The Committee-of-the-Whole Board of Education Meeting was called to order by President, Jack Kahl at 6:00 p.m.

The Eastern Lebanon County School Board met in a Committee-of-the-Whole Board of Education Session in the ELCO High School Library with President Kahl presiding and Mrs. Thomas leading the Opening Exercises.

Roll Call
Board Secretary, Gloria Hill called the roll. The following members were present: Mrs. Gray Hayes, Dr. Smith, Mrs. Souders, Ms. Stettler, Mrs. Thomas, and Mrs. Weaver; and Messer’s Kahl and Ondrusek. Absent from the meeting was Mr. Ferrari* (attendance noted in Minutes). Also, in attendance were the following from the administrative team: Mrs. Vicente, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Marks, Dr. Gerhart, Mrs. Hower, Mr. Lin, Mr. Soden, Mr. Entrekin, Mrs. Shoemaker, Mr. Sweigart, Mrs. Himmelreich, Mr. Miller, Mr. Boltz, Mr. Dresch; Gloria Hill, Board Secretary; William Zee, Bill McCarty, Solicitor; faculty, residents and guests from PFM and RBC.

President Kahl announced the District is recording the meeting using District equipment. All recordings are posted on the District website. Mr. Kahl also inquired if anyone in attendance was recording the meeting; it is noted no one indicated recording the meeting.

Board President Communications

- Opening Day events – thanked everyone involved in the great opening day for faculty and staff.
- Kudos to Dr. Gerhart on the IS Raider Record!

Presentation by Reynolds – School Year 2019-2020, Mrs. Julia Vicente

Mrs. Vicente shared information presented to the staff on Opening Day:

*Mr. Ferrari’s attendance noted at 6:09 pm.

Board Committee & Rep Reports

- Personnel Committee – Mrs. Thomas
  - No report or meetings scheduled at this time.
- Curriculum Committee – Dr. Smith
  - Have not met this year.
- Policy Committee – Mrs. Souders
  - The next meeting is set for September 24 at 6:00 pm.
- Technology Committee – Mr. Ondrusek
  - No meeting scheduled at the present time. Thanked the Tech Department for work taking place this summer.
- General Services Committee – Mr. Kahl
  - Reynolds continues to go through ‘punch-list’ items; public utility conversion continues through Steckbeck Engineering.
- Finance Committee – Mrs. Gray Hayes
  - The meeting in August featured a presentation by PFM; and the next committee meeting is scheduled to take place on September 11 at 6:00 pm.
- IU13 Rep Report – Mr. Ondrusek
  - IU Board resumed meeting in August for the 2019-2020 school year, and shared information on contracts discussed and approved.
• PSBA Rep Report – Mr. Ferrari
  o PSBA election of officers will be discussed by our board at the next meeting, September 18; PSBA Conference registrations are due to Gloria.
  o Keystone Exam update was given.
  o Impact of Act 7.
• CTC Rep Report – Mrs. Weaver
  o The last CTC board meeting was held August 20.
  o Encourages visits to the CTC to see fresh new look.
  o Reported on additional staff to CTC.
• HACC Rep Report – Mrs. Gray Hayes
  o Fall semester has begun.
  o Next meeting will take place in October.
• Lebanon Co. Tax Collection Rep Report – Mr. Ferrari
  o Last meeting held did not have a quorum and therefore, no action could be taken.

Public Comments – Items On the Agenda

• No comments were made.

ACTION ITEMS

Personnel Committee – Mrs. Denise Thomas, Chair

On a motion by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Gray Hayes and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, Item A was approved:

A. Approved a “Letter of Resignation” from Barbara Semzock, full-time High School cafeteria employee, effective September 9, 2019.

Policy Committee – Mrs. Jadell Souders, Chair

On a motion by Mrs. Souders, seconded by Mr. Ondrusek and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, Item A was approved:

A. Approved revised/new policies, 2nd Reading, as listed: (Board Attachment)

1. Policy 210.1 – Possession/Administration of Asthma Inhalers/Epinephrine Auto-Injectors (New)
2. Policy 220 – Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials (Revised)
3. Policy 239 – Foreign Exchange Students (Revised)
4. Policy 247 – Hazing (Revised)
5. Policy 249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying (Revised)
6. Policy 31 – Reduction of Staff (Revised)
7. Policy 335 – Family and Medical Leaves (Revised)
8. Policy 704 – Maintenance (Revised)
9. Policy 810.3 – School Vehicle Drivers (New)
10. Policy 913 – Non-School Organizations/Groups/Individuals (Revised)

General Services Committee – Mr. Jack Kahl, Chair

On a motion by Mr. Kahl, seconded by Dr. Smith and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, Item A was approved:

A. Approved private school bus drivers for the 2019-2020 school year, noting these individuals are employed directly by Ephrata Mennonite School. (Board Attachment)
  Background: These drivers transport Ephrata Mennonite school children under terms of our annual agreement.

Finance Committee – Mrs. Tracy Gray Hayes, Chair
On a motion by Mrs. Gray Hayes, seconded Mrs. Weaver and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, Item A was approved:

A. Approved a Special Education Tuition Agreement with New Story for the 2019-2020 school year. (Board Attachment)
   Background: Annual agreement for student services.

