

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LANCASTER SCHOOL BOARD
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Regular Meeting
February 15, 2011

The School District of Lancaster School Board held a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Elizabeth Martin Elementary School, 1990 Wabank Road, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Attendance of the Board was as follows:

Mr. Richard Caplan, President
Mrs. Barbara Boben
Mr. Charlie Crystle, Jr.
Mr. Todd Heath
Mrs. Stacey Marten
Mr. Harvey Miller
Mrs. Linda Troublefield Owens
Mr. Michael Rowen - Absent
Ms. Janelle M. Simms

Officers: Mr. Pedro Rivera, Superintendent
Mr. Matt Przywara, Treasurer
Mrs. Colleen Marshall, Secretary

Legal Counsel: Mr. Robert Frankhouser, Solicitor

Student Board Member: Miss Alvia Urdaneta

2/15/2011: CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by President Caplan. Roll call was answered by: *Directors Boben, Caplan, Crystle, Heath, Marten, Miller, Owens, and Simms – 8; Absent: Rowen – 1.*

Barbara Andrews, Principal of Elizabeth Martin Elementary School, welcomed everyone in attendance and gave a brief overview of the school. A group of students and staff from the school sang for everyone in attendance and lead them in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Patricia Sapone, Joan Hyman, Florence Kiscadden and Mary Zimmerman.

President Caplan announced the Board of School Directors met in Executive Session on January 30, 2011 and February 15, 2011 for the purpose of discussing matters involving employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of performance, promotion, or disciplining of specific or prospective officers or employees and for the purpose of sharing and discussing information and strategy concerning potential litigation.

2/15/2011: ADDENDUMS AND CORRECTIONS: None

CALL TO ORDER

**ADDENDUMS AND
CORRECTIONS**

2/15/2011: APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Following a motion by Director Boben and seconded by Director Heath, the agenda was approved as follows: *Aye: Directors Boben, Caplan, Crystle, Heath, Marten, Miller, Owens, and Simms – 8; Nay – 0.*

2/15/2011: PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS: Mr. Larry Mays and Dr. Paula Wilson commented regarding Item 9E – Adoption of School District of Lancaster 2011-2012 Preliminary Budget. Dr. Wilson read a prepared letter to the Board of Directors stating the Leadership Team is proposing at 0% pay increase for all LTL members to help lessen the burden on the District budget.

Anna Smith, Springhouse Road, asked that the Board look at the budget very closely and at the positions to be cut. She questioned why we have contracts in place for consultant's paying them a lot of money per day.

2/15/2011: SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Due to the weather, students were unable to attend last month's Board Meeting to present their artwork for School Director Recognition Month. The Board of Directors each received a piece of artwork as a token of appreciation from the following students:

Student	School and Grade	Art Teacher
Lejla Behric	Martin – 3 rd Grade	Gaylen Bray
Zeizhan Makhmudova	McCaskey East – 12 th Grade	Scott Wenger
Yomarelis Perez-Santi	King – 4 th Grade	Joe Garfinkel
Frankie Ortiz	Lincoln – 7 th Grade	Kathy Beyer
Curtis Keyes	Buchanan – 4 th Grade	Karen Labiak
Christian Rodriguez	Price – 3 rd Grade	Michelle Gerideau
Chantel Laureano	Burrowes – 4 th Grade	Stephanie Mowery
Jeremiah Bynum	Wickersham – K5	Karen Mastropietro
Christina Flood	Reynods – 6 th Grade	Stephanie Lapp

Congratulations to our District Grand Spelling Bee Champion, Willie Guerrero, an 8th grader at Wheatland Middle School. Sixth grader Gabriel Pabon from Lincoln Middle School was the runner-up. These students will move on to the Written Spelling Bee on February 23 at Conestoga Valley Middle School. Winners from the written test will participate in the County-wide Spelling Bee in March.

Congratulations are in order for McCaskey's 2011 "Poetry Out Loud" contestant winners. Katherine Rodriguez is the McCaskey East Champion, and William (Bill) Kelly is both the JP and McCaskey Overall Champion. Bill will go on to represent McCaskey at the regional finals this Wednesday, February 16 at Millersville University.

