

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Virtual

April 22, 2020

The Regular 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 Virtual Regular Board of Education Session via Zoom with President Kahl presiding and Mr. Kramer leading the Opening Exercises.

Roll Call

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

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

- The General Services Committee met tonight at 5:00 pm, to discuss the status of the High School renovation project. The Committee will be recommending a resolution at a future board meeting to proceed with the project.
- The weekly food distribution continues to increase in numbers each week.

Presentation – 2020-2021 Proposed Final Budget by Michael Miller, ELCO Business Manager

Public Comments – Items On the Agenda

- No comments were made.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Ondrusek, seconded by Mrs. Noll and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, the Minutes of 03-25-2020 and 04-06-2020 were approved.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

On a motion by Mrs. Gray Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, the Treasurer's Report of March 31, 2020 was approved.

CONSENT ITEMS (items discussed on 04-06-2020)

On a motion by Mrs. Gray Hayes, seconded by Mrs. Weaver and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, all Consent Items were approved:

Finance Committee

- Approved an agreement with Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU) to provide computer service for Fund Accounting module, Payroll module, and Personnel module for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, at a cost of approximately \$24,500. (Board Attachments)
Background: Cost is billed per student and the agreement price is estimated for next year. This is an annual license renewal.

NON-CONSENT ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Finance Committee – Mrs. Tracy Gray Hayes, Chair

Separate motions will be held due to the Roll Call vote on Item B.

On a motion by Mrs. Gray Hayes, seconded Mrs. Weaver and approved by Voice vote, all voting Aye, Item A was approved:

A. Approved payment of bills as found listed and attached to the April 22, 2020 Board Agenda, for payments made in the amounts indicated: (Board Attachment)

General Fund payments in the amount of	\$3,580,115.92
Cafeteria Fund payments in the amount of	\$159,377.71
Capital Reserve Fund payments in the amount of	\$3,703.80
Debt Service payments in the amount of	\$0.00
Construction Fund payments in the amount of	\$442,890.00
Student Activity payments in the amount of	\$26,954.62

On a motion by Mrs. Gray Hayes, seconded by Mr. Kramer, and approved by Roll Call vote, all voting Aye, Item B was approved:

Roll Call vote:

Mrs. Gray Hayes -Aye
 Mr. Ondrusek - Aye
 Mrs. Noll - Aye
 Mrs. Thomas - Aye
 Ms. Stettler - Aye
 Dr. Smith - Aye
 Mrs. Weaver - Aye
 Mr. Kramer - Aye
 Mr. Kahl - Aye

B. Approved the Proposed Final 2020-2021 ELCO School District General Fund Budget (Roll Call Vote, Board Attachment).

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Vicente shared the following:

- Food distribution has seen an increase each week; this week 971 meals were distributed vs. 910 last week. Hats off to the Food Service Department, Maintenance Department, and the Administration for their help!
- Good news to share – for the first time ever, the ELCO High School was listed as one of the top ranking schools in US News and World Report!
- Plans are in place for ALL students insuring equal and quality instruction is being provided.
- The Continuity of Education Plan has been submitted to PDE and posted on the ELCO website.
- All staff are working together to provide instruction to our students with online instruction, as well as packets for students not having access to the internet.
- Online participation by students will be reported at a future board meeting.
- Registration for Kindergarten students is ongoing. Information and details are located on the website.
- Registration for students moving into the ELCO School District will be available online in the very near future.
- The ELCO Communicator's next issue will be published in the upcoming weeks and sent via US mail to each home in the district.
- Lebtown featured an article on the ELCO staff celebrating Autism Acceptance Day. Staff will celebrate, virtually, wearing 'blue' Friday, April 24, and pictures will be featured on the website. This virtual event was coordinated by Robin Anne Kimmey.

Mrs. Vicente shared upcoming dates, as follows:

- May 4, 2020 – 6:00 pm, Committee-of-the-Whole Board of Education Meeting
- May 13, 2020 – 6:00 pm, Finance Committee Meeting
- May 14, 2020 – 6:00 pm, Curriculum Committee Meeting
- May 20, 2020 – 6:00 pm, Regular Board of Education Meeting

Public Comments – Items On/Off the Agenda

- No comments were made.

Board Announcements/Comments

- Mr. Kramer –thanked the Finance Committee, Mr. Miller and the administration for their work in producing a balanced budget, and coming together voting unanimously on the proposed final budget.
- Mr. Kahl – agreed with Mr. Kramer and thanked everyone involved in bringing forth a balanced budget, keeping the student needs as their focus, as well as the residents of our community.
- Dr. Smith – encouraged everyone to listen to the Governor's address; and announced the cancelation of PSBA's School Leadership Conference held in October, which is due to the pandemic.

- Mr. Kahl – commended the Curriculum Committee, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Vicente for their work over the last several years, which has resulted in our High School receiving top ranking.
- Mrs. Gray Hayes – commented on the seniors highlighted in Senior Spotlights, Class of 2020.
- Mrs. Vicente – discussion is ongoing as to plans for end-of-year activities. Information will be provided when a decision is made.
- Mr. Kahl – Kudos to Robin Anne Kimmey in the coordination and planning to hold recognition day for Autism awareness!

Old Business

- No OLD Business was reported.

New Business

- No NEW Business was reported.

Adjournment

On a motion by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Weaver and approved by a Voice vote, all voting Aye, President Kahl adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria J. Hill
Board Secretary