



Board of Directors Meeting November 17, 2014 Minutes

Roll Call

Members in attendance were: Jonathan Dahl, Paul Irvin, Melissa Readman, Thomas Wentzel, Glenn Yoder and Heidi Zimmerman

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

Members not in attendance were: Rodney Jones and Jennifer Zeiset

Staff/Public in attendance were: Several citizens, employees and a member of the press.

1. Call to Order

President Yoder opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

2. Moment of Silence/Reflection - Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Melissa Readman 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

Dr. Larkin informed the Board of the addition of an Addendum to the Personnel Report.

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

4. Student of the Month Presentation

Mr. Sanger announced that character trait for the Month of November was Respect. He introduced and congratulated the November Students of the Month for being chosen for their outstanding service to others and the community.

November - Respect

Rebekah Brown, Terre Hill, accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee and Sherri Brown.

Derick Weaver, New Holland, accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Duane and Donna Weaver.

Dr. Hollister took a moment to thank the students and their parents for a job well done. He reminded them that this acknowledgement was their teachers tapping them on the shoulder and they had an obligation to continue to keep up the good work. He also reminded them that they would still represent the Garden Spot name even after they graduate.

5. Citizens' Comments

At this time we will invite public comment on any topic that is within the Board's jurisdiction. Please also note that the public is invited to attend our Committee Meetings where much of the discussion and deliberation of agenda topics is conducted. (Committee Meetings are held in the Community Hall at the Garden Spot Complex at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of the month.)

Mr. Jon Mentzer, New Holland

Mr. Mentzer a parent of one graduate of Garden Spot and one current student thanked the Board for what they do and the decisions that they make. Mr. Mentzer then said a prayer.

6. Special Presentation

No Special Presentation.

7. 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."

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

7.1 Approval of Minutes

7.2 Treasurer's Report

7.3 Bills Paid

7.4 Cafeteria Fund Treasurer's Report

7.5 Investments

7.6 Student Activity Account

7.7 Personnel Report

7.8 Approve Budgetary Transfers

7.9 Approve Per Capita Exonerations

7.10 Approval of Expulsion Waivers for Four (4) Students

7.11 Approval of Affidavits of Guardianship

7.12 Approval of Eastern Lancaster County School District Comprehensive Plan

7.13 Approve New Agreement between the Board of Directors and District Supervisors

Approve New Agreement between the Board of Directors and District Supervisors (Supervisors include: Director of Facilities, Supervisor of Technology Infrastructure, Director of Transportation and Director of Food Services)

7.14 Amend October Board Action with Final Numbers for the Transfer to Capital Reserve Fund and General Fund Commitments for the Year Ended June 30, 2014

Capital Reserve Fund Transfer - \$1,220,343

General Fund Balance Commitments:

- For the purpose of PSERS Costs - \$4,066,000
- For the purpose of Technology Equipment - \$1,220,344

8. Action Items

8.1 Items Removed from Consent Agenda for Separate Consideration

9. Reports

9.1 Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau

Met on Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Main purpose of the meeting was to approve the 2015 Operating Budget

Total budget is down 1.2% and the collection fee is reduced from 2.25% to 2.20%

Approved to Waive collection fee for November and December

History of Collection Fees:

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
2012	2.50%	1.87%
2013	2.35%	1.78%
2014	2.25%	1.87%
2015	2.20%	

Mr. Ramsey reported that the Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau met on November 12, 2014. The 2015 operating Budget was discussed and approved. Due to the efficiency of the Bureau and the reduction of their collection fees, the budget was down 1.2% for 2015.

9.2 Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13

Mr. Irvin reported the Lancaster-Lebanon Board met on November 12, 2014. He reported several highlights from the board meeting report: The board approved \$7,389,911.02 in disbursements and several service contracts for Business Services, Early Childhood and Special Education Services, Instructional Services, and Human Resource Services. There were eight (8) resignations, two (2) terminations, one (1) retirement, twenty-two (22) new hires, twenty (20) changes in position or salaries and five (5) leave of absences.

He also announced the anticipated opening of the in-house clinics at the IU with the hopes of lowering cost of medical services for employees provided by school districts. He indicated that several other districts would also be participating in piloting in-house clinics.

He distributed to the Board the November 2014 IU13 Helping Districts/Helping Students Newsletter.

9.3 Lancaster CTC

Mrs. Readman reported that the Lancaster CTC Board met on October 23, 2014. She announced that positive feedback was heard about the Open House held at the Lancaster CTCs on October 18th. A final number of participants would be forthcoming. It was found that afternoon participation was slow, so the times of the open house would be modified at the next event.

Mrs. Readman also announced that the Housing Project at Mount Joy would be continuing. The Lancaster CTC has decided to take a total 27 lots that will be divided for the potential housing builds. This would ensure the continuation of the project for the next 30 years. A resolution form would be distributed for a

School Board vote. The decision must be made by December 2014/January 2015. She also distributed the October newsletter for the Board to review.

9.4 Legislative

Mr. Wentzel reported that House Bill 1013 by Governor Corbett has gone into effect. This bill removes several points of involvement of the District. Parents will no longer have to submit portfolios, test results or other materials for review by the District. Evaluators' certifications will be the only requirement.

Dr. Hollister note his mixed feelings about this new bill.

Mr. Wentzel also announced the highlights of the results of the mid-year elections at state and local levels. State Governor: Tom Wolf (D), State Representative: David Zimmerman (R), State Senate: Ryan Aument (R). He reported that the Republicans gain 10 seats in the House and 3 Seats in the State Senate.

Mr. Wentzel noted that 25 years ago today in 1989, there was an article in the Sunday News about the Garden Spot School's roof being blown off due to winds of 25 miles per hour.

10. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Hollister reported on the Alternative Snow Day passed by the General Assembly. He indicated that Eastern Lancaster County School District would not be pursuing this option along with most districts in the county. He believes that the District will meet its requirements without this option.

He also presented additional information about School Performance averages for schools across the state.

Traditional Public school Average: 76.9

Brick and Mortar Charter Schools Average: 65.1

Cyber Chart Schools Average: 48.9

He indicated that though it was announced by PDE that the overall average of the state remained the same, all our schools in the District showed significant progress. It was stated that the transition to a more rigorous standards and testing cause the stagnant scores, however a congratulations was due to all our students and faculty for a job well done, even with these changes.

Dr. Hollister also informed the Board of an audit conducted by an outside vendor, BrightBytes, on the measurement of how technology is being used and distributed throughout the District. It was reported that our District is doing very well and was even asked by the vendor how the District was integrating technology so well. This report will form a basis for upcoming professional development. He presented several statistics from the audit for the District as compared with the state average:

Students writing online - ELANCO: 45% State Average: 27%

Amount of time Students using computer in classroom – ELANCO: 96% State Average: 79%

Teaching discussing technology use during department or team level meeting – ELANCO: 53% State Average: 31%

Students allow to take computer home – ELANCO 52% State Average: 14%

Dr. Hollister announced it was National American Education Week. He presented the fact that the United States was ranked #1 as world's most inventive country with 30 of our universities ranking at the top as contributing patents.

11. Announcements

Dr. Hollister indicated that an executive session would take place after the meeting to discuss a legal matter.

The next Board meeting will take place, Monday, December 1, 2014. This will be the School of Board Directors' Reorganization Meeting.

12. Adjournment

Mr. Wentzel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. with a second by Mr. Irvin. **The motion was approved (7-0; 2 absent)**

Justin W. Johnson
School Board Secretary
November 17, 2014