

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

Committee-of-the-Whole Board Meeting
ELCO High School Library

June 1, 2015

The Committee-of-the-Whole Board of Education Meeting was called to order by President, Brandon Bernard at 6:04 p.m.

The Eastern Lebanon County School Board met in a Committee-of-the-Whole 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, Houtz, Kahl, Mark and Moll. Absent from the meeting was Mr. Gardener. Also in attendance were the following from the administrative team: Dr. Zuilkoski, Dr. Stauffer, Ms. Haas, Mr. Gerhart, Mr. Rada, Mr. Cascarino, Mr. Sweger, ~~Mrs. Kassay~~, Mr. Rohrbaugh, Mr. Boltz, Mrs. Kunkelman, Mr. Dresch; Gloria Hill, Board Secretary; Laura LeBeau of WLBR; two faculty members and five community members.

Board President Communications

President Bernard shared that the Board met in an Executive Session at 5:00 p.m., June 1, 2015, to discuss legal and personnel matters.

President Bernard recognized and presented the ELCO Boys' Tennis Doubles Team State Champions, Adam Bahney and Galen McNaughton, Zachary Cook – Coach of the team, and the Boys' Tennis Team with a Resolution of Commendation that was adopted by the Board for the team's accomplishments for the 2015 season.

Public Comments – Items On the Agenda

No comments made.

ACTION ITEMS

Personnel Committee – Mr. Bob Mark, Acting Chair

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

- A. Approved adding Stephen Mercer, as a custodial sub to the ELCO sub listing (pending receipt of all required documentation/clearances/release forms).**

General Services Committee – Mr. Leon Moll, Chair

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

- A. Approved a Use of Facilities request from Coach John Fisher, to hold Boys Soccer Camp at the ELCO Middle School, June 15-18, 2015 for boys in grades 5-9, 9:00 to 11:30 AM. (Public Attachment)**

NON-ACTION ITEMS

Personnel Committee – Mr. Bob Mark, Acting Chair

The Board reviewed and discussed the following items:

- A. Recommend for approval a trip/travel request from Lucas Sandoe, FFA Advisor, and nine (9) students to travel and participate in the Penn State University FFA Activities Week, June 16-18, 2015. (Costs to the District include: teacher registration and fuel costs for the school van.)
- B. Recommend for approval granting Tenure to the following individuals:
 - 1. Ashley Huttenstine – Chemistry - High School
 - 2. John Mentzer – Guidance – High School
 - 3. Alexandra Sheakley – Guidance – High School

Curriculum Committee – Mrs. Jadell Souders, Chair

The Board reviewed and discussed the following item:

- A. Recommend for approval a new textbook for AP Biology course for the 2015-2016 school year.

Publisher: Bedford, Freeman, & Worth (Sinauer Associates, Inc.)
 Textbook Title: Principles of Life, 2nd Edition
 Author: Hillis
 Copyright: 2014, 2nd Edition

Technology Committee – Mr. Bob Mark, Chair

The Board reviewed and discussed the following item:

- A. Recommend for approval a purchase through Softmart using Co-Stars State contract for new Cisco wireless access points at a cost of \$35,974.80. (Note: This purchase will be funded through the Capital Reserve Fund.)

General Services Committee – Mr. Leon Moll, Chair

The Board reviewed and discussed the following items:

- A. Recommend for approval appointing Drs. Flanagan and Noone as school dentists for the 2015-2016 school year at an annual cost of \$3,250. (NOTE: The increase is 2.2% from the previous year and based on the Act 1 increase.)
- B. Recommend for approval renewal of general property liability insurance and worker's compensation insurance packages in the total amount of \$211,478. (NOTE: The overall increase was 6.9% with the largest increase being in Workers' Compensation coverage, which saw a 19.4% increase.)

