

Minutes
Action Meeting of the
Elizabethtown Area Board of School Directors
Tuesday, March 26, 2019
High School/Middle School IMC Classroom
6:00 p.m.

K-8 Music Showcase - Student Performances

Board members were invited to come to the IMC at 5:30 p.m. to listen to our student musicians perform prior to the 6:00 p.m. Board meeting.

The Elizabethtown Area Board of School Directors met in the High School/Middle School IMC Classroom with President Seiders presiding and the following directors in attendance: Mrs. Grosh, Mr. Hummer, Ms. Lalvani, Mr. Martin, Mrs. Pelna, Mr. Read, Mr. Riggleman, and Mrs. Sweigart. Also, the following were in attendance: Supt. Balliet, Secy. Maxwell, Mr. Serfass, Mr. Schwarzman, Mr. Ammerman, Mr. Toth, Mr. Portser, Mr. Lownsbery, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Hobson, Dr. Potts, Mr. Crick, Mrs. Griffith, Dr. Frank, Mr. Spiegel, Dr. Spagnolo, Mr. Kingsborough, Mrs. Secor, Mr. Pericci, Mr. Viau, Mr. Bergens, and members of the faculty, media, and community.

OPENING ITEMS:

The meeting was called to order by President Seiders with the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

Roll Call

All Board members were present.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Read moved that the minutes of the action meeting of February 26, 2019, and the workshop session of March 12, 2019, be approved as received. Mrs. Pelna seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor.

Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments.

Superintendent's Announcements

Dr. Balliet shared upcoming District events, student and staff honors and awards, an athletic update.

Logan Vogelsong, High School senior, shared his Grand Champion prize winning North Museum Science and Engineering Fair project.

Dr. Balliet congratulated Ashley Johnson and Giani Leppler for being named the Rotary Club Students of the Month for March.

PRESENTATIONS:

K-8 Music Showcase

Mrs. Nichole Witman, Bear Creek K-3 General Music and K-6 Related Arts Professional Learning Liaison (PLL), presented a video and there were live student performances to showcase music at our elementary and middle school levels. She talked about what they are learning and how they meet all the needs intellectual, social, and emotional. The Bear Creek band, directed by Mrs. Emery, performed a few musical pieces.

Rheems Elementary - Bowling for Schools Grant

Clearview Lanes, a long time school district partner and home to our high school bowling team, nominated Rheems Elementary School last year to receive one of fifty \$1,000 grants through Bowling for Schools. (This is the same organization that provides the Kids Bowl Free Summer Program.) There were over 19,000 schools nominated for this grant nationwide. Mr. Viau and Mr. Farwell announced that Rheems was one of the fifty schools selected to receive a \$1000 grant. Clearview was recognized for what they do for the community and for the nomination. Four students who participate in the Monday after school bowling program shared some of their experiences.

ABCD Awards

Mr. Toth announced Michael Hench, Middle School cafeteria, Linda Brosey, Middle School instructional paraprofessional, and James Halter, Bear Creek custodian, as the recipients of the Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award (ABCD), picked from the support staff, for the second quarter.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Finance Report

Mr. Hummer moved that the Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2019, be adopted and also moved the General Fund expenditures amounting to \$5,726,950.64, the PNC Visa expenditures amounting to \$181,490.45, the New Bond Fund expenditures amounting to \$2,330.00, the Student Activities expenditures amounting to \$16,091.98, and the Cafeteria fund expenditures amounting to \$102,097.21, all for February 2019, be approved and paid. Mr. Read seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all members present voted in favor (Copies of the Treasurer's Report and said expenditures are attached to the minutes.)

The Health Insurance Report was presented.

SFE Update

The monthly report from the District's food service contractor, SFE, was presented by Josh Bain and Courtney Kolp.

ACTION ITEMS:

District Renovations and Construction Plans

As discussed during the March 12 workshop session, Mr. Hummer, moved approval of the recommendation to move forward with Option B and the proposed timeline and renovation and construction plans that would move grade 3 to Bear Creek and grade 6 to the Middle School, working with Crabtree, Fidevia, and McClure. Mr. Read seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all members present voted in favor.

GEARS Contract Extension

As discussed during the March 12 workshop session, Mr. Martin moved approval of the proposed one-year GEARS agreement extension, with the removal of #4, with a date for GEARS to vacate the Middle School space due to construction to be included in writing when we get it. Ms. Lalvani seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all members present voted in favor, except Mrs. Perna who abstained.

Bowling for Schools Grant

Mr. Hummer moved acceptance of a \$1000 grant to be used at Rheems Elementary School for the national Bowling for Schools Campaign. Ms. Lalvani seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor.

