

Warwick School District

Lititz, PA 17543

April 20, 2021

A meeting of the Warwick Board of School Directors of the Warwick School District convened virtually due to the current guidelines for gatherings/meetings and in consideration of the health and safety of the entire school community, on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Due to some technical difficulties with the Zoom application, a delay occurred. Mr. Michael Landis, President, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

The Board Secretary called the roll of the Board: Michael R. Landis, C. Edward Browne, Matthew Knouse, Lisa Miller, Leslie Penkunas, Nelson L. Peters, Todd L. Rucci, Debra J. Wenger, and Olivia Hartman, Student Representative, were present. Due to the technical difficulties, Millard P. Eppig, Jr. was unable to respond to the roll call.

Others attending the meeting: Dr. April Hershey, Superintendent; Dr. Melanie Calender; Nathan Wertsch; Mark Leidich; Dr. Ryan Axe; Janice Boyer, Board Secretary; Fred Griffiths; Kevin Martzall; Jackie Yanchocik; Dr. Ryan Berardi; Dr. Michelle Harris; Michelle Dombach; and Laura Knowles of Lancaster Newspapers/Lititz Record Express.

Members of the public were able to observe this virtual meeting, and the list of attendees is below.

Note – these individuals signed in using the link provided for sign in and for comment.

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Note – these individuals appeared as attendees in Zoom.

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Isaac Sedlmyer

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RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

Comments were accepted electronically from citizens on topics related to the meeting Agenda:

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Knouse, Mrs. Penkunas seconded, the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 8-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES ([Regular meeting](#) of March 16, 2021)

Mrs. Penkunas moved, Mrs. Wenger seconded, the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of March 16, 2021.

Motion passed 8-0.

TREASURERS REPORT

Mr. Wertsch presented the Treasurer’s Report. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes. The Treasurer’s Report was accepted 8-0 by the Board.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

The following bills were presented for payment by Mr. Wertsch. A copy of the bills with wire transfer information is attached to these minutes.

General Fund	\$994,563.02
Wire Transfers	\$6,767,882.13
Construction Fund	None
Cafeteria Fund	\$135,846.83
Middle School Fund	\$65.95
High School Fund	\$3,082.73

Mr. Peters moved, Mrs. Wenger seconded, the motion to approve payment of the bills as presented.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Landis, Mr. Browne, Mr. Knouse, Mrs. Miller
Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters, Mr. Rucci, and Mrs. Wenger
Abstain: None
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Eppig

At approximately 7:19 p.m., the technical issues were cleared and Mr. Eppig was able to participate in the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

1. PERSONNEL

A. Retirements

It was recommended that the Board approve the retirement of the following individuals:

Administration

Mark Leidich as Director of Human Resources at Warwick School District, effective August 31, 2021.

Non-Instructional

Dennis Shelly as a Lead Building Services employee at John R. Bonfield Elementary School, effective September 1, 2021.

Mrs. Wenger moved, Mr. Peters seconded, the motion to approve the retirement of the individuals named above.

On voice vote:

Ayes: Mr. Landis, Mr. Browne, Mr. Eppig, Mr. Knouse, Mrs. Miller
Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters, Mr. Rucci, and Mrs. Wenger
Abstain: None
Nays: None
Absent: None

Mr. Rucci and Mr. Landis expressed thanks to the retirees for their service to the district, and specifically to Mr. Leidich for his work as the Director of Human Resources.

B. Resignations

It was recommended that the Board approve the resignation of the following individuals:

Non-Instructional

Walter Campbell as a Student Support Assistant at Warwick High School, effective April 9, 2021.

Extra-Curricular/Extra Duty

Jennifer Miller as a Marching Band Assistant at Warwick High School, effective March 23, 2021.

Mrs. Penkunas moved, Mr. Peters seconded, the motion to approve the resignation of the individuals named above.

