

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting  
ELCO High School Library

September 14, 2015

The Regular Board of Education Meeting was called to order by President Bernard at 6:03 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 and Mrs. Kunkelman; Gloria Hill - Board Secretary; two community members; two faculty members; and a reporter from the Lebanon Daily News.

Board President Communications

1. The Board met in an Executive Session on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 following adjournment of the Committee-of-the-Whole Board Meeting to discuss personnel matters.
2. The Board also met tonight at 5:00 p.m., in an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.
3. Presentation – Dr. Zuilkoski introduced reps from STOPit who explained the app to the board and those in attendance. STOPit is an anti-bullying program that will be implemented on all iPads in the District. The program gives students (grades 6-12) the ability to report incidents or ask for help, which is sent directly to administrators in the District. The District will be hosting rallies (informational meetings) for both students and parents in the upcoming weeks and the schedule will be posted on the ELCO website, with a Global Connect going out in the near future. ELCO is the first school district in PA implementing the program.

Student Council Report

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

- Student Council purchased styluses to use with the iPads
- Homecoming activities held the week of September 21<sup>st</sup> with the theme, “Fire & Ice”
- Haunted Hallways – to occur in October

Public Comments for Items on the Agenda

No comments were made.

On a motion by Mr. Gardener, seconded by Mrs. Boyer and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, the Minutes of 08-10-15 and 09-08-15 were approved.

On a motion by Mr. Houtz, seconded by Mrs. Boyer and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending 08-31-15 was approved.

**CONSENT ITEMS (items discussed 09-08-15)**

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

Personnel Committee

- A. Approved a "Letter of Resignation" from Kylie Bingaman, Middle School Family & Consumer Science teacher, effective October 23, 2015 (60 days from date of resignation letter of August 25, 2015).
- B. Approved a request for two (2) days of "Absence Without Pay" from Susan Racek, Elementary Special Ed teacher, to occur October 7-8, 2015.
- C. Approved a request for one (1) day of "Absence Without Pay" from Jennifer Moyer, Intermediate School Admin. Asst., to occur October 9, 2015.
- D. Approved the employment of Ashley Deibler, as a Special Ed teacher for the High School, at a salary of Bachelor's – Step 1 (prorated for the 2015-2016 school year), start date on or about September 15, 2015 (pending receipt of all required documentation/clearances/releases). (Board Attachment)
- E. Approved adding the following individuals to the ELCO sub listing (pending receipt of all required documentation):
  - 1. Julia Ansel – Mid-Level English, Mid-Level Citizenship
  - 2. Peter Zug – IU sub, all areas
  - 3. Andrew Callahan – IU sub, all areas
  - 4. Connie Knauss - Elementary

#### Finance Committee

- A. Approved payment of bills as found listed and attached to the September 8, 2015 Board Agenda in the amounts indicated (Board Attachment):

General Fund payments in the amount of	\$1,659,112.49
Construction Fund payments in the amount of	\$0.00
Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of	\$13,407.79
Debt Service	\$18,994.51
Capital Reserve Fund	\$0.00

- B. Approved Health Equity as the vendor for the Health Savings Accounts, effective January 1, 2016.

#### **NON-CONSENT ITEMS**

##### Personnel Committee – Mr. Edward Gardener, Chair

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

- A. *Approved removing a motion from the Table regarding the approval of Randy Derr as the new Head Girls' Softball Coach for the 2016 season.*

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

- B. *Approved the employment of Randy Derr as Head Girls' Softball Coach for the 2016 season.*

On a motion by Mr. Gardener, seconded by Mr. Mark, No vote was taken on Item C.

- C. **Move to approve a travel/trip request from the ELCO Rotary Club inviting two (2) ELCO High School students of the Interact Club to accompany and travel with eight (8) ELCO Rotary Club members to El Salvador to work with Living Water International in providing clean, safe drinking water to a remote village. (The Rotary Club is providing the cost of transportation.)**

*Mr. Gardener made a motion to Table Item C, seconded by Mr. Kahl and approved by Voice vote, Item C was Tabled for further information.*

On a motion by Mr. Gardener, seconded by Mr. Kahl and approved by Voice vote, Item D was approved:

**D. Approved Judy Moyer as Mentor to new teacher, Ashley Deibler for the 2015-2016 school year.**

On a motion by Mr. Gardener, seconded by Mrs. Boyer and approved by Voice vote, Item E was approved:

**E. Approved adding Stacy Shope, Elementary K-6, to the ELCO sub listing for the 2015-2016 school year (pending receipt of all required documentation, clearances/disclosures).**

Curriculum Committee – Mrs. Jadell Souders, Chair

On a motion by Mrs. Souders, seconded by Mr. Houtz and approved by Voice vote, Item A was approved:

**A. Approved removing a motion from the Table regarding the approval of the 2015-2016 student standardized testing schedule.**

On a motion by Mrs. Souders, seconded by Mrs. Walck and approved by Voice vote, eight (8) Aye votes and one (1) NO vote by Mrs. Souders, Item B was approved:

**B. Approved the 2015-2016 student standardized testing schedule. (Board Attachment)**

#### Superintendent's Report

##### Upcoming Dates:

September 21-26 – Homecoming Week Activities

September 23, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. – Powder-puff Football Game

September 25, 2015 – Middle School Tailgate Party

Prior to Homecoming Game – Hall of Fame Recognition

7:00 – Homecoming Football Game

September 26, 2015 – Homecoming Dance

October 13-16, 2015 – PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference in Hershey

Dr. Zuilkoski encouraged everyone to support our fall sports teams by attending games.

#### Public Comments – Items On/Off the Agenda

- Mimi Shade – stated that the administrative staff are “stellar”; expressed concerns with iPads. She supports the overall iPad initiative and also stated how well the distribution was handled. However, she is concerned with the amount of use and focus promoted in class. This should not be the only tool used in the classroom. Technology and use of devices is taking the place of traditional sources - there needs to be a balance.
- Dr. Noone – parent involvement with the iPad initiative must take place in monitoring children's use of the tool/device.
- Several teachers in attendance addressed the parent concerns and stressed the importance of students and parents communicating with teachers if students are having difficulty.

Board members and administrators acknowledged all concerns presented. President Bernard expressed the Board's appreciation for the feedback.

#### Old Business

Mr. Kahl – thanked the Board for their condolences expressed in the passing of his mother. He also shared with the Board a School Souvenir found in his mother's possessions from 1908, which was his grandfather's who attended a school in the District at that time and a piece of ELCO history.

Mrs. Souders – inquired the cost of the STOP It app.

Mr. Rohrbaugh and Mr. Boltz responded - The cost is less than \$2 per student.

New Business

President Bernard congratulated the Boys' Soccer team on their win against Cedar Crest in the Ritter-Hoffman Cup played this past Saturday.

Mrs. Boyer acknowledged the Girls' Soccer team and their win over Annville-Cleona.

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Gardener, seconded by Mrs. Boyer and approved by a voice vote, all voting Aye, President Bernard adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria J. Hill  
Board Secretary