

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

Board of Education
Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting

ELCO Senior High School Library

January 4, 2010

6:05 p.m.

The Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting was called to order by President Ed Gardener at 6:05 p.m.

The Eastern Lebanon County School Board met in a Committee-of-the-Whole 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, Mrs. Souders; Messrs. Bernard, Gardener, Houtz, Kahl, Mark, Moll, and Ondrusek. Also in attendance were the following from the administrative team: Dr. Nilsen, Dr. Grove, Mr. Felty, Mr. DuBois, Mr. Gerhart, Mrs. Bowersox, Mrs. Stauffer, and Mrs. Shoemaker; Gwen Boltz, Business Manager; George Rohr, Dick Brown, Bob Frankhouser; a reporter from the Lebanon Daily News; Laura LaBeau of WLBR; Doug Good, Board Secretary; and ten members of the community.

Board President Communications

No report.

Public Comments – Items on the Agenda

No comments were made.

ACTION ITEMS

Personnel Committee – Mr. Jack Kahl, Chair

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

- A. Approved an overnight trip for the varsity wrestling team to compete in a tournament held at Academy Park High School, Philadelphia, PA, retroactive to December 28-29, 2009. (Cost to the school district is for usage of school vans.)**

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

- B. Approved a field trip request for Donna DelCollo, Wes Soto, Brad Conners, and students in the 10th grade Eastern Civilizations classes to travel to and attend the Terra Cotta Warriors exhibit at the National Geographic Museum in Washington, D.C., on January 7, 2010 (alternate date is January 14, 2010). (Cost to the district is for substitute teachers only.)**

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

- C. Approved of a change in the “Letter of Temporary Employment” to Maria Jeannette from 94 days to 104 days (pending receipt of required documentation) replacing Kori Landis beginning January 11, 2010 to June 11, 2010. Salary of Bachelors’ – Step 1 (prorated at \$219.22/day).**

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

- D. Approved appointing Brandon Bernard as representative and Robert Mark as alternate to the Lebanon County Tax Collection Committee.**

General Services Committee – Mrs. Carrie Boyer, Chair

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

- A. Approved a “Section 780 Hearing” to be held on Monday, January 25, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.**

**EASTERN LEBANON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Board of School Directors of the Eastern Lebanon County School District will hold a public hearing to consider whether to permanently close the Schaefferstown and/or Myerstown Elementary Schools. This notice and the public hearing is required by Section 780 of the Pennsylvania School Code of 1949, 24 P.S. ‘7-780, and will be held in the Auditorium of the High School at 180 Elco Drive Myerstown, PA 17067, on January 25, 2010, commencing at 6:00

p.m. All interested persons are invited to attend and share comment. As required by the Pennsylvania School Code, the Board of School Directors will not decide the question relating to the closing of the school until at least three (3) months after the public hearing. It is anticipated that the decision will be made at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on May 10, 2010, in the Library of the High School, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

The following motion was made by Boyer:

- B. Approve authorizing the administration to proceed with the rental, installation and operation of a filtration system for the Middle School water supply during drilling of the geothermal well field for the Intermediate School.**

A motion to table Item B was made by Bernard, seconded by Ondrusek and approved by voice vote, all voting Aye, Item B was tabled.

The following motion was made by Boyer:

- C. Approve proposal from Weatherproofing Technologies for the following:**

- 1. Replacement of part of high school roof in the amount of \$1,277,857.13.**

A motion to table Item C was made by Bernard, seconded by Ondrusek and approved by voice vote, all voting Aye, Item C was tabled.

Personnel Committee – Mr. Jack Kahl, Chair

The Board reviewed and discussed the following:

- A. Recommend the following teacher for a “Professional Development” sabbatical leave:

1. Karen Blair, MS Math teacher – 2nd semester of the 2010-2011 school year.

- B. Recommend approval of a “Letter of Temporary Employment” to Dorothy Haring, beginning January 26 to June 11, 2010, as the high school Business/Computers/Tech teacher, replacing Amy Weddle (CFF Coach), at a salary of Bachelors’ – Step 1 (prorated at \$219.22/day) for 94 days.