On voice vote:

Ayes: Mr. Landis, Mr. Browne, Mr. Eppig, Mr. Knouse, Mrs. Miller
Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters, Mr. Rucci, and Mrs. Wenger

Abstain: None

Nays: None

Absent: None

C. **Elections**

It was recommended that the Board approve the election of the following individuals subject to all pre-employment requirements and clearance checks:

Instructional

Madalyn Molignoni as an Intervention Specialist at John Beck Elementary School, at the annual salary of \$56,031.00, effective on the first day of the 2021/2022 school year. Ms. Molignoni is replacing Cindy Cislo who is retiring.

Lee Ann Reardon as an Autistic Support Teacher at Kissel Hill Elementary School, at the annual salary of \$68,627.00, effective on the first day of the 2021/2022 school year. This is a new position due to student enrollment needs.

Extra-Curricular/Extra Duty

Hannah Glessner as an Assistant Girls Soccer Coach at Warwick High School, at the annual salary of \$2,490.00, effective April 20, 2021. Mrs. Glessner is replacing Maria Tivoli-Attah who resigned.

Volunteer Coaches

It was recommended that the Board approve the election of the individuals listed below as volunteer coaches, effective for the 2020/2021 school year, until a resignation is submitted or active status is changed by the district:

Alex Daecher

Jenna Joiner

Shayne Klopp

Mrs. Penkunas moved, Mrs. Miller seconded, the motion to approve the election of the individuals named above.

On voice vote:

Ayes: Mr. Landis, Mr. Browne, Mr. Eppig, Mr. Knouse, Mrs. Miller
Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters, Mr. Rucci, and Mrs. Wenger

Abstain: None

Nays: None

Absent: None

2. **CHANGE OF STATUS REQUESTS**

It was recommended that the Board approve the change of status requests for the following individuals:

Instructional

Stacey Yunginger from a Grade 1 Teacher at Kissel Hill Elementary School, to a Pre-Kindergarten Teacher at Kissel Hill Elementary School, effective on the first day of the 2021/2022 school year. This change of status is necessary to support the new pre-kindergarten program.

Jessica Bigsby from a Liaison/Teacher for Elementary Virtual Academy at John Beck Elementary, John R. Bonfield Elementary, Kissel Hill Elementary, and Lititz Elementary Schools, to a Learning Support Teacher at Lititz Elementary School, effective March 17, 2021. Ms. Bigsby is returning to the position of Learning Support Teacher with some WVA responsibilities. This change of status is due to student enrollment.

Mr. Eppig moved, Mr. Peters seconded, the motion to approve the change of status requests, as presented.

On voice vote:

Ayes: Mr. Landis, Mr. Browne, Mr. Eppig, Mr. Knouse, Mrs. Miller
Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters, Mr. Rucci, and Mrs. Wenger

Abstain: None

Nays: None

Absent: None

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS

It was recommended that the Board approve the following leave of absence requests for the following individuals:

Instructional

Marianne Brobst is requesting a Family and Medical Leave of Absence (FMLA) to begin approximately May 24, 2021 and continue through approximately October 6, 2021. Mrs. Brobst is anticipating her return-to-work date as October 7, 2021, pending release by her doctor.

Alison Horning is requesting a Family and Medical Leave of Absence (FMLA) with concurrent Child Rearing Leave, to begin August 25, 2021, and continue through the end of the 2021/2022 school year. Mrs. Horning is anticipating her return-to-work date as the first day of the 2022/2023 school year, pending release by her doctor.

Ashlee Woolley is requesting a Family and Medical Leave of Absence (FMLA) with concurrent Child Rearing Leave, to begin May 27, 2021, and continue through November 30, 2021. Mrs. Woolley is anticipating her return-to-work date as December 1, 2021, pending release by her doctor.

Gina Diaz-Perez is requesting an extension of her previously approved Family and Medical Leave of Absence (FMLA), beginning February 22, 2021, and continuing through May 14, 2021. Mrs. Diaz-Perez is anticipating her return-to-work date as May 17, 2021, pending release by her doctor.

Constance Goebel is requesting an unpaid Leave of Absence, beginning April 7, 2021, and continuing through May 4, 2021. Ms. Goebel is anticipating her return-to-work date as May 5, 2021, pending release by her doctor. This is an extension of her previously approved Family and Medical Leave of Absence.