Reynolds Middle School was awarded a 2011 Distinguished Middle School SAP (Student Assistance Professionals) Team of the Year Award. This award is presented to a Student Assistance Team that has gone above and beyond to identify barriers of learning. On behalf of the Board and the District, Superintendent Rivera presented a commendation to Principal Mark Simms, the Reynolds SAP Team and Amy Marenick.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENTS
REGARDING AGENDA
ITEMS

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

The District will be closed on Monday, February 21 in observance of President's Day. To make up the four snow days, schools will now be in session on March 11, May 17, June 10 and June 13. Any additional days will be added in June.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**
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This past Sunday, the award recipients of the Lancaster County Scholastic Writing Contest were recognized at Lincoln Middle School. The McCaskey Campus had 27 entries and received 1 Gold, 5 Silver and 8 Honorable Mentions. Wheatland Middle School had 9 entries and was awarded 1 Gold, 1 Silver and 3 Honorable Mentions. This is a significant increase from last year!

Sports Update:

Congratulations to the Men's Basketball Team for recently capturing the Lancaster-Lebanon Section 1 Championship! They play Lampeter Strasburg tomorrow evening at Elizabethtown for the semi-finals of the league playoffs. If we win, we will play in the finals at 7:00 p.m. on Friday at Manheim Township.

The competition cheerleading squad took 2nd place in their division at the competition that was held at the Marriot on February 5th.

Ronnie Gant and Devin Anderson were named Section 1 First Team All Stars in wrestling.

Tanner Schickel, Lindsey Angelo and Jason Snyder each qualified for bowling regionals which will be held in Philadelphia this weekend.

The Superintendent thanked the Act 93 employees for making sacrifices and taking on additional responsibilities to assist with the District running more efficiently and for making a huge impact on the lives of our students every day.

Capital Improvement Plan Update:

Washington is on schedule to turn over the remaining section of the old building for renovations at the end of this month. Lafayette continues progress with the next major space turnover in April. Wharton is continuing with work in the last new addition area. Ross is substantially completed with exceptions of some basement mechanical and storage rooms.

The administrative move from Scheffey to Carter & MacRae will take place next month. This move will allow for construction to begin at the Lincoln Annex this spring with an anticipated opening in September 2011. PLANCON A, Project justification for the Lincoln Annex and Rockland Center, has been submitted to PDE.

2/15/2011: STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

MIDDLE SCHOOLS:

Hand

Edward Hand has begun February Fever for all students. Homeroom and grade level teams earn points for behavior, academic grades and other positive categories. A highlight so far has been "Dress for Success" day where students were permitted to dress up as opposed to dressing down. Students really enjoyed dressing up to come to school.

**STUDENT BOARD
REPRESENTATIVE
REPORT**

Edward Hand will be holding its first annual 6th grade math academy. Using PVAAS, 4sight and PSSA data, students have been targeted to participate in a meta-cognitive math learning experience that will involve small group problem solving, physical fitness and peer teaching to solidify math concepts in preparation for the PSSA.

Seventh and eighth grade students have also been targeted according to the above mentioned data points to receive small group intervention teams in order to work on math skills. Students are provided three additional hours of math instruction per week and can earn school rewards if they complete an additional two hours of independent practice at home.

Lincoln

On February 24, 97 students will be honored at the 2nd marking period honor roll dinner. Those students earned all A's and B's through the second marking period.

Throughout the first semester, 33 students were honored for perfect attendance at Lincoln Middle School.

Reynolds

Sixth grader Cassandra Kuhns received 1st place for her Clear Toy Candy Company advertisement for the Newspaper in Education contest. Her advertisement will be featured in the March insert.

Sixth grader Elena Harnish placed 2nd in Digital Photography at the regional competition for Technology Student Association. She will advance to the State competition that will be held at Seven Springs, PA.

Wheatland

The Wheatland drumline and cheerleaders will participate with the students from Carter & MacRae Elementary school in a commercial being produced by Capital Blue Cross.

The following Wheatland students earned recognition in the Scholastic Writing Contest:

Gold Key: Martha Boben

Silver Key: Logan Santiago

Certificate of Merit: Breanna Peris; Maureena Sok; Rebecca Coder

HIGH SCHOOL:

As for the JP McCaskey High School Campus, the past month brought a close to midterm season and the beginning of preparation for the PSSA's, including the application of the PSSA homerooms. Seniors are beginning to receive letters of admittance to the colleges and universities they have applied to, and the campus is doing a great job of supporting these students with workshops and informational sessions once again on the FASFA form and Now Scholarships as well as along with an on-site admission's day with several schools this Friday.

The Campus would like to congratulate Israel Gonzalez on making Region V state band festival. It has been five years since a member of the McCaskey band qualified for this event! There are also several students attending the PMEA Regional V Chorus

festival, including William Brodas, Kevin Frey, Nicholas Corrdeo and Alexander Gawn.

We would also like to congratulate the Tornado Bowlers on making Eastern Regionals!

