

## Minutes

Board Workshop Session of the  
Elizabethtown Area Board of School Directors  
Tuesday, October 10, 2017  
High School/Middle School IMC Classroom  
6:00 p.m.

All members present except for Mr. Phillips  
Also present: Supt. Balliet, Secy. Iddings, Mrs. Hann, Mr. Schwarzman, Mr. Longridge, Mr. Portser, Mr. Toth, Mr. Lownsbery, Mrs. Steward, Mr. Bergens, Dr. Spagnolo, Mrs. Hobson, Ms. Baxter, Ms. Drukenmiller, Dr. Frank, and members of the media and community.

The meeting was called to order by President Seiders.

### OPENING ITEMS:

#### Superintendent's Announcements

A report highlighting the happenings, upcoming activities, and accomplishments within the Elizabethtown Area School District was presented by Dr. Balliet.

#### Citizens Comments

Mr. Yahara spoke about our students attendance at the PASC State Conference.

### BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE ITEMS:

#### Etown Borough Walking Path Presentation

Elizabethtown Borough Manager, Mrs. Roni Ryan discussed the Borough's desire to create a walkable community. She shared that the phases of the project are nearly complete but, that the next phase of the walking path would be close to the Middle School and grant money is available. The discussion centered around the district's responsibility to maintain the path once completed. While the board supported a walking path connecting the Borough and the college, there was concern expressed regarding the ongoing costs to the district.

#### Engineering Services Proposal for Rheems Elementary School

Mr. Cronin proposed that Advantage Engineers survey the entire Rheems site for potential future sinkhole issues due to the proximity of the quarry to the school.

#### Building Project Reports

An update on the ESCO and Bainbridge projects were presented.

#### Rheems Renovation Timeline Discussion

It was discussed that the Rheems Renovation will be put on hold for at least one more year while Bainbridge is being completed and the survey is being done on Rheems.

#### Facilities Usage – Info Only

The Board was updated on two organizations who were given permission to use the Middle School and High School Auditorium.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE ITEMS:

### 17-18 Finance Update and Outlook

Mr. Longridge gave an update on the 17-18 budget and outlook. Mr. Toth presented what his team did to save \$488,928 during the 17/18 school year. It was discussed to create a google brainstorming document in which members can suggest their ideas for budget cuts.

### Athletic Donations

The Track Team and Boys Basketball Donation forms were presented for board acceptance.

### PA Educator Contract 2017-2018

The District HR Department submitted the renewal contract with PA Educator. The costs to use the service are remaining the same.

### Compass Mark – MOU Agreement 2017-2018

Mr. Schwarzman presented the Compass Mark MOU Agreement to the board for acceptance. The funds for this were allocated within the 17-18 budget.

### PLANCON H Approval for Bainbridge Project

Mr. Longridge presented information regarding the PLANCON H form for the Bainbridge Project. Our Financial Advisor and Architect prepared the form.

### E-rate Consultant Proposal

The board reviewed the proposal from the district's E-Rate Consultant, Julie Tritt Schell. Ms. Tritt Schell provides E-Rate consulting and auditing services to the business and IT departments, resulting in significant cost savings for the district.

### Tax Assessment Appeal Settlement

The board reviewed the Brubaker Tax Appeal Settlement. Mr. Longridge said last year and this current year are locked in the assessment and no money is due to taxpayers for refunds.

### Melmark Agreement

The board was presented with information about the cost for one of our students to receive "out of district" special education services. The cost for the student is \$115,710.00. Mr. Hummer said that while this cost is significant, this is an obligation and a federal mandate.

### State Auditor General – State Audit Update

The board was presented with the final draft of the limited procedures engagement, which was completed for the EASD. This covered the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2016. We received a "clean bill of health", Mr. Hummer said. Dr. Balliet said she is proud that "the operations of the district are following rules, policies and procedures."

### Bi-Lingual Psychologist Contract

Mr. Schwarzman presented the board with a contract and information about a non-English speaking elementary student in the Elizabethtown Area School District. The cost to work with this student is approximately \$1,200.00 due to psychological testing for the student in his/her native language as well as, providing the student with an IEP.

### EDUCATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE ITEMS:

### High School Learning Options – Class Ranking and Course Weighting

Mrs. Hobson and Mrs. Hann presented information to the board regarding our current class ranking and course weighting system. This discussion was based upon student learning and what colleges look for in applicants and on transcripts. Mrs. Hobson will be meeting with both students and parents to discuss issues and concerns. Information will be brought back to the board in January.

### PASC State Conference Overnight Field Trip

Mrs. Hann presented the following overnight field trip:

- PASC State Conference, November 2, 2017 – November 5, 2017

### PAYS

Mr. Schwarzman updated the board on the PAYS survey that is being conducted.

### CLOSING ITEMS:

#### Citizens' Comments

Mr. Yahara spoke about the original ESEA. The original copy was 32 pages and now it is 1,061 pages long. He feels it has become very complicated.

Ms. Fuddy, who is the parent of two children in the district said she graduated in 2000 and remembers the pressure of the weighting system for grades. She wanted to thank the district for taking an interest in restructuring the system. She also thanked the board for their forethought about raising taxes and the challenge it is to do so. She challenged the community to become better citizens and participate in these discussions/meetings.

Mr. Zook addressed the board about concerns with a coach and comments to his son.

### Committee Report and/or Updates Impacting Elizabethtown Area School District

Updates were given on the following, including summary of meetings, any relevant decisions affecting the District, and dates for upcoming meetings:

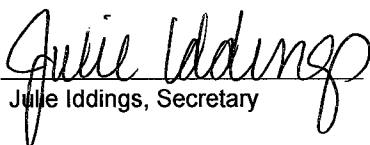
The following Committee Reports and/or Updates were presented:

- IU 13 meeting will be held Wednesday, October 11, 2017
- Lancaster County Career and Technology Center meeting will be held Thursday, October 26
- PSBA – Mr. Phillips said “we are trying to get legislature to come to the table.”
- Lancaster County Academy – Ms. Lalvani said “we haven’t met yet.”

### Adjournment

With no other business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

attest:

  
Julie Iddings, Secretary