Non-Instructional

Stacy McSparran is requesting an extension of her previously unpaid Leave of Absence, beginning March 15, 2021, and continuing through March 31, 2021. Ms. McSparran is anticipating her return-to-work date as April 6, 2021, pending release by her doctor.

Mr. Eppig moved, Mr. Peters seconded, the motion to approve the leave of absence requests, as presented.

On voice vote:

Ayes: Mr. Landis, Mr. Browne, Mr. Eppig, Mr. Knouse, Mrs. Miller
Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters, Mr. Rucci, and Mrs. Wenger

Abstain: None

Nays: None

Absent: None

4. APPROVAL OF UPDATED PHASED SCHOOL REOPENING HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN AND UPDATED ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY INSTRUCTIONAL PLANS

It was recommended that the Board approve the updated Phased School Reopening Health and Safety Plan ([Link #1](#)); the updated Elementary Instructional Plan ([Link #2](#)); and the updated Secondary Instructional Plan ([Link #3](#)), as presented.

** Based on CDC and PDE recommendations, adjustments to the space recommendation from 6 feet distance to 3 feet distance for elementary classrooms and recess were made. Cafeteria and health suites will continue to adhere to 6 feet of distance per the recommendations. Secondary classrooms will remain spread as far apart as possible to reduce spread.*

Mr. Knouse shared that he has been asked about masking/non-masking and if there is any indication when the requirement could be lifted.

Dr. Hershey shared that we continue to follow the Department of Health and CDC guidelines for mitigation. There is no indication that the guidance is changing with regard to mask wearing. The efforts of everyone doing their part have kept the spread down and kept our students in school. Mitigation efforts will continue until guidance would direct otherwise.

Mr. Eppig moved, Mrs. Wenger seconded, the motion to approve the updates to the Phased School Reopening Health and Safety Plan, the Elementary Instructional Plan, and the Secondary Instructional Plan, as presented.

On voice vote:

Ayes: Mr. Landis, Mr. Browne, Mr. Eppig, Mr. Knouse, Mrs. Miller
Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters, Mr. Rucci, and Mrs. Wenger

Abstain: None

Nays: None

Absent: None

5. APPROVAL OF PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

It was recommended that the Board approve the addition of a Pre-Kindergarten Program at Kissel Hill Elementary effective for the 2021/2022 school year.

Mr. Peters shared his thankfulness for the early learning opportunities which Warwick offers.

Dr. Hershey shared that we are pleased to add this program for the 2021/2022 school year.

Mrs. Wenger moved, Mr. Browne seconded, the motion to approve the addition of a Pre-Kindergarten Program at Kissel Hill Elementary, as presented.

On voice vote:

Ayes: Mr. Landis, Mr. Browne, Mr. Eppig, Mr. Knouse, Mrs. Miller
Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters, Mr. Rucci, and Mrs. Wenger

Abstain: None

Nays: None

Absent: None

6. NON-RESIDENT TUITION STUDENT APPROVAL

It was recommended that the Board approve the non-resident tuition student request for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year as per [ATTACHMENT #1](#).

Mr. Eppig moved, Mrs. Wenger seconded, the motion to approve the non-resident tuition student request, as presented.

On voice vote:

Ayes: Mr. Landis, Mr. Browne, Mr. Eppig, Mr. Knouse, Mrs. Miller
Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters, Mr. Rucci, and Mrs. Wenger

Abstain: None

Nays: None

Absent: None

7. **BOARD POLICY REVISION – FIRST READING**

It was recommended that the Board approve, as a first reading, the policy revisions to the policies listed below, and as presented on [ATTACHMENT #2](#).

<u>Policy No.</u>	<u>Title</u>
137.1	Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students
150	Title I – Comparability of Services
335	Family and Medical Leaves (removal of attachment)
810.1	School Bus Drivers and School Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers

Mr. Eppig moved, Mr. Rucci seconded, the motion to approve, as a first reading, the policy revisions to the policies listed above, as presented.

