



## **Committee of the Whole Meeting May 10, 2021 Minutes**

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A Committee Meeting of the Eastern Lancaster County School Board of Directors, which was properly advertised in the LNP *Lancaster Newspaper*, was held on Monday, May 10, 2021 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.

### **Roll Call**

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

**Board Members not in attendance were:** Jacqueline Geyer

**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 several members of the media.

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

President Wentzel opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and indicated that Mrs. Geyer was unable to attend the meeting that evening.

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

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

### **3. 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.

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):**

[Rosanna Martin, 985 Sunset Avenue, New Holland, PA](#)

Ms. Martin inquired about the status of graduation.

[Darrel Martin, 117 N. Hill Road, Terre Hill, PA](#)

Mr. Martin read two scriptures before the Board and said a prayer.

[Beth Sharp, 408 Mentzer Avenue, New Holland, PA](#)

Ms. Sharp thank the Board for all that they had done for the current Seniors and shared her thoughts on possible graduation formats.

#### **4. Approve Personnel Report**

Dr. Larkin introduced the Board to several new professional staff members for the 2021-2022 school year who were to be approved on the personnel report: Jenna Ioannidis, Kindergarten Teacher at New Holland Elementary and Robert “Louie” Soper, K-12 Instructional Teacher Specialist. She also introduced Mr. Timothy Moll, the current Assistant Principal at Brecknock Elementary, as the new Principal for Brecknock Elementary for 2021-2022, taking over for Kimberly Andersen.

Mrs. Kara Martin, Director of Special Education, introduced Kimber Rutt, Autistic Support Teacher at the Garden Spot High School for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

## 5. Property and Services

### 5.a. Action Items:

#### 5.a.a. Action Item - Approval of PNC Bank and Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF) as District Depositories for 2021-22

Mr. Ramsey requested the Board to approve the annual action item of approving the PNC Bank and Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF) as District Depositories for 2021-22, noting that there were no changes to cost or fees.

#### 5.a.b. Action Item - Breakfast, Lunch and Milk Prices effective for 2021-22 school year

Mr. Ramsey requested the Board to approve the Breakfast, Lunch and Milk Prices effective for 2021-22 school year. He informed the Board that the state approved for another year of free lunches, but it was required for the Board to approve the prices. Mr. Ramsey indicated that the prices had not changed from the previous year.

#### 5.a.c. Action Item - Resolution Authorizing Proposed Final Budget Display and Advertising

Mr. Ramsey presented the Board with an update on the Proposed Final Budget for the 2021-2022 school year for the District. The Board and Administration discussed the potential tax increase for 2021-2022 and the usage of funds of the ESSER grant monies. The Board recommended a tax increase between 2% and 2.5% which would be revisited before the final budget was approved at the June Board meeting.

### 5.b. Information Items:

#### 5.b.a. Information Item - 2021-22 Homestead/Farmstead

Mr. Ramsey updated the Board on the proposed numbers for the 2021-2022 homesteads/farmsteads. He noted actual numbers will be presented at the June meeting

## 6. Program

### 6.a. Action Items:

#### 6.a.a. Approval of Expulsion Waiver

Dr. Larkin requested the Board to approve an Expulsion Hearing Waiver.

## 7. Management

### 7.a. Action Items:

#### 7.a.a. Change to 2021-2022 school Calendar to make Thursday, April 14, 2022 a Vacation/Snow Make-up Day and Monday, April 18, 2022 a Teacher In-Service Day.

Dr. Hollister requested the Board approve a minor change to the District 2021-2022 school calendar per the request of the Teacher Association to switch the April 18<sup>th</sup> snow make-up day and April 15<sup>th</sup> Teacher In-Service Day.

**7.a.b. Approve Mr. Justin Johnson as Eastern Lancaster County School Board Secretary for a four-year term beginning July 2021.**

Dr. Hollister requested the Board to approve Mr. Justin Johnson as Eastern Lancaster County School Board Secretary for a four-year term beginning July 2021.

**7.a.c. Approve Mr. Keith Ramsey as Treasurer of the Eastern Lancaster County School Board for a period of one year (2021-2022).**

Dr. Hollister requested the Board to approve Mr. Keith Ramsey as Treasurer of the Eastern Lancaster County School Board for a period of one year (2021-2022).

**7.b. Information Items:**

**7.b.a. IU13 Annual Board Election Ballots**

Each board member should vote by completing his/her ballot and submitting it in one of these three ways:

- In hard copy or digitally to your office (*so your office can forward submitted ballots via email to [patricia\\_pontz@iu13.org](mailto:patricia_pontz@iu13.org) or via US Mail to the IU13 Executive Director's Office*)
- Scan or photograph ballot and email it to IU13 directly via [patricia\\_pontz@iu13.org](mailto:patricia_pontz@iu13.org)
- In hard copy via US Mail to IU13:  
Executive Director's Office  
Lancaster-Lebanon IU13  
1020 New Holland Avenue  
Lancaster, PA 17601

In order to tabulate the votes prior to the new term and complete the election process, ballots must be received at IU13 by Friday, June 4, 2021 in order to be counted. Ballots received at IU13 by this date will be tallied, with the results provided to the IU13 Board at its June meeting and to all superintendents thereafter.

Dr. Hollister informed the Board that they had to officially vote on the IU13 Board members by ballot.

**7.b.b. Recommend that the 2021 Graduation ceremony be held in the school gymnasium at full capacity (Allows for 6 tickets at full capacity per graduate.) The event will be broadcast into the auditorium and streamed online.**

Dr. Hollister informed the Board that he was formally recommended that graduation be held indoors in the High School gymnasium at full capacity. He noted that the ceremony would continue to be live-streamed and streamed into the auditorium as well. He noted that masks would still be required.

**7.b.c. (Follow-up from previous meeting) Vaccines and Employment**

Dr. Hollister updated the Board on their request from the previous Board meeting for more information regarding the employees sharing their vaccination information with the District. Dr. Hollister read a statement from the District's Attorney. He also read a statement from the Teacher Association President, Mr. Martin.

## **8. Announcements**

Mr. Conroy presented his concerns with the teacher resource BrainPOP and BrainPOP, Jr. used as supplement to curriculum.

The Board and Administration discussed the process for approving teacher curriculum and resources.

Mr. Conroy made a motion to suspend BrainPOP usage from all curriculum until it can be reevaluated as a resource. No Second. **The motion failed.**

## **9. Adjournment**

Mr. Irvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. with a second by Mr. Naranjo. **The motion was approved. (8-0; 1 absent)**

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Justin W. Johnson  
School Board Secretary  
May 10, 2021