Of course congratulations are in order for the Tornados Basketball Team! The campus will be providing transportation via the Spirit Bus for students who wish to go to the second round of the LL League Play Offs at Elizabethtown High School tomorrow night.

This Saturday the Campus will be celebrating Valentine's Day with the Cupids Bash Dance. Students who are attending the basketball game will be permitted to enter for free if they bring their ticket stub.

2/15/2011: CONSENT AGENDA: Director Simms requested that Consent Agenda Items (3) and (4) be voted on separately. She asked that the Board reconsider sending four Board Members to the NSBA Conference in April and sending Mrs. Owens to the Annual Legislative/Policy Conference in March. Because of the financial situation with the District, she suggested that one person attend the NSBA Conference and that should be someone who did not attend last year or to not have anyone attend in efforts to save money. Director Marten asked if the Board could reconsider their plans in March based on our economic situation. President Caplan stated he felt we could cancel the plans to attend the conference and we would lose our deposits but save the transportation costs.

Director Heath made a motion to approve Items (1), (2) and (5) of the Consent Agenda as follows:

- (1) Approval of Minutes: January 18, 2011 Regular Meeting
- (2) Personnel Recommendations
- (3) Permission for the following Board Members to attend the National School Board Association (NSBA) Conference in San Francisco, CA in April:
 - Richard Caplan
 - Charles Crystle, Jr.
 - Harvey Miller
 - Stacey Marten
- (4) Permission for Linda Owens to attend the Annual Legislative/Policy Conference in Washington, D.C. in March
- (5) Educational Excellence Contracts/Agreements:
 1. Boys and Girls Club of Lancaster County – Master Agreement
 2. Compass Mark – Master Agreement
 3. Heads Up! – Master Agreement
 4. District Management Council – Master Agreement

The motion was seconded by Director Owens and approved by the following vote:
Aye: Directors Boben, Caplan, Crystle, Heath, Marten, Miller, Owens and Simms – 8; Recuse: – 0.

**STUDENT BOARD
REPRESENTATIVE
REPORT (cont.)**

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes
Personnel Recommendations
Conference Approvals

Educational Excellence
Contracts/Agreements

Item (3), Permission for the following Board Members to attend the National School Board Association (NSBA) Annual Conference in San Francisco, CA in April: Richard Caplan, Charles Crystle, Jr., Harvey Miller and Stacey Marten was approved by the following vote: *Aye: Directors Caplan, Crystle, Marten, and Owens – 4; Nay: Heath and Simms – 2; Abstain: Boben and Miller – 2.*

Item (4), Permission for Linda Owens to attend the Annual Legislative/Policy Conference in Washington, D.C. in March was approved by the following vote: *Aye: Directors Crystle, Marten, Miller and Owens – 4; Nay: Boben, Heath and Simms – 3; Abstain: Caplan – 1.*

2/15/2011: EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE:

Director Marten made a motion to approve the following agenda item from the Educational Excellence Committee Report:

- A. Approval of Minutes: February 3, 2011 Meeting

Director Heath seconded the motion, and it was approved as follows: *Aye: Directors Boben, Caplan, Crystle, Heath, Marten, Miller, Owens and Simms – 8; Recuse: – 0.*

Director Marten discussed the IU 13 Cyber School options for the School District. Superintendent Rivera stated that this would be in place of what was discussed last year at a greater cost savings and greater flexibility in terms of course offerings. This would be a county-wide system. There is no obligation at this point.

Director Miller made a motion to approve the following agenda item from the Educational Excellence Committee Report:

- B. Approval of Observation/Supervision/Evaluation Plan Revisions (OSE)

Director Marten seconded the motion, and it was approved as follows: *Aye: Directors Boben, Caplan, Crystle, Heath, Marten, Miller, Owens and Simms – 8; Recuse: – 0.*

2/15/2011: FINANCE AND OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Director Heath made a motion to approve agenda items A, B, C, and F from the Finance and Operations Management Committee Report:

- A. Approval of Minutes: February 2, 2011 Meeting
- B. Approval of Change Orders for Phase I Projects:
 - 1. Lafayette Elementary School – Not to Exceed \$200,000.00
- C. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports
- D. Adoption of Lancaster County Career and Technology Center 2011-2012 Budget
- E. Adoption of School District of Lancaster 2011-2012 Preliminary Budget
- F. Approval of PLANCON Part A – Lincoln Annex/Rockland Center

The motion was seconded by Director Simms and approved by the following vote: *Aye: Directors Boben, Caplan, Crystle, Heath, Marten, Miller, Owens and Simms – 8; Nay – 0.*

CONSENT AGENDA
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**EDUCATIONAL
EXCELLENCE
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Minutes