On voice vote:

Ayes: Mr. Landis, Mr. Browne, Mr. Eppig, Mr. Knouse, Mrs. Miller
Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters, Mr. Rucci, and Mrs. Wenger

Abstain: None

Nays: None

Absent: None

8. **2021-22 PROPOSED FINAL GENERAL FUND BUDGET**

It was recommended that the Board approve the adoption of the 2021-22 Warwick School District Proposed Final General Fund Budget in the amount of \$79,135,339. There is no tax increase needed for the proposed final budget, which would keep the millage rate at 16.3711 as presented on [ATTACHMENT #3](#). (Note: The Finance & Legal Committee reviewed the proposed final budget and supports the recommendation)

Mr. Eppig moved, Mrs. Wenger seconded, the motion to approve the adoption of the 2021-22 Warwick School District Proposed Final General Fund Budget, as presented.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Landis, Mr. Browne, Mr. Eppig, Mr. Knouse, Mrs. Miller
Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters, Mr. Rucci and Mrs. Wenger

Abstain: None

Nays: None

Absent: None

9. **SUBSTITUTE GUEST TEACHER PROGRAM**

It was recommended that the Board approve the list of STS substitutes enrolled in the Guest Teacher program, as per [ATTACHMENT #4](#). A listing of active Guest Teachers will be updated on a quarterly basis as needed.

Mr. Rucci inquired regarding the district and substitute teachers.

Dr. Hershey shared that through STS, and building principals and other staff members helping to instruct classes when necessary, the District had no closures due to staffing shortages.

Mr. Eppig moved, Mrs. Wenger seconded, the motion to approve the list of STS substitutes enrolled in the Guest Teacher program, as presented.

On voice vote:

Ayes: Mr. Landis, Mr. Browne, Mr. Eppig, Mr. Knouse, Mrs. Miller
Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters, Mr. Rucci, and Mrs. Wenger

Abstain: None

Nays: None

Absent: None

10. **WARWICK WOODLANDS – SIGNAL EASEMENT APPROVAL**

It was recommended that the Board approve the Signal Easement for Warwick Woodlands with Lititz Borough, as per [ATTACHMENT #5](#).

Mr. Eppig moved, Mr. Peters seconded, the motion to approve the Signal Easement for Warwick Woodlands, as presented.

On voice vote:

Ayes: Mr. Landis, Mr. Browne, Mr. Eppig, Mr. Knouse, Mrs. Miller
Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters, Mr. Rucci, and Mrs. Wenger

Abstain: None

Nays: None

Absent: None

11. **SPECIAL EDUCATION CONSORTIUM SERVICES AGREEMENT**

It was recommended that the Board approve the Special Education Consortium Services Agreement with the IU13 effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, as presented on [ATTACHMENT #6](#).

Mr. Eppig moved, Mrs. Wenger seconded, the motion to approve the Special Education Consortium Services Agreement, as presented.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Landis, Mr. Browne, Mr. Eppig, Mr. Knouse, Mrs. Miller
Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters, Mr. Rucci, and Mrs. Wenger

Abstain: None

Nays: None

Absent: None

~~12. **EXTRA DUTY/EXTRA CURRICULAR CBA ADDENDUM FOR 2020-2021
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) APPROVAL**~~

~~It was recommended that the Board approve the Extra Duty/Extra Curricular CBA Addendum for 2020-2021 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), as per [ATTACHMENT #7](#).~~

Motion #12 was removed from consideration prior to the Board meeting, and no action was taken as a result.

13. **TRANSPORTATION SOFTWARE AGREEMENT APPROVAL**

It was recommended that the Board approve the new transportation software agreement with Transfinder, as presented on [ATTACHMENT #8](#).

Mr. Knouse asked for clarification as to whether the new software would bring about a change in the process for parents to request bus information.

Dr. Hershey stated that there would be no change in processes, and that parents should reach out to the transportation department for bussing information and changes. The software is a tool for bus routing.

