



EASTERN LANCASTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board of Directors Meeting February 15, 2021 Minutes

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, February 15, 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, Jacqueline Geyer, Paul Irvin, Dina Maio, Kevin McCarroll, Bryan Naranjo, and Thomas Wentzel **Note:** *Mr. Gary Buck, Mr. Brian Conroy, and Mrs. Dina Maio were joining via videocam.*

Board Members not in attendance were: Jonathan Dahl

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.

Mr. Wentzel announced that there would be an executive session held after the Board meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE/REFLECTION - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Dina Maio 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 agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Naranjo. **The motion was approved. (8-0; 1 absent)**

4. STUDENT OF THE MONTH PRESENTATION

"Hardworking"

Grade 12: Avery Stauffer, Narvon, PA - Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Loren & Connie Stauffer

Grade 11: Iyamuremye Habarurenge, New Holland, PA - Son of Mr. Bazirake Kanyamchenge & Mrs. Leonia Nyirasinumvayo

Grade 10: Kyra Bixler, New Holland, PA - Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Scott & Janelle Bixler

Grade 9: Enzo Bellini, Denver, PA - Son of Mr. & Mrs. Tony & Leigh Bellini

Grade 8: Cora Parsons, Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John & Marcia Parsons

Grade 7: Ellie Culbert, Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. David & Joanna Culbert

Dr. Sanger presented and congratulated the Students of the Month for the month of January being chosen for their character trait of "Hardworking".

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Dr. Hollister congratulated and thanked the students.

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.

IN-PERSON COMMENTS:

[Deb Reimers, 145 Skyline Drive, New Holland, PA 17557](#)

[Ms. Reimers thanked the Board and said a prayer.](#)

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."

[Mr. Neal Walsh, Director of Facilities and Transportation, introduced Kristen Greenawalt as the new Assistant Director of Transportation.](#)

[Dr. Hollister clarified the Memorandum of Understanding with the Teacher Association regarding teleworking language and reminded Board members that this was just an extension of the Federal rules that were in place, but had expired in December of 2020.](#)

[Mr. Irvin made a motion to approve the consent agenda report. It was seconded by Mr. Naranjo. The motion was approved. \(8-0; 1 absent\)](#)

- 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. APPROVAL OF THE CHANGE ORDERS THAT WERE EXECUTED FOR THE HS/MS LOCKER ROOM AND HVAC PROJECT, AS FOLLOWS:

General Contractor - ECI Construction

GC-15 \$4,417 Add - reconstruct bottom of press box

Architect's comment on GC-15 - The press box needed modified in order to move the bleachers out so the old gym floor could be removed, and the new gym floor installed. This change order puts the bottom of the press box back in place.

Electrical Contractor - Hirneisen Electric, Inc.

EC-05 \$0.00 - miscellaneous items (cost offset utilizing built-in allowances)

Architect's comment on EC-05 - This is a combination of 6 different work orders. The majority of them had to do with replacing circuits at HVAC unit locations, as the units required different power requirements than originally specified.

EC-06 \$0.00 - vestibule unit heaters (cost offset utilizing built-in allowances)

Architect's comment on EC-06 - This was to essentially run power and circuit modifications to the heater in the vestibule.

EC-07 \$0.00 - emergency lighting (cost offset utilizing built-in allowances)

Architect's comment on EC-07 - This was to re-route wiring to a different panel as a result of switching lighting in certain areas from normal emergency to emergency only. Normal emergency is when the lights stay on 24-7. Emergency lighting is when the lights only kick on when the power goes off.

j. APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY 251 - HOMELESS STUDENTS - SECONDARY/FINAL READING

k. APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE TEACHER ASSOCIATION (ELCEA) REGARDING TELEWORKING.

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 had not met and noted that the next meeting would be held on March 10th to hear the 2020 financial audit.

b. LANCASTER-LEBANON IU13

Mr. Irvin reported on the February 10th IU Board meeting and shared several highlights from the board meeting report: Mr. Irvin reported that the Board approved \$22,543,938.80 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 six (6) resignations, four (4) terminations, nine (9) retirements, four (4) leaves of absences, fifteen (15) new hires, and nineteen (19) changes in position or salaries. He noted that he had sent the Board and Administration the IU Board reports and Newsletter.

c. LANCASTER CTC

Mrs. Maio reported that the Lancaster County CTC JOC met on January 28th with a focus on recruitment for the Fall of 2020, noting that enrollment at the moment was less than it usually is in a normal school year. She also reported that the CTC was presented with a transportation study to determine student learning hours lost due to being transported to the campuses with the hope to lessen those hours with changing routes and shuffling courses. Mrs. Maio noted that Eastern Lancaster County School District was 6th on the list.

d. LEGISLATIVE

Mr. Wentzel asked Mr. Ramsey to report on the Governor's budget address. Mr. Ramsey presented the Board with the proposed Governor's budget indicating that the suggested 2.6 million increase in funds would potentially be a \$72,000 increase for Eastern Lancaster County School District. He also noted that with the propose charter school funding reform, the District could see a savings of \$375,000 in regular cyber charter student tuition and an additional \$200,000 for special education cyber charter student tuition. Mr. Ramsey reported to the Board that the proposal also called for a higher minimum teacher salary noting that the District's starting salary already exceeded that amount and an increased minimum wage.

Dr. Hollister reported on the current status of standardize testing, indicating that there were several requests in the Commonwealth to cancel the test, but it looked like that would not happen. He noted that there was some flexibility being given, however there were some challenges, especially for families who are remote learning all year.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Hollister first requested the Board to approve three additional early dismissal days for the 2020-2021 school year calendar on Friday, March 5th, Friday, March 26th and April 23rd.

Mr. Irvin made a motion to approve the addition of three early dismissal day, Friday, March 5th, Friday, March 26th and April 23rd to the 2020-2021 school year calendar. It was seconded by Mr. McCarroll. **The motion was approved. (8-0; 1 absent)**

Dr. Hollister informed the Board that the District would still be participating in the Leadership Lancaster, Public Education Day, however it would be a virtual event on March 5th.

Dr. Hollister reported on several Athletic successes, including the Rifle Team winning the Lancaster-Lebanon League Section 2 Championship, Garrett Gehr winning the Lancaster-Lebanon League Section 2 Wrestling Championship, and Mason Casey reaching his 100th win in Wrestling.

Dr. Hollister congratulated several Garden Spot Learners, Amanda Leeland, Tavita Kauffman, and Emily Sauder, who had been accepted into spots in a program for free Healthcare Credentials sponsored by the Lancaster County Workforce Development Board, Harrisburg Community College, and Lancaster STEM Alliance.

Dr. Hollister presented the Board with a commercial video produced by Mr. Jon Long and his class promoting the PS-21 course.

Dr. Hollister publicly acknowledged Mr. Neal Walsh's retirement as the Director of Facilities and Transportation. He thanked Mr. Walsh for his service to the School District and Community. The Board acknowledged and thanked Mr. Walsh for his years of service.

Dr. Hollister requested the Board send him dates that they would be available for a Board Retreat.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Hollister reminded the Board that there would be a brief executive session after the Board meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

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. (8-0; 1 absent)

Justin W. Johnson
School Board Secretary
February 15, 2021