

EASTERN LEBANON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
180 ELCO Drive, Myerstown, PA 17067

Regular Board of Education Meeting
ELCO High School Library

November 9, 2015

The Regular Board of Education Meeting was called to order by President Bernard at 6:05 p.m.

The Eastern Lebanon County School Board met in a Regular Session in the ELCO High School Library with President Bernard presiding and leading the Opening Exercises.

Roll Call

The Secretary called the roll. The following members were present: Mrs. Boyer, Mrs. Souders, Mrs. Walck; and Messrs. Bernard, Gardener, Houtz, Kahl, Mark and Moll. Also in attendance were the following from the administrative team: Dr. Zuilkoski, Dr. Stauffer, Ms. Haas, Mr. Gerhart, Mr. Rada, Mr. Cascarino, Mrs. Shoemaker, Mr. Sweger, Mrs. Kassay, Mr. Rohrbaugh, Mr. Boltz, Mr. Dresch, Mrs. Kunkelman and Mr. Brochu; Gloria Hill - Board Secretary; five community members; three faculty members; and a reporter from the Lebanon Daily News.

Board President Communications

1. The Board met in an Executive Session Monday, November 9, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss legal matters.
2. President Bernard shared the following athletic news, congratulating everyone on their accomplishments:
 - a. ELCO Girls Soccer team accomplishments
 - b. Ryelle Shuey was named LL Section III Player of the Year
 - c. Derek Fulk was named LL Section III Coach of the Year
 - d. Thanked the community for supporting the Girls Soccer team
 - e. Jared Harnish's accomplishments for ELCO Cross Country: 7th at LL League Cross Country Championships, 4th at the District III Championship, and 16th (out of 225) at the PIAA Championships finishing just 50 seconds behind 1st place
 - f. Participants of the JH Cross Country Iron Bridge Invitational were: Cole Nelson 5th place, Lucas Kutch 14th place, and Abby Zurick 27th place
 - g. Sydney Nye and Kelsey Stubblebine for their 3rd place finish in District III Doubles Tennis
 - h. Cody Tobias placed 5th in the District III Golf tournament
3. President Bernard presented outgoing board members, Cathie Walck (4 years of service) and Leon Moll (12 years of service) with a plaque of recognition for serving the ELCO School District as School Board Directors. Mr. Moll also received a certificate from PSBA recognizing and naming him to the Honor Roll of School Board Service for his years of dedication in serving our children.
4. President Bernard asked Dr. Zuilkoski to share information on Act 1 Referendum. Information will be posted on the ELCO website with information on the Referendum, and encouraging residents to contact government officials and legislators.

Students of the Month - presented by Mrs. Cathie Walck

Intermediate School: Reygan Shaak & Tara Bewley (Mr. Entrekin's 5th grade class)
Middle School: Palak Mariani & Ethan Balderrama
High School: Jessica Chekanov & Luke Seyfert

Students were recognized and congratulated by their respective principal for their accomplishments and were presented with a plaque by Mrs. Walck.

Student Council Report

Luke Seyfert, Parliamentarian for Student Council, reported on the following activities planned:

- Haunted Hallways - was a success with approximately 600 attending
- Winter Formal Dance is in the planning stages

Erika Bopp, Student Council President, also reported on several projects in the planning stages one of which is to reopen the School Store after the New Year if approval is given.

President Bernard thanked the parents and teachers in attendance for supporting and celebrating their student's education.

Public Comments for Items on the Agenda

1. Greg Underkoffler – asked about weight room monitors for the summer

Response to his inquiry – summer weight room is strictly for sport teams, which are monitored by team coaches.

On a motion by Mr. Gardener, seconded by Mrs. Boyer and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, the Minutes of 10-19-15 and 11-02-15 were approved.

On a motion by Mr. Houtz, seconded by Mr. Moll and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, the Treasurer's Report for the month ending 10-31-15 was approved.

CONSENT ITEMS (items discussed 11-02-15)

On a motion by Mrs. Boyer, seconded by Mr. Kahl and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, all Consent Items were approved:

Personnel Committee

- A. Approved a "Letter of Resignation" from Kendra Smith, MS Head Cook/Manager, effective November 20, 2015.
- B. Approved a request from Nicole Jacques, IS Personal Care Assistant, for one and a half days (1.5) of "Absence Without Pay" to occur Thursday afternoon, November 19 and all day Friday, November 20, 2015.
- C. Approved adding the following individuals for the 2015-2016 school year as Weight Room attendants at a rate of \$250 per sports season:
 1. Winter: Ashley Haldeman, Michael O'Neill
- D. Approved adding the following individuals to the ELCO sub listing (pending receipt of all required documentation/clearances/disclosures):
 1. Daniel Sidelnick – Social Studies
 2. Dori Durning – IU sub, all areas
 3. Julie Righter – Instructional Aide
 4. Rhonda Becker – Instructional Aide, Nurse sub
 5. Cheryl Wallace – IU sub, all areas