Mr. Eppig moved, Mrs. Wenger seconded, the motion to approve the new transportation software agreement with Transfinder, as presented.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Landis, Mr. Browne, Mr. Eppig, Mr. Knouse, Mrs. Miller,
Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters, Mr. Rucci, and Mrs. Wenger

Abstain: None

Nays: None

Absent: None

Information from the Superintendent

Dr. Hershey shared the following items:

- Case counts are low in the district with the last case set to expire tomorrow. Currently having no cases means that the mitigation efforts that have been implemented are working. Thanks to the community, the staff, the students, and their families for continuing to stay vigilant.
- The Middle School Future City Team took second place in the nation at the recent national championship. Prior to this evening's meeting, their presentation was shown. Congratulations!
- Reminder – Please continue to give grace and kindness to all. Everyone is working hard to finish out the school year strong. The administration is working directly with the Senior class and the class officers to put together end of year activities including graduation.
- Huge thank you to the board and the community for all the support this year!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Student Representative

The student representative, Olivia Hartman, provided an overview of student activities across the district in April. *A copy of the Student Representative Report is attached to these Minutes.*

Building and Property Committee

The Building & Property Committee did not meet in April and did not have any recommendations for the Board at this time.

Education Committee

The Education Committee was held on April 12, 2021. Mrs. Leslie Pennkunas provided the welcome to the committee. Miss Olivia Hartman, Student Representative, provided an overview of district accomplishments. Mrs. Amy Balsbaugh provided an update to the Elementary Math Pilot, including a request to continue the pilot. Mr. Elton Sturges provided the final recommendation for ELA 7-12 resources. Mrs. Kelly Lutz reviewed the proposed course modification request for *Tools for Academic Success*. Mrs. Kate Rapp and Mr. Blake Bender presented an update to the Health curriculum in grades 7-12. Dr. Steven Szobocsan and Dr. Michelle Harris provided a presentation on transitioning the middle school to trimesters for 21/22 school year and the benefits to students, staff and the community. This would change student schedules and report card timelines for parents/guardians. Dr. Calender presented information on an update to the elementary Counseling curriculum in the areas of personal/social development. The committee had the following recommendations for Board approval:

1. It was recommended the board approve an extension of the math curriculum pilot in grades 3-6.

Mrs. Penkunas moved, Mrs. Wenger seconded, the motion to approve an extension of the math curriculum pilot in grades 3-6, as presented.

On voice vote:

Ayes: Mr. Landis, Mr. Browne, Mr. Eppig, Mr. Knouse, Mrs. Miller
Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters, Mr. Rucci, and Mrs. Wenger

Abstain: None

Nays: None

Absent: None

2. It was recommended that the board approve the ELA curriculum resource update for grades 7-12.

Mrs. Penkunas moved, Mrs. Wenger seconded, the motion to approve the ELA curriculum resource update for grades 7-12, as presented.

On voice vote:

Ayes: Mr. Landis, Mr. Browne, Mr. Eppig, Mr. Knouse, Mrs. Miller
Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters, Mr. Rucci, and Mrs. Wenger

Abstain: None

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Knouse asked for elaboration on the changes or updates with regard to these motions.

Dr. Calender provided an overview of the updates as they related to each of these motions. The most significant change is the transition from semesters to trimesters at the middle school.

3. It was recommended that the board approve the modified course Tools for Academic Success for grades 9-12.

Mrs. Penkunas moved, Mrs. Wenger seconded, the motion to approve the modified course Tools for Academic Success for grades 9-12, as presented.

On voice vote:

Ayes: Mr. Landis, Mr. Browne, Mr. Eppig, Mr. Knouse, Mrs. Miller
Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters, Mr. Rucci, and Mrs. Wenger

Abstain: None

Nays: None

Absent: None

4. It was recommended that the board approve the update to the Health curriculum for grades 7-12.

Mrs. Penkunas moved, Mrs. Wenger seconded, the motion to approve the update to the Health curriculum for grades 7-12, as presented.

