

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

**Special Board of Education Meeting  
For Budget Discussion and General Purposes**

ELCO High School Library

**May 2, 2011**

A Special Board of Education Meeting was called to order by President Gardener at 6:02 p.m.

The Eastern Lebanon County School Board met in a Special Session in the ELCO High School Library with President Gardener presiding and leading in the Opening Exercises.

Roll Call

The Secretary called the roll. The following members were present: Mrs. Boyer and Mrs. Souders; Messrs. Bernard, Gardener, Houtz, Kahl, Mark, Moll and Ondrusek (attended via Skype). Also in attendance were the following from the administrative team: Dr. Nilsen, Dr. Grove, Mr. Felty, Mr. DuBois, Mr. Janicelli, Mr. Gerhart, Mrs. Bowersox, Ms. Stauffer, Mrs. Shoemaker, Gwen Boltz, Business Manager; Stacy Edris, Assistant Business Manager; Bob Boltz, Director of Technology; Douglas Good, Board Secretary; Laura LeBeau of WLBR; a news reporter from the Lebanon Daily News; and seventeen (17) members from the community.

Board President Communications

1. An Executive Session was held on Monday, May 2, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. for negotiations and personnel matters.

Public Comments – Items On the Agenda

No comments.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Personnel Committee – Mr. Jack Kahl, Chair**

On a motion by Kahl, seconded by Bernard and approved by Roll Call Vote: 7 Ayes, 1 NO by Ondrusek; and 1 Abstention by Souders, Item A was approved:

- A. Approved the “Collective Bargaining Agreement” from ELCEA for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2015.**

On a motion by Kahl, seconded by Bernard and approved by Roll Call Vote, all voting Aye, Item B was approved:

- B. Approved and accepted the revised Act 93 agreement. (Board Attachment)**

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

- C. Approved and accepted with regret Dr. Randall Grove’s “Letter of Resignation” as Assistant Superintendent of the ELCO School District, effective June 30, 2011. (Board Attachment)**

Activities Fee Presentation – Doug Bohannon

Questions were raised from community and board and answered by Doug Bohannon.

**NON-ACTION ITEMS**

*The Board reviewed and discussed the following:*

Personnel Committee – Mr. Jack Kahl, Chair

- A. Recommend approval to hold open the Assistant Superintendent position for the year of 2011-2012.

Curriculum Committee – Mrs. Jadell Souders, Chair

- A. Recommend approval to request from the Superintendent a list of under-enrolled programs and a recommendation for the 2011-2012 school year.

General Services Committee – Mrs. Carrie Boyer, Chair

- A. Recommend approval to charge an activity fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per school year beginning with the school year of 2011-2012.

Mr. Moll reported on budget. Revised budget reflects:

- Five (5) staff retirements
- Freezing of salaries
- Health insurance flat
- State funding decreased by programs
- CTC funding – 0% increase
- IU – 0% increase
- Special Ed classes – taking over
- Assistant Superintendent not replaced
- Reduction in individual budgets
- Online course offering save dollars and offer more opportunities for students

Public Comments – Items On/Off the Agenda

1. Jay Bauder – cash reserve, step in right direction.
2. Melissa Newmaster – question concerning reimbursement for Intermediate School.
3. Howard Kramer – concern of not replacing Asst. Superintendent, savings questioned (\$146,000).
4. Dennis Hollinger - \$800,000 deficit, how was it made up.
5. Laura LeBeau – question of “rainy day fund” – max 8%; Asst. Superintendent question concerning contract and not replacing position for one (1) year.
6. Melissa Newmaster – Asst. Superintendent, don’t want to move too quickly when you have Department Chairs who can pickup more responsibility. (Dr. Nilsen reported on responsibilities – talent show, student teachers, reports to Harrisburg. Department Chairs do not have authority.)

Old Business

No report.

New Business

CTC Budget reported by Carrie Boyer - \$42,000 less than budgeted.

Adjournment

On a motion by Houtz, seconded by Boyer and approved by a voice vote, all voting Aye, President Gardener adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Douglas G. Good, Board Secretary