Finance Committee

- A. Approved payment of bills as found listed and attached to the November 2, 2015 Board Agenda in the amounts indicated (Board Attachment):

General Fund payments in the amount of	\$1,812,663.19
Construction Fund payments in the amount of	\$0.00
Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of	\$89,661.77
Debt Service	\$13,396.80
Capital Reserve Fund	\$0.00

- B. Approved Budget Transfers. (Board Attachment)
- C. Approved the Middle School and High School Activity Accounts for quarter ending September 30, 2015. (Board Attachment)

NON-CONSENT ITEMS

Personnel Committee – Mr. Edward Gardener, Chair

On a motion by Mr. Gardener, seconded by Mr. Mark and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, Item A was approved:

- A. **Approved a change in employment hours for Paraprofessionals, Crystal Kimmel and Victoria Oswald, from 5.5 hours per day to 5.75 hours per day, effective immediately.**

General Services Committee – Mr. Leon Moll, Chair

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

- A. **Approved a contract with Tremco to repair and restore the roof and dryvit at Jackson Elementary School at a cost of \$441,800. (This project will be funded through the Capital Reserve account and will be completed during the summer of 2016.) (Board Attachment)**

Finance Committee – Mr. Scott Houtz, Chair

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

- A. **Approved three new accounts to the High School Activity Fund – Aevidum, ELCO Physics Society, and Raider Coffee Shop, noting that the required by-laws and list of officers has been submitted.**

Superintendent's Report

Upcoming dates:

- November 11, 2015 – Veterans Day: Activities are being held at many of our buildings honoring those who served our country
- November 23-24, 2015 – Parent/Teacher Conferences - NO students
- November 25, 2015 – In-Service Day (Exchange Day) – NO students
- November 26-30, 2015 – Thanksgiving Break – NO School
- December 1, 2015 – Board Re-Organization & Regular Board of Education Meeting

Dr. Zuilkoski shared info on the recent SPP scores published noting that ELCO had the highest scores in the county. He credits this accomplishment to exemplary teaching strategies, (with a special "shout-out" to Mrs. Weddle) in-service topics, 1:1 Initiative (iPads), programs for students needing extra help (Power Hour), camaraderie among faculty and staff, and the main focus being our students. He extended an invitation to anyone wanting to do a walk-thru to contact him. He would be more than willing to take you on a visit to see the positive things happening in our buildings.

Public Comments – Items On/Off the Agenda

1. Greg Underkoffler – opportunity at the Middle School in which ELCO residents were invited to the MS to share with students the game of Pickle Ball. The experience provided students with life lessons, and challenging moments to those playing the game that day.
2. Jocelyn Stahl – Strategic plan (schedule) for Capital improvements for the next five years; update on sale of Myerstown Elementary; and rep to serve on IU Board.

Board members and administrators responded to all comments and questions.

Old Business

Mrs. Souders – inquired on the ELCO Idol held recently at the High School.
 Ms. Haas responded – this was a Yearbook fundraising event held for the High School.

Melissa Newmaster – inquired on the upcoming PAYS survey to take place.
 Mrs. Shoemaker responded – information was sent home with student report cards.

Mrs. Souders – is the District offering SAT prep.
 Ms. Haas responded – information is available through the Guidance Office.

Mr. Kahl – reported on great activities and events recently held at HACC to benefit students. Enrollment is down this year, which other schools are also experiencing.

New Business

Mr. Gardener – commented on Act 1 Referendum and the need for residents to understand how this will affect the District.

Jocelyn Stahl – residents do not understand Act 1 and are only concerned with taxes not being raised. Information needs to be shared to inform residents so we as a school district are not crippled by the affects of Act 1. Sources of communication other than the website need to be looked at for the future.

President Bernard read a statement from IU Executive Director, Dr. Brian Barnhart, commending Leon Moll for his years of service to the IU.

Rev. Moll has been an outstanding supporter of the IU since joining our board in 2004. Having served as treasurer since 2009, Rev. Moll has consistently demonstrated his passion for IU13, and the mission of IUs in general.

Entering only my 3rd year as executive director, Leon has provided my tremendous insight into the decisions of the IU in recent history. His leadership has been instrumental in our recent decision to open the first education employers-sponsored medical center in PA.

I'm thankful for Rev. Moll's leadership on our board. I'm especially thankful for his support and friendship. I wish him continued success and hope that he remains involved in the operations of IU13...and continues to offer me his friendship and leadership.

Brian

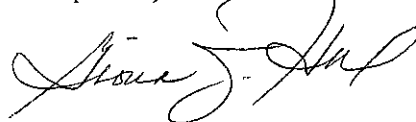
President Bernard and board members thanked both Cathie Walck and Leon Moll for serving the School District and community as a School Board Director.

Both outgoing board members thanked everyone for allowing them to serve, expressing gratitude for the experience.

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Moll, seconded by Mrs. Boyer and approved by a voice vote, all voting Aye, President Bernard adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gloria J. Hill
 Board Secretary