On voice vote:

Ayes: Mr. Landis, Mr. Browne, Mr. Eppig, Mr. Knouse, Mrs. Miller
Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters, Mr. Rucci, and Mrs. Wenger

Abstain: None

Nays: None

Absent: None

5. It was recommended that the board approve the middle school transition to trimesters beginning in the 2021/2022 school year.

Mrs. Penkunas moved, Mrs. Wenger seconded, the motion to approve the update to the middle school transition to trimesters beginning in the 2021/2022 school year, as presented.

On voice vote:

Ayes: Mr. Landis, Mr. Browne, Mr. Eppig, Mr. Knouse, Mrs. Miller
Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters, Mr. Rucci, and Mrs. Wenger

Abstain: None

Nays: None

Absent: None

6. It was recommended that the board approve the update to the Counseling curriculum resource for personal/social development.

Mrs. Penkunas moved, Mrs. Wenger seconded, the motion to approve the update to the Counseling curriculum resource for personal/social development, as presented.

On voice vote:

Ayes: Mr. Landis, Mr. Browne, Mr. Eppig, Mr. Knouse, Mrs. Miller
Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters, Mr. Rucci, and Mrs. Wenger

Abstain: None

Nays: None

Absent: None

Finance and Legal Committee

The Finance & Legal Committee held a zoom meeting open to the public on Tuesday, April 6, 2021. The committee reviewed the 2021-22 IU13 budget, reviewed our 2021-22 Proposed Final General Fund budget, and reviewed budget transfers and obsolete equipment. The committee had the following recommendations for Board approval:

1. It was recommended that the Board approve the 2021-22 IU13 Core Program of Services and Instructional Media Services budget as presented on [ATTACHMENT #9](#).

Mr. Eppig moved, Mrs. Miller seconded, the motion to approve the 2021-22 IU13 Core Program of Services and Instructional Media Services budget, as presented.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Landis, Mr. Browne, Mr. Eppig, Mr. Knouse, Mrs. Miller
Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters, Mr. Rucci, and Mrs. Wenger

Abstain: None

Nays: None

Absent: None

2. It was recommended that the Board approve the 2020-21 budget transfers as presented on [ATTACHMENT #10](#).

Mr. Eppig moved, Mrs. Miller seconded, the motion to approve the 2020-21 budget transfers, as presented.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Landis, Mr. Browne, Mr. Eppig, Mr. Knouse, Mrs. Miller
Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters, Mr. Rucci, and Mrs. Wenger

Abstain: None

Nays: None

Absent: None

3. It was recommended that the Board approve the disposal of obsolete equipment as presented on [ATTACHMENT #11](#).

Mr. Eppig moved, Mrs. Miller seconded, the motion to approve the disposal of obsolete equipment, as presented.

On voice vote:

Ayes: Mr. Landis, Mr. Browne, Mr. Eppig, Mr. Knouse, Mrs. Miller
Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters, Mr. Rucci, and Mrs. Wenger

Abstain: None

Nays: None

Absent: None

Student Activities Committee

The Student Activities Committee did not meet in April and did not have any recommendations for the Board at this time.

Executive Session/Personnel Committee

It was announced that the Board met in executive session prior to this Board meeting, and that there would be a meeting immediately following this meeting to discuss various personnel matters.

Labor and Management Committee

It was reported that no meeting was held in April.

Lititz Recreation Center Representative

It was reported that no meeting was held in April.

Legislative Committee

It was reported that the State Education Committee will be meeting this week. Many bills are being presented in the House and Senate, such as: HB358 – Dual Enrollment; HB602 – CT Investment bill; HB1013 – HS Transcripts (adding CTC info to HS transcripts); HB1041 – Homeschool Students and CTE’s; SB248 – Veteran Recognition in Schools; and SB381 – Substitute Teacher Program (Act 86 of 2016). Charter school reform remains in the forefront of discussion. Members were encouraged to reach out to local legislators to share thoughts on bills, specifically with regard to dual enrollment.

