

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting  
ELCO High School Library

February 9, 2015

The Regular 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 Regular Session in the ELCO High School Library with President Bernard presiding and Mr. Jack Kahl 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; a reporter from the Lebanon Daily News; one community member; and four faculty members.

Students of the Month - presented by Mr. Jack Kahl

Intermediate School – Jordan Hershey & Max Bricker (Mrs. Gretchen Miller's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class)

Middle School – Julia Underkoffler & Gabriel Kiene

High School – Ben Ginder & Jackie Schoener

Students were recognized and congratulated by their respective principal for their accomplishments and were presented with a plaque of recognition by Mr. Kahl. President Bernard also congratulated the students and thanked the parents for their support.

Student Council Report

No report was given.

iPad Initiative Presentation

Mrs. Sara Velazquez, World Language teacher, shared a presentation/demonstration of the use of the iPad initiative in her World Language classes. She stated that the use of this technology has transformed both teaching and student learning, making the learning process much more engaging for students. Students of Mrs. Velazquez's class also commented on their experience with the program and the positive aspects they've encountered using iBooks, Schoology as well as other apps. The use of this initiative has kept the students on task and organized.

Board President Communications

1. The Board met in an Executive Session at 5:30 p.m., February 9, 2015 to discuss legal and personnel matters.
2. President Bernard congratulated Coach Chad Miller and the ELCO Wrestling team receiving a Gold medal in a recent wrestling tournament; and Coach Brad Connors and the ELCO Boys Basketball team as they prepare for the upcoming District III playoff game this week.

Public Comments – 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 01-12-15 were approved.

On a motion by Mr. Houtz, seconded by Mr. Mark and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, the Treasurer's Report for month ending 01-31-15 was approved.

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 a “Letter of Retirement” from Priscilla Dearwechter, part-time custodian, effective January 21, 2015.

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

- B. Approved a “Letter of Resignation” from Denise Weidman, part-time custodian, effective February 5, 2015.

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

- C. Approved changes in employment status to the following individuals (subject to assignment):
1. Brittany Ehrhart, part-time custodian, *from* 4 hours per day *to* 5 hours per day (with no change in hourly rate), effective February 10, 2015.
  2. Kim Whitmoyer, *from* cafeteria sub *to* part-time cafeteria employee, 4.75 hours/day at an hourly rate of \$9.25, effective February 10, 2015.
  3. Lorrie Raihl, part-time custodian, *from* 4 hours per day (189 days/year) *to* 4 hours per day (12-month position), effective February 10, 2015.

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

- D. Approved “Absence Without Pay” requests as listed:
1. Linda Beck, ESL teacher, for two (2) days, retroactive to February 4 (1/2 day), 5 & 6 (1/2 day), 2015, and all subsequent future absences for the 2014-2015 school year.
  2. Connie Knauss, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade teacher, for one (1) day to occur March 6, 2015.
  3. Meg Auchenbach, Art teacher, for four (4) days to occur April 7-10, 2015.

On a motion by Mr. Gardener, seconded by Mrs. Walck and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, Item E was approved:

- E. Approved a “Letter of Temporary Employment” to Elizabeth Yearwood (current ELCO sub) as a long-term substitute Family & Consumer Science teacher at the High School, retroactive to January 7, 2015 through the last teacher day of the 2014-2015 school term at a salary of Bachelor’s - Step 1 (prorated daily rate of \$233.17).

On a motion by Mr. Gardener, seconded by Mrs. Boyer and approved by Voice vote, 8 Aye votes and 1 NO vote by Mrs. Souders, Item F was approved:

- F. Approved trip/travel requests as listed:
1. Dr. Zuilkoski, and Board members – Mr. Brandon Bernard, Mr. Scott Houtz and Mr. Leon Moll to travel and attend the National School Board Association Conference, March 20-23, 2015 in Nashville, TN. (Costs to the District have been budgeted.)
  2. Mr. David Fair and one (1) student to travel and participate in the District Jazz Band Festival, April 10-11, 2015 at Central Dauphin High School, Harrisburg, PA. (Costs to the District include substitute and fuel for school van.)
  3. Mrs. Amy Weddle and FBLA students to travel and participate in the FBLA State Leadership Conference in Hershey, PA, April 13-15, 2015. (Costs to the District include substitute and fuel for school van.)
  4. Mrs. Lynn Aponick, one adult chaperone and twenty (20) Envirothon/AP students, to travel and study in Bishops Head, MD, May 29-31, 2015. (Cost to the District is for a substitute.)

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

- G. Approved Sabbatical requests as listed:
1. Jacqueline Bender, HS Health & Phys. Ed. teacher, ½ year sabbatical (2<sup>nd</sup> semester) of the 2015-2016 school year.
  2. Meghan Gantz, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade teacher, ½ year sabbatical (1<sup>st</sup> semester) of the 2015-2016 school year.

3. Sue Gingrich, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade teacher, ½ year sabbatical (2<sup>nd</sup> semester) of the 2015-2016 school year.