Finance Committee – Mr. Scott Houtz, Chair

The Board reviewed and discussed the following items:

- A. Recommend for approval payment of bills as found listed and attached to the June 1, 2015 Board Agenda in the amounts indicated (Board Attachment):

General Fund payments in the amount of	\$1,091,155.77
Construction Fund payments in the amount of	\$0.00
Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of	\$106,142.46
Debt Service	\$605,004.09
Capital Reserve Fund	\$319,847.09

- B. Recommend for approval Budget Transfers for the 2014-2015 fiscal year that may be required by the local auditors subsequent to June 30, 2015. (Board Attachment)
- C. Recommend for approval bank accounts and depositories for 2015-2016 school year. (Board Attachment)

- D. Recommend for approval a contract with Austill's Rehabilitation Services, Inc. to provide occupational and physical therapy services for students attending buildings in the ELCO School District for a three-year agreement commencing on July 1, 2015 and continue to June 30, 2018. (Board Attachment)
- E. Recommend for approval Resolution #06-08-15-I concerning fund balance designations at June 30, 2015. (Board Attachment)
- F. Recommend for approval Resolution #06-08-15-II setting homestead/farmstead exemptions for 2015-2016. (Board Attachment)
- G. Recommend for approval Resolution #06-08-15-III adopting the 2015-2016 General Fund Budget. **(Roll Call Vote)** (Board Attachment)

Item D will be removed from Consent on the agenda of June 8, 2015 and will be placed under Non-Consent.

Item G will be removed from Consent on the agenda of June 8, 2015 and will be placed under Non-Consent as a Roll Call Vote.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Zuilkoski made the following announcements:

Announcements/Info:

- June 2, 2015 – Baccalaureate, HS Auditorium 7:30 to 9:00 PM
- June 4, 2015 – Commencement, New Beginnings Auditorium 6:30 PM
- June 5, 2015 – Last Student Day (1/2 day)
- June 5, 2015 – Annual Staff Recognition Lunch/Program – 12:30 p.m. MS Café/Forum
- June 8, 2015 – Record & Reports Day
- June 9, 2015 – Teacher In-Service (Exchange Day Makeup)

Dr. Zuilkoski shared information on the power outage that occurred on Monday, June 1, 2015, at the Middle School, which resulted in an early dismissal for Middle School students only. He thanked Mr. Gerhart, Principal of the Middle School, his faculty and staff, as well as Doug Dresch, Director of Buildings & Grounds, and Stacy Kunkelman, Transportation Director for their efforts in resolving the issues involved in the outage. Dr. Zuilkoski stated that the students will be back in school on Tuesday.

Public Comments – Items On/Off the Agenda

1. Samuel Buckwalter – 8th grade Middle School student who is petitioning students and parents to eliminate the Summer Reading Program established at the High School.
2. Greg Underkoffler – has a concern with the list of books for the Summer Reading Program.
3. Melissa Newmaster – Summer Reading Program – selection of books to be read, and concerned with time involved during the summer months due to students being active in so many areas (camps, work, family, etc.).
4. Jocelyn Stahl – supports Summer Reading Program, but selection of books is a concern.
5. Melissa Newmanster – iPad concerns; costs to parent for damages/loss of equipment, use of personal devices rather than a school issued device.
6. Jocelyn Stahl – AP tests; when is the next update to the AP exam scheduled.
7. Jocelyn Stahl – concerns with the increase to Workers' Compensation insurance.
8. Jocelyn Stahl – asked for clarification of Board Attachments/Public Attachments.
9. Jocelyn Stahl – asked when the vote for the new Collective Bargaining Agreement would occur, knowing the current contract expires on June 30, 2015.

Both Board members and administrators as appropriate addressed all questions and concerns relating to the Summer Reading Program. The program began two years ago to encourage future learning. Further discussion on the selection of books will be presented to the English Department for consideration. Overall, the opinion is to continue our Summer Reading Program, which promotes continued learning and growth for our students. Additional questions and concerns were voiced with responses given by appropriate administrators on iPad concerns, AP tests, increases to insurance rates, Attachments listed on agendas, and the status of the new Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Old Business

1. Jadell Souders – Global Connect phone notifications are appreciated; concerns with event postings on the website being up-to-date. Contact building to confirm time and date of event.
2. Jadell Souders – Notification to students qualifying for exam exemptions per the Renaissance program were expressed.

New Business

1. Mr. Kahl - expressed the concern regarding a recent Use of Facilities request, which resulted in the party's access to the building being altered due to school being in session. The current request form in use will be updated in hopes to eliminate future issues.

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Kahl, seconded by Mr. Houtz and approved by a voice vote, all voting Aye, President Bernard adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria J. Hill
Board Secretary

Next School Board Meeting – June 8, 2015