IU Representative

It was reported that a meeting was held on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, virtually. The evening began with committee meetings at 6:30 p.m. followed by an Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. and then the full board meeting at 7:30 p.m. The meeting included regular business items. The attachments and information were shared with Board Members via email. An Assistant Executive Director was hired and will begin on June 14, 2021. Matt Stem will be the Assistant Executive Director. He is the former State Deputy Secretary of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Lancaster County Career and Technology Center Representative

It was reported that a meeting was held on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at the Willow Street campus. An Executive Session was held prior to the regular meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters. The regular meeting included approval of the 2021 practical nursing calendar for 235 days (rather than 189); information on enrollments for the 2021/2022 school year; information on a CIP code change for a program; social/emotional learning activity days; updates to the Strategic Planning Guide; payment of bills; and hiring. It was noted that the typical waitlist for the Health Care program was non-existent for the next year, and that Gabrielle Wenger from Warwick was one of the February Students of the Month.

PRIOR BUSINESS

Based on new information since a vote was taken, and in consultation with the district solicitor, it was recommended that the Board approve the rescinding of the agreement with LRCDC and the termination of the RCAP application which was approved on March 16, 2021.

Mr. Rucci moved, Mrs. Penkunas seconded, the motion to approve the rescinding of the agreement and the termination of the application, as presented.

On voice vote:

Ayes: Mr. Landis, Mr. Browne, Mr. Eppig, Mr. Knouse, Mrs. Miller
Mrs. Penkunas, Mr. Peters, Mr. Rucci, and Mrs. Wenger

Abstain: None

Nays: None

Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS

None.

INFORMATION

None.

COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM BOARD MEMBERS OR CITIZENS


Mr. Landis thanked everyone for joining tonight’s meeting. He expressed thanks to everyone (staff, administration, teachers, students, community) for their efforts to stay healthy and keep everyone safe throughout the pandemic.

Mr. Landis shared that he participated in BizTown mock interviews at Lititz Elementary last week. The 6th Grade students are an impressive crew. It was a great experience.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Olivia Hartman moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Peters seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janice Boyer, Board Secretary

Student Representative Report

By Olivia Hartman

Reported at the April 20, 2021 Board of School Directors meeting.

- **High School**

- We are excited to share some of our student's artwork in the District Art Walk that is taking place downtown. We are thankful for so many businesses being willing to partner with us to make this event possible. We have wrapped up the third marking period and only have one more to go this year- this is really hard to believe. We are preparing for all of our end-of-the-year activities, testing, and celebrations that are coming up. As well as this our 12 queen of candles candidates have been selected.

- **Middle School**

- We are beginning transition meetings as we prepare for our rising 7th graders and get ready to send our current 8th graders off to high school. The WMS Future City team competed virtually in nationals and placed 2nd overall! They also received two individual awards for Best Project Presentation and Best Transportation Design.

- **Lititz El**

- **Kissel Hill**

- 1. Kissel Hill's digital Career Day was April 16th
- 2. Students in grades 3 - 6 began their PSSA exams the week of April 19th.
- 3. High School Student Michah Afutiti presented Mr. Berkey with a number of cornhole sets, as well as our whole staff with a picnic table for our courtyard. He built all of this with a small team of Scouts as part his Eagle Scout project.

- **Beck**

- John Beck was excited to start the month of April off with the virtual NED assembly. NED stands for Never Give Up, Encourage Others and Do Your Best! The assembly emphasized that mistakes are opportunities to learn and we need to have an "I can" attitude. This assembly emphasized many of the strategies we talk about in our SEAD lessons.
- As part of Career Awareness, Mrs. Heckman has coordinated Career and College Exploration Week 4/12 - 4/16.
- Students' learning in grades 3-6 will be assessed through the PSSA's

- **Bonfield**

- Over the last month, we have had productive days of learning at JRB. We celebrated Pennsylvania SEL Day, by surprising students in each homeroom with an age appropriate Break Out room collaborative activity, focusing on different skills. Students in grades K-4 had the opportunity to participate in a virtual assembly with Warwick graduate, Jesse Rothacker, and his Forgotten Friends reptile show. Students are ready to show what they know on this year's upcoming PSSA testing.