

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

Regular Board of Education Meeting

ELCO High School Library

January 11, 2010

The Regular 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 Regular 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. Also in attendance were the following from the administrative team: Dr. Nilsen, Dr. Grove, Mr. DuBois, Mr. Felty, Mrs. Stauffer, and Mrs. Shoemaker; Gwen Boltz, Business Manager; Douglas Good, Board Secretary; a reporter from the Daily News; and thirteen (13) members from the community.

Board President Communications

An Executive Session for legal and personnel matters was held at 5:15 p.m.

Students of the Month – Presented by Mr. Raymond Ondrusek

Elementary – Rebecca Hickernell & Austin Thomas (Mrs. Reichard's class)
Adrianna Sonnen & David Madara (Mrs. Christman's class)

Middle School – Hannah Hentz & Joseph Naughton

High School – Arron Achey & Chelsea Saylor

Student Council Report – Megan Leppo

Megan reported on the following activities: Dodge Ball Tournament – donation of \$1000 to Camp Can Do; Student Council Fun Day; Coffee House; Operation Santa; and the Winter Dance.

Public Comments – Items on the Agenda

No comments were made.

Board In-Service

The 2010-2011 Preliminary Budget and Foundation were presented by Dr. Nilsen, Ms. Boltz, and Dr. Grove.

On a motion by Boyer, seconded by Kahl and approved by voice vote, all voting Aye, the Minutes of 12-7-09 were approved.

On a motion by Boyer, seconded by Kahl and approved by voice vote, all voting Aye, the Minutes of 01-04-10 were approved.

On a motion by Moll, seconded by Boyer and approved by voice vote, all voting Aye, the Treasurer's report was approved as presented and filed for audit for the month ending 12-31-09.

Consent Items (Items discussed on 01-04-10) – Mr. Raymond Ondrusek

On a motion by Ondrusek, seconded by Bernard and approved by voice vote, all voting Aye, all Personnel Committee items were approved:

Personnel Committee

A. Approved the following teacher for a "Professional Development" sabbatical leave:

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

B. Approved 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. Approved a "Child Bearing Leave" to Lindsay Hibshman, 5th grade elementary teacher at Jackson, beginning approximately March 20, 2010 through June 10, 2010.

D. Approved 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. Approved 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. Approved 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

On a motion by Ondrusek, seconded by Bernard and approved by voice vote, all voting Aye, all Curriculum Committee items were approved:

Curriculum Committee

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

On a motion by Ondrusek, seconded by Boyer and approved by voice vote, all voting Aye, all General Services Committee items were approved:

General Services Committee

- A. Approved a 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.

On a motion by Ondrusek, seconded by Kahl and approved by a voice vote, all voting Aye, all Finance Committee items were approved:

Finance Committee

- A. Approved 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. Approved Budget Transfers (see attached).

Personnel Committee – Mr. Jack Kahl, Chair

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

A. Approved the following trips/conferences:

- 1. Katie Kokan and the high school Student Council (8 students) to travel to and attend the LEAD conference in Washington, D.C., February 5-7, 2010. (Cost to the district is for substitute only, which is one day.)**

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

B. Approved the Boys' Basketball Team to travel and tour the Naval Academy, and attend a men's basketball game on Saturday, January 16, 2010 in Annapolis, MD. (No cost to the district.)

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

C. Approved two (2) Absence Without Pay (AWOP) days, January 21 & 22, 2010 to Anne Plumby, high school technology assistant.

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

D. Approved the following individuals be added to the ELCO sub listing (pending receipt of all documentation):

- 1. Ashli Trout– ELCO sub, Elem. Ed. K-6**
- 2. Cherie Fernsler – IU sub, all areas**

General Services Committee – Mrs. Carrie Boyer, Chair

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

A. Moved from the table a request to approve proposal from Weatherproofing Technologies for the following:

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

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

B. Approved proposal from Weatherproofing Technologies for the following:

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

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

C. Approved contract with a certified hauler to provide potable water to ELCO Middle School during the drilling of the geothermal wells at a cost of \$200 per load.

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

D. Authorized administration and construction manager, in consultation with chairperson of the General Services Committee, to proceed with geothermal well drilling in a progressive manner and relocate wells to north end of well field only as necessary based on drilling and site conditions. (Note: the original plan to relocate three rows of wells was estimated to be approximately \$25,000. This authorization is intended to move only those wells of concern based on drilling experience rather than automatically incurring cost to move three rows.)

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

E. Approved the following Use of School Facilities:

1. ELCO Youth Wrestling for use of the high school gym for a dual wrestling tournament to be held Sunday, January 31, 2010, from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Principal Reports

All principals gave an update on their building activities.

Superintendent's Report

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

A. Approved removing Policy 315 and 415 from the District Policy Manual, per the recommendation from PSBA (first reading). (See attached.)

Dr. Nilsen recognized Mr. Jack Kahl for his years of service to the Board from PSBA and also all Board Members were recognized for their service.

Important Dates were shared:

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.

Public Comments – Items On/Off the Agenda

Comments were made by Howard Kramer, Donna Moyer, and Len Schott.

Old Business

No report.

New Business

A motion by Kahl to put motion 1-11-10-V on the agenda, seconded by Boyer and approved by voice vote, all voting Aye, Agreement 1-11-10-V was placed on the agenda:

Request to approve a special education settlement agreement, Agreement 1-11-10-V, details of which have been redacted as required by Federal Law.

On a motion by Kahl, seconded by Boyer and approved by voice vote, all voting Aye, except four (4) NO votes by Houtz, Ondrusek, Moll, and Gardener, Agreement # 1-11-10-V was approved:

Approved a special education settlement agreement, Agreement 1-11-10-V, details of which have been redacted as required by Federal Law.

On other New Business, Mrs. Boyer gave an update on the geothermal system for the Intermediate School and other updates on the school.

On a motion by Ondrusek, seconded by Boyer and approved by a voice vote, all voting Aye, President Gardener adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Douglas G. Good, Secretary