On a motion by Mrs. Gray Hayes, seconded by Mr. Ferrari and approved by Roll Call vote, all voting Aye, Item B was approved:

Roll Call:

Mrs. Gray Hayes - Aye  Mr. Ondrusek - Aye  Mr. Ferrari - Aye
Mrs. Weaver - Aye  Mr. Thomas - Aye  Dr. Smith - Aye
Ms. Stettler - Aye  Mrs. Souders - Aye  Mr. Kahl - Aye

B. Approved the Parameters Resolution #09-03-19-1, as presented by the Finance Team (PFM, RBC) to refinance all of, or portions of the Series of 2013 Bond, Series A of 2013 Note, and Series B of 2013 Note. (Board Attachment – Roll Call vote).
   Background: This will result in significant debt interest savings to the District.

NON-ACTION ITEMS

Personnel Committee – Mrs. Denise Thomas

The Board reviewed and discussed the following item:

A. Recommend for approval travel/trip requests, as listed:
   Background: Annual trips with funds budgeted.
   1. Mrs. Melodie Fair and approximately nine (9) qualifying students to travel and participate in the District Chorus Festival at Central Dauphin High School to be held January 16-18, 2020.
   2. Mr. Lucas Sandoe, Mr. Kelse Brown and approximately thirty (30) students to travel and participate in the PA FFA ACES (Agricultural Communication Establishes Success) Conference at the Sheraton Hotel in Harrisburg, PA, February 8-9, 2020 (1st choice) or February 22-23, 2020 (2nd choice).
   3. Mr. David Fair, and approximately nine (9) qualifying students to travel and participate in the District Band Festival at Cedar Crest High School to be held February 13-15, 2020.
   4. Mrs. Melodie Fair and approximately nine (9) qualifying students to travel and participate in the Region V Chorus Festival at Eastern York High School to be held February 27-29, 2020.
   5. Mr. Lucas Sandoe, Mr. Kelse Brown and approximately eight (8) students to travel and participate in the PA FFA SLLC (State Legislative Leadership) Conference at the Sheraton Hotel in Harrisburg, PA, March 15-17, 2020.
   6. Mr. David Fair and approximately nine (9) qualifying students to travel and participate in the Region V Band Festival at Eastern York High School to be held March 26-28, 2020.
   7. Mr. David and Mrs. Melodie Fair and approximately nine (9) students to travel and participate in the PMEA (PA Music Educators Association) State Festival and Conference at Kalihiar Resorts, in the PA Poconos, to be held April 22-25, 2020.

Finance Committee – Mrs. Tracy Gray Hayes, Chair

The Board reviewed and discussed the following item:

A. Recommend for approval a proposal from TRA/Markley Actuarial Services for GASB 74/75 valuation in the amount of $4,450. (Board Attachment)
Superintendent’s Report

Mrs. Vicente introduced each principal asking them to share a few building highlights:

- **High School – Ms. Haas**
  - Offices moved back to the High School with amazing progress seen; kudos to the staff in their efforts prepping for the year; and the annual Back to School Night is scheduled for September 4.

- **Middle School – Mr. Marks**
  - Great start to the school year; Web orientation for 6th graders went well; with being the new principal at the Middle School, he appreciates the support and patience of his faculty and staff; announced the start of plans to begin a ‘Mini-Thon’ at the Middle School, which is the suggestion of a student; and additional events being planned.

- **Intermediate School – Dr. Gerhart**
  - Opening day events included: Chalk the Walk for parents; PBIS team welcomed students with a ‘dance party’; PBIS held a Review Assembly with plans in place for this year; Back to School Night will be held two nights – September 10 (3rd grade) and September 11 (4th & 5th grade).

- **Jackson Elementary – Mrs. Hower**
  - Shared events taking place: Kindergarten Bus Ride Night was a success; Chalk the Walk; Open House will be held on September 12; and the construction of new raised garden beds.

- **Fort Zeller Elementary – Mr. Lin**
  - Shared info on ‘Our Story’ – K-2 is the beginning of the story; events coordinated with Jackson and Fort Zeller featuring Kindergarten Bus Ride Night, and Chalk the Walk; thanked administration for their presence at functions; and the first week went well, with exemplary performance by the faculty and staff.

Public Comments – Items On/Off the Agenda

- No comments were made.

Board Announcements/Comments

- Mrs. Souders – shared comments on Ride the Bus Night success and appreciation extended by the Myerstown Librarian.
- Mr. Ondrusek – glad to see student activity on the campus.
- Ms. Stettler – sport teams practicing for the season.
- Mrs. Thomas – asked for date of Open House at Fort Zeller.
  - Mr. Lin responded – September 12
- Mrs. Weaver – shout out to Brightbill’s customer service; response was outstanding during the first week of school.
- Mr. Ferrari – observed professionalism throughout the District.
- Dr. Smith – commented on the best Opening Day seen and experienced, with everything and everyone working together – it was a special day!
- Mrs. Thomas – talked to several teachers with them stating this year was the calmest and easiest opening of school.

Old Business

- No Old Business was discussed.

New Business

- No New Business was discussed.

Adjournment

On a motion by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Souders and approved by a Voice vote, all voting Aye, President Kahl adjourned the meeting at 7:09 pm.
Respectfully submitted,

Gloria J. Hill
Board Secretary