Donation of Mobile Coat Racks

Mr. Hummer moved approval of the donation of two mobile coat racks for Bainbridge Elementary School, constructed by Connor Alspaugh, Elizabethtown Area High School 9th Grader, as his Eagle Scout project, estimated value of the coat racks is \$400. Mrs. Sweigart seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor.

Financial Donation for eSports

Mr. Hummer moved approval of a \$3,000 financial donation from the Emerald Foundation of Lancaster, PA to support our newly formed eSport Club. As required by the grant, \$750.00 (plus associated District payroll costs) will go toward the stipend payment of the club advisor and the remainder towards technology gaming peripherals to support the eSport club. Mrs. Grosh seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor.

Student Activity Request

Mr. Hummer moved approval to establish a student activity account for the eSports club. Mr. Read seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all members present voted in favor.

Partnership With Brandt's Farm Supply

Mr. Hummer moved approval for Brandt's Farm Supply to maintain the grass cutting on the soccer field between East High Street Elementary and the Fairgrounds, in exchange for advertising for the remainder of 2019. Mrs. Perna seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all members present voted in favor.

Facility Dog

Ms. Lalvani moved approval of adding a facility dog at the High School, as part of the Support Services Department. Mrs. Sweigart seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all members present voted in favor.

Overnight Field Trip

Ms. Lalvani moved approval for the District Key Club to go to the District Key Club Convention in Pittsburgh, PA March 29-31, 2019. Mrs. Perna seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all members present voted in favor.

First Reading Policies for Approval

Mrs. Perna moved approval, on first reading, of approval of the following policies:

- Policy 108 - Adoption of Textbooks
- Policy 247 - Hazing
- Policy 249 - Bullying and Cyber Bullying

Mrs. Grosh seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor.

Second Reading Policies for Approval

Mrs. Perna moved approval, on second reading, of the following policies:

- Policy 006 - Meetings
- Policy 150 - Title 1 - Comparability of Services
- Policy 204 - Attendance
- Policy 819 - Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response

Mrs. Grosh seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. (see attached)

Business Manager Contract

Mr. Seiders moved approval of the Business Manager's contract for Jeff Ammerman for a five-year term. Mr. Hummer seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all members present voted in favor.

Personnel Report

Mr. Hummer moved approval of the personnel report (attached -- pending receipt and completion of necessary paperwork for new hires). Mr. Read seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all members present voted in favor.

Expulsion Waiver

Mr. Hummer moved approval of the following student expulsion:

Student No. 2018-19-4 is charged with violating Policy 218.1 for possession of a weapon. The student and the student's parents waived their right to a School Board hearing, and accept the Administration's recommendation of expulsion from the Elizabethtown Area School District for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year and the first semester of the 2019-2020 school year.

Mr. Read seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor.

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING ITEMS:

Special Education 3 year Plan - Compliance

Mr. Schwarzman and Mr. Smith gave a brief presentation on the changes to the draft Special Education Compliance Plan and gave an overview and highlights of the 3-year plan.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS - NO ACTION REQUIRED:

GEARS Financial Report

Mr. Seiders shared the GEARS Financial Report. No action was required. This was for information purposes only.

CLOSING ITEMS:

Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments.

Adjournment

Mr. Seiders announced that there would be an executive session held following this meeting regarding personnel issues.

With no other business at hand, Mrs. Perna moved the meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Grosh seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

attest: _____
Rebecca K. Maxwell, Secretary

Option A (Current Plan)		
Comprehensive renovation of and addition to Rheems Elementary School which would increase the student capacity of the school by 200. The current District grade alignment would be maintained.		
(K-1-2-3) (4-5-6) (7-8) (9-10-11-12)		
RHEEMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL		
Comprehensive Renovations	50,000 sf	\$ 7,100,000
Additions	41,000 sf	\$ 8,200,000
Sitework		\$ 2,000,000
Total Construction Cost		\$ 17,300,000
Contingencies & Soft Costs		\$ 4,300,000
Project Total		\$ 21,600,000
Option A Total		\$ 21,600,000

Option B		
Comprehensive renovation of Rheems Elementary School that would not increase student capacity; <u>AND</u> comprehensive renovation of the Middle School lower level to absorb 6th grade. This option requires District grade realignment.		
(K-1-2) (3-4-5) (6-7-8) (9-10-11-12)		
RHEEMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL		
Comprehensive Renovations	50,000 sf	\$ 7,000,000
Additions	12,000 sf	\$ 2,000,000
Sitework		\$ 1,800,000
Total Construction Cost		\$ 10,800,000
Contingencies & Soft Costs		\$ 3,000,000
Project Total		\$ 13,800,000
LOWER LEVEL MIDDLE SCHOOL		
Comprehensive Renovations	12,000 sf	\$ 3,500,000
Contingencies & Soft Costs		\$ 1,000,000
Project Total		\$ 4,500,000
Option B Total		\$ 18,300,000