- C. Recommend approval of a “Child Bearing Leave” to Lindsay Hibshman, 5th grade elementary teacher at Jackson, beginning approximately March 20, 2010 through June 10, 2010.

- D. Recommend approval of a “Child Bearing Leave” to Anne Frederick, Full-Day Kindergarten teacher at Myerstown, beginning approximately April 20, 2010 through the end of the 2009-2010 school term.
- E. Recommend approval for the following trips/conferences:
 - 1. Stacy Dieffenbach and FFA students to travel to and attend the ACES conference in Harrisburg, February 20-21, 2010 (Saturday & Sunday). (Cost to district is approximately \$90, which was budgeted.)
 - 2. Kris Haley-Paul, adult chaperones, and art students, to travel to New York City, NY, on April 1, 2010, to visit the MOMA and the Museum of Contemporary Craft & Design to view master artworks. (There is no cost to the district.)
- F. Recommend the following individuals be added to the ELCO sub listing (pending receipt of all documentation):
 - 1. Dorothy Haring – ELCO sub, Bus./Computers/Tech. K-12
 - 2. Ryan Plowman – IU sub, all areas
 - 3. Suzanne Delahunt – IU sub, all areas
 - 4. Brett Weidman – IU sub, all areas

Curriculum Committee – Mrs. Jadell Souders, Chair

The Board reviewed and discussed the following:

- A. Recommend approval of the 2010-2011 School Calendar. (See attached.)
- B. Recommend approval of “Memo of Understanding” and materials for the Healthy Me program through the Penn State/Hershey Medical Center. (See attached.)

General Services Committee – Mrs. Carrie Boyer, Chair

The Board reviewed and discussed the following:

- A. Recommend approval of proposal from Weatherproofing Technologies for the following:
 - 1. Repairs to Myerstown Elementary roof in the amount of \$24,202.45.
 - 2. Repairs to Schaefferstown Elementary roof in the amount of \$24,202.45.
(Proposals for Myerstown and Schaefferstown roofs to be received prior to January 4th meeting.)
- B. Authorize the administration in consultation with the chairman of the General Services Committee, to pursue the following option in order as needed:

1. Trucking water using a certified carrier from a certified source to the middle school water tank at an estimated cost of \$200 per tank load, estimating one tank load will be needed per week.

Finance Committee – Mr. Leon Moll, Chair

The Board reviewed and discussed the following:

- A. Request approval of payment of bills as found listed and attached to the January 4, 2010 Board Agenda in the amounts indicated:

General account bills amounting to	\$402,995.88
Cafeteria account bills amounting to	\$84,801.35
Athletic account bills amounting to	\$4,825.79
General account prepaids for December amounting to	\$989,450.48
Cafeteria account prepaids for December amounting to	\$674.27
Athletic account prepaids for December amounting to	\$3,422.02
General account prepaids for January amounting to	\$0.00
Cafeteria account prepaids for January amounting to	\$0.00
Athletic account prepaids for January amounting to	\$0.00
Construction Funds	\$0.00
Construction Funds prepaid for December	\$979,527.46
Construction Funds prepaid for January	\$0.00

- B. Request approval of Budget Transfers (see attached).
- C. Review of preliminary proposed Budget for 2010-2011.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Nilsen made comments on the success of all the holiday concerts. He also shared the following important dates:

- A. Important Dates:

1. PSBA In-service for Elco Board: January 12, 2010 and January 19, 2010 in the high school Library from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
2. LLIU New Board In-service at 5:15 p.m. on January 27, 2010 at the Burle Building in Lancaster. **(Registrations due to Gloria Hill by January 11, 2010.)** All members attending should meet in the district parking lot at 4:30 p.m.

The Board reviewed and discussed the following:

- B. Recommend approval to remove Policy 315 and 415 from the District Policy Manual, per the recommendation from PSBA (first reading). (See attached.)

Public Comments – Items On/Off the Agenda

No comments were made.

Old Business - None

New Business

The geothermal system for the Intermediate School was discussed.

Adjournment

On a motion by Boyer, seconded by Houtz and approved by voice vote, all voting Aye, the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. by President Gardener.

An Executive Session was held after the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting for legal and personnel matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas G. Good, Secretary