

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

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

January 6, 2020

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 Mr. Ondrusek leading the Opening Exercises.

Roll Call

Board Secretary, Gloria Hill called the roll. The following members were present: Mrs. Gray Hayes, Mrs. Noll, Dr. Smith, Ms. Stettler, Mrs. Thomas, and Mrs. Weaver; and Messer's Kahl, Kramer and Ondrusek. Also, in attendance were the following from the administrative team: Mrs. Vicente, Mrs. Davis, Ms. Haas, Mr. Marks, Dr. Gerhart, Mrs. Hower, Mr. Lin, Mr. Soden, ~~Mr. Entrekia~~, Mrs. Shoemaker, Mr. Sweigart, Mrs. Himmelreich, Mr. Miller, Mr. Boltz, Mr. Dresch; Gloria Hill, Board Secretary; William Zee, Solicitor; and faculty.

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

- Mr. Kahl wished the board members and administration a Happy and prosperous New Year as we begin a new decade!
- The Board met in an Executive Session at 5:00 pm, Monday, January 6, 2020, for the purpose of discussing issues involving confidential personnel and legal matters.

Board Committee & Rep Reports

- Personnel Committee - Mrs. Thomas
 - No report; and no meeting is scheduled at this time.
- Curriculum Committee - Dr. Smith
 - The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Dr. Smith welcomed Mr. Ondrusek to the committee.
- Policy Committee - Mr. Ondrusek
 - No meeting is scheduled at this time.
- Technology Committee - Mrs. Noll
 - No meeting is scheduled at this time.
- General Services Committee - Mr. Kahl
 - HVAC updates continue.
- Finance Committee - Mrs. Gray Hayes
 - The next meeting will be held on January 21, 2020 at 6:00 pm.
- IU13 Rep Report - Mr. Ondrusek
 - The next meeting is scheduled to occur on January 15, 2020; Save the Date - March 11, 2020 - Reinventing Learning Showcase.
- PSBA Rep Report - Dr. Smith
 - No report at this time.
- CTC Rep Report - Mrs. Weaver
 - Audit Report was received and was clean; next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2020, with Mrs. Noll attending.
- HACC Rep Report - Ms. Stettler
 - No meeting scheduled to date, awaiting to receive information.
- Lebanon Co. Tax Collection Rep Report - Ms. Stettler
 - No report at this time.

Public Comments - Items On the Agenda

- No comments were made.

ACTION ITEMS**Personnel Committee - Mrs. Denise Thomas, Chair**

No items were requested to be separated from the overall vote.

On a motion by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Smith and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, Items A-B were approved:

- A. Approved the following individuals as Middle School Cafeteria Monitors for the 2nd semester of the 2019-2020 school year, as listed:**
 - 1. John Cantwell**
 - 2. Tyler Wharton**
- B. Approved new and renewed volunteers for the 2019-2020 school year, as listed (noting all required documentation, clearances, disclosures and training are on file):**
 - 1. Dawn Hickernell**

NON-ACTION ITEMS**Curriculum Committee - Dr. Barbara Smith, Chair**

The Board reviewed and discussed the following items:

- A. Recommend for approval the ELCO High School Educational Planning Guide for the 2020-2021 school year. (Board Attachment)**

Finance Committee - Mrs. Tracy Gray Hayes, Chair

The Board reviewed and discussed the following items:

- A. Recommend for approval a proposal from Asset Control Solutions, Inc., for an asset inventory for GASB 34 Audit reporting, at a cost of \$8,000. (Board Attachment)**
Background: This was recommended by the independent CPA auditor. Three quotes were received for these services (AssetWorks - \$11,050; Asset Control Solutions, Inc. - \$8,000; and Asset Services - \$22,430).
- B. Recommend for approval The Nancy Ann Honker annual scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 for graduating High School seniors.**
Background: This \$1,000 award is given in memory of Nancy Ann Honker, who was born and raised in Myerstown and is a 1955 graduate of Myerstown High School. Nancy Ann was also a graduate of Bucknell University and the University of Pennsylvania, where she was one of the first women to go to medical school. The scholarship has been donated in the hope that it will help the student in their pursuit of knowledge within the medical or biology field. Priority is given to an ELCO student who is planning to major in medicine or biology and attending a four-year college or university. The student must live in Myerstown.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Vicente shared exciting news received from ASBO (the international organization of PASBO), announcing we have received the Meritorious Budget Award. This award has only been received by 11 districts in the Commonwealth, with ELCO the only district in Lebanon County and the only district in the IU13. Thank you to Michael Miller, Business Manager, for his efforts in making this happen and achieving financial goals set!

The principal shared a few building highlights:

- High School - Ms. Haas

- The High School will be conducting a mental health screening with all high school students in January.
- RaiderThon will host Gold Rush on Friday, January 10, with many activities taking place throughout the day and during both girls' and boys' basketball games.
- Gave a 'shout-out' to Braden Bohannon, named to the Class 4A All-State Football team, as well as being named the Lancaster-Lebanon Section 3 Player of the Year and recipient of the Frantz-Rider-Yohe Award; Bob Miller was also named as Co-Coach of the Year for Section 3; and ELCO was awarded the Golden Whistle Award, given to the school district providing the best hospitality for officials.
- Middle School - Mr. Marks
 - The Middle School is settling into a routine, since the many changes occurring in the Fall.
 - Spring will be very busy. Upcoming activities being planned: 7th Grade Dinner Dance, class trip dates.
 - PSSA and Keystone training is underway.
 - Good conversations are occurring with teachers and academics.
- Intermediate School - Dr. Gerhart
 - Before the holiday break Innovation Coach, Mr. Nicholas Wright, held a 3-day STEM lesson involving water filtration systems. Since returning from break, students presented results of the activities.
- Fort Zeller - Mr. Lin
 - Operation Warm A Child brought in more than expected and deliveries were made over the break to families in Lebanon County.
 - Returning from the holiday break highlighted re-establishing routines with students.
- Jackson - Mrs. Hower
 - Friday, January 10 will feature a Fashion Show by the students at 1:00 and 2:00 pm, highlighting a unit on adjectives using those adjectives in the descriptions of the fashions to be modeled.
 - Raise a Reader will take place on January 21 at the Myerstown Library for Kindergarten students and parents.

Upcoming Dates/Announcements:

- January 14, 2020 - Special Election for vacant Senate seat
- January 16, 2020 - 6:00 pm, Curriculum Committee Meeting
- January 21, 2020 - 6:00 pm, Finance Committee Meeting

Public Comments - Items On/Off the Agenda

- No comments were made.

Board Announcements/Comments

- Mrs. Weaver - inquired about the 5th grade musical.
 - Response by Dr. Gerhart - An announcement of the musical selected will be made at a future board meeting.
- Mrs. Gray Hayes - donations and collections for families in our community during Christmas were outstanding. The outward sign of care and concern was evident, thanking both the District and community for their generosity.

Old Business

- No Old Business was discussed.

New Business

- No New Business was discussed.

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Ondrusek, seconded by Mrs. Noll and approved by a Voice vote, all voting Aye, President Kahl adjourned the meeting at 6:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria J. Hill
Board Secretary