On a motion by Mr. Gardener, seconded by Mr. Kahl and approved by Voice vote, 8 Aye votes and 1 Abstention by Mr. Moll, Item H was approved:

- H. Approved the following individuals as coaches for the 2015 Spring Sports season (\*pending receipt of required clearances):

Baseball	Varsity Head Coach Varsity Asst. Coaches Varsity Volunteer Coaches	Chris Weidner Mike Simmons, John Mentzer Lyle Krall, Mike Muhr, Derek Fulk Brad Shanaman
Softball	Varsity Head Coach Varsity Asst. Coaches Varsity Volunteer Coaches	Dennis Morgan Randy Derr, Guy Sticker Doug Shuey, Alan Hassler, Tom Hess Corey Bollinger*, Corey Derr, Kelsey Moll
Track & Field	Varsity Head Coach Varsity Asst. Coaches JH Asst. Coaches Varsity Volunteer Coaches	Robert Miller Holly Hartman, Earl Thomas, Jr., Wyatt Hall Todd Snook, Warren Zimmerman, Wes Soto Joel Keller, Mitch Davis, Kyle Moll*
Boys Tennis	Varsity Head Coach Varsity Volunteer Coaches	Zachary Cook Cathy Shaak, Chris Gyorke, Gregg Bahney

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

- I. Approved adding the following individuals to the ELCO sub listing (pending receipt of all required documentation/clearances and disclosure release):
1. Susan O'Toole – Mid-Level English
  2. Zachary Artz – Art PK-12
  3. Brittany Shiner – PK-4
  4. Valerie Musser – Office Technologies, Data Processing, Acctg. 7-12, Marketing 7-12
  5. Caralynn Reddig – IU sub, all areas

Curriculum Committee – Mrs. Jadell Souders, Chair

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

- A. Approved the 2015-2016 Eastern Lebanon County School District Calendar. (Public Attachment)

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 an agreement with the IU 13 and Direct Energy to participate in the Electricity Procurement Program from July 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2017. (Board Attachment)

Finance Committee – Mr. Scott Houtz, Chair

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

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

General Fund payments in the amount of	\$2,001,387.73
Construction Fund payments in the amount of	\$0.00
Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of	\$60,909.08
Debt Service	\$7,481.59

Capital Reserve Fund

\$0.00

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

- B. Approved Student Activity Accounts for the Middle School and High School for period ending December 31, 2014. (Board Attachment)

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

- C. Approved Resolution #02-09-15-1, adopting the 2015-2016 Preliminary Budget and authorizing the administration to apply for exceptions for which the District is eligible. (Board Attachment)

#### Superintendent's Report

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

- A. Approved Student Discipline Cases #14-15-01 through #14-15-05.
- B. HACC/College courses – Information was shared by Ms. Haas, High School Principal, regarding course credit students may earn through the College in High School program with HACC. She also commented on Dual Enrollment programs with HACC, LVC and Penn State Berks that will be offered next year, which will be available to students at a discounted rate. Information on both programs will be shared with students and parents as they prepare for next year's schedule of courses.

Dr. Zuilkoski shared information on Act 153 and how the District must comply with the new mandate, which will affect our volunteers and booster clubs. Information will be mailed to all current volunteers and booster clubs in the near future.

#### Upcoming Dates:

February 13, 2015 – Act 80 Day, NO School for students

February 16, 2015 – President's Day – School is closed

March 9, 2015 - Legislative Breakfast @ IU 13 - 7:30-9:45 AM (*please return reservation slip to Gloria Hill tonight*)

**April 6, 2015 – School in session - makeup day for school closure of January 26, 2015**

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

Jocelyn Stahl – Thank you to Ms. Haas for her efforts towards the College in High School program at ELCO!

#### Old Business

Mr. Moll – gave an update on General Services Committee items: Jackson Elementary roof, and the lights at the Intermediate School. Communication between several parties to resolve the lights issue continues. The Committee will give a report in the near future on both matters.

Mr. Rohrbaugh, Business Manager, reported on the recent incident that affected our Fort Zeller Elementary School. A water main issue occurred in the surrounding area, which caused the school to dismiss several minutes early with parent notification via a Global Connect message.

#### New Business

Mr. Gardener made a motion to add an item to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Mark and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, the following motion was added to the agenda:

*Move to approve a tentative Memo of Understanding (MOU) between the ELCEA and the School District of ELCO for Tuition Reimbursement pending final approval at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting, after Language Clarification and verification by District Council has been completed.*

On a motion by Mr. Gardener, seconded by Mrs. Boyer and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, the following motion was approved:

*Approved a tentative Memo of Understanding (MOU) between the ELCEA and the School District of ELCO for Tuition Reimbursement pending final approval at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting, after Language Clarification and verification by District Council has been completed.*

Dr. Zuilkoski addressed the Board regarding the matter of immunizations in light of the nationwide concern of reported cases of the measles. Board policy is in place and the administration will continue its efforts to inform and protect our students and community.

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 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria J. Hill  
Board Secretary