Lotsie Wooten, Director of Technology Infrastructure, presented the Board with an update on the current use of technology in our schools for the 2016-2017 school year and on upcoming changes in technology for the 2017-2018 school year.

8. Program

a. Action Item - Approve the Assistant to the Superintendent signing a Professional Development Agreement with 95% Group, Inc.

As part of the District's continuing effort to implement action items addressed in the Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13 Literacy Audit, we are continuing our work with 95% Group, Inc. and expanding our literacy instruction, assessment, and professional development to grades 3 and 4. As we did last year with grade K-2, we will be providing day long workshops for each 3rd and 4th grade classroom teacher, special education teacher, instructional coaches, and administrators with a 95% Group Trainer. This whole group training will again be followed up by 9 instructional coaching days of teachers and administrators throughout the 2017-2018 school year at a cost of \$33,000.00.

Dr. Larkin requested the Board to approve her to sign a Professional Development Agreement with 95% Group, Inc. for the Elementary teachers in Grades 3 & 4. She indicated that this was an extension of the agreement that was signed previously for teachers in grades K-2 as follow-up to the Literacy Audit completed by the IU13. She noted that there would be two trainings days in the summer and 9 days training throughout the 2017-2018 school year.

9. Management

a. Information Item - Mid-year Update and Report regarding the shared services partnership with Columbia Borough School District.

Dr. Hollister reported to the Board with a mid-year update on the shared services partnership with Columbia Borough School District. He indicated that there had been a \$300,000 savings to Columbia Borough School District and was able to report a favorable update to the Columbia Borough School Board. He also reported that the District would be receiving approximately \$150,000 in revenue from the partnership. Dr. Hollister requested that the Board start considering on what the District's decisions would be for continuing the partnership. He noted that there is a 90-day out clause in the agreement and the Board would

have to decide and approve the continuation of the shared partnership agreements as they were year agreements. The Administration and Board discussed further on the current partnerships with Columbia Borough School District and the possibilities of what would be done with additional revenue.

Dr. Hollister informed the Board that he would be compiling additional data for the Board to review including a survey from the staff about his visibility for the Board's consideration.

b. Information Item - Property Tax Elimination: Discussion of facts and impact on the District.

The Administration and the Board discussed the facts and impact property tax elimination would have on the District agreed that a letter would be sent out to parents of the District from the Board and the Administration.

c. Information Item - 2017 IU13 Legislative Breakfast

2017 IU13 Legislative Breakfast

Date: Monday, March 13, 2017

Time: 7:30-9:45 AM

Location: The Conference and Training Center at IU 13

Dr. Hollister informed the Board on the upcoming IU13 Legislative Breakfast on Monday, March 13th.

d. Information Item - LCCTC to Close Cosmetology Program

Dr. Hollister reported to the Board that due to some inquiries received by Representative Zimmerman's office, he wanted to update the Board on the recent decision made by the LCCTC Administration to close the Cosmetology Program. He noted that due to the fact that it was not a highly sought area for the current workforce and the program was not able to be completed within the two-year timeframe causing many of the students to be not certified when they graduate, the Administration decided that the program was not a program that would contribute to the betterment of the economy of Lancaster County.

Dr. Hollister noted that the Lebanon-Lancaster County Superintendents were in agreement with Administration at LCCTC with closing the program.

10. Announcements

Dr. Hollister announced that there would be an executive session after the meeting to discuss a legal matter involving an investigation, a personnel matter that resulted in discipline, and a contract matter.

Dr. Hollister also announced change in date for legislative breakfast from Senator Ryan Aument to February 24th. He also announced that the next Board meeting would be held in two weeks on February 27th due to the Presidents' Day holiday.

11. Adjournment

Mr. Wentzel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. with a second by Mr. Irvin. **The motion was approved. (8-0; 1 absent)**

Justin W. Johnson
School Board Secretary
February 13, 2017