OSE Plan Revisions

**FINANCE AND
OPERATIONS
MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Minutes

Change Orders

Monthly Financial Reports
LCCTC 2011-2012 Budget

SDoL 2011-2012
Preliminary Budget
PLANCON Part A

Director Miller made a motion to approve agenda item D, Adoption of Lancaster County Career and Technology Center 2011-2012 Budget, from the Finance and Operations Management Committee Report. The motion was seconded by Director Marten and approved by the following vote: *Aye: Directors Boben, Caplan, Crystle, Heath, Marten, Miller and Owens – 7; Nay – 0; Recuse: Simms – 1.*

FINANCE AND OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT
(cont.)

Matt Przywara distributed preliminary estimates with respect to the 2011-2012 Preliminary Budget for the District. Director Heath stated the District does not anticipate getting a 5% tax increase but rather a 3% increase.

Director Owens made a motion to approve agenda item E, Adoption of School District of Lancaster 2011-2012 Preliminary Budget, from the Finance and Operations Management Committee Report. The motion was seconded by Director Heath and approved by the following vote: *Aye: Directors Boben, Caplan, Crystle, Heath, Marten, Miller, Owens and Simms – 8; Nay – 0.*

2/15/2011: PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT: Director Crystle reviewed the minutes of the February 7, 2011 committee meeting.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT REPORT

Following a motion by Director Boben and seconded by Director Simms, the meeting minutes were approved as follows: *Aye: Directors Boben, Caplan, Crystle, Heath, Marten, Miller, Owens and Simms – 8; Nay – 0.*

2/15/2011: DISCUSSION ITEMS: None.

DISCUSSION

2/15/2011: DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

DISCUSSION/ACTION

Director Boben made a motion to approve all payments in Item 12 (A) with the exception of the following:

A. Approval of Payments – Invoice #00322399 and #WFFA0121 for Fulton Financial Advisors; #00322400 and #00322711 for Lancaster County CTC; #00322714 for Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13; and #WSTS0119, #WSTS0122 and #WSTS0205 for Substitute Teacher Service; and #00009326 for Hempfield School District. The motion was seconded by Director Miller and approved by the following vote: *Aye: Directors Boben, Caplan, Crystle, Heath, Marten, Miller, Owens and Simms – 8; Nay: – 0.*

Payments (Invoice Listings)

Director Heath made a motion to approve Invoice #00009326 for Hempfield School District. The motion was seconded by Director Owens and approved by the following vote: *Aye: Directors Boben, Caplan, Crystle, Heath, Miller, Owens and Simms – 7; Recuse: Marten – 1.*

Director Marten made a motion to approve #00322399 and #WFFA0121 for Fulton Financial Advisors. The motion was seconded by Director Simms and approved by the following vote: *Aye: Directors Caplan, Crystle, Heath, Marten, Miller, Owens and Simms – 7; Recuse: Boben – 1.*

Director Heath made a motion to approve Invoice #00322400 and #00322711 for Lancaster County CTC; #00322714 for Lancaster Lebanon IU13; #WSTS0119, #WSTS0122 and #WSTS0205 for Substitute Teacher Service. The motion was

seconded by Director Owens and approved by the following vote: *Aye: Directors Boben, Caplan, Crystle, Heath, Marten, Miller and Owens – 7; Recuse: Simms – 1.*

B. Judiciary Report – Director Heath made a motion to approve the Judiciary Report, as amended with Item No. 2 to be revised stating January 13, 2011 to January 13, 2012. The motion was seconded by President Caplan and approved as follows: *Aye: Directors Boben, Caplan, Crystle, Heath, Marten, Owens and Simms – 7; Nay – 0; Recuse: Miller – 1.*

C. L₃ACS Charter School Application – Attorney Frankhouser explained the background on the Charter School Application received by the District. Director Heath made a motion to adopt the Adjudication dated February 15, 2011 denying the Application to issue a charter to the Lancaster Leadership and Learning Academy Charter School. The motion was seconded by Director Crystle and approved by the following vote: *Aye: Directors Boben, Caplan, Crystle, Heath, Marten, Miller, Owens and Simms – 8.*

President Caplan clarified for the public that the legal reason for the denial of the charter includes the fact that L₃ACS did not provide the School Board with a petition signed by 50% of the teaching staff of the Phoenix Academy or with a petition signed by 50% of the parents or guardians of the students attending the Phoenix Academy in support of the conversion of the existing school to a charter school.

The second basis for the denial was a concern by Board Members that there was not an adequate showing of the merger of the two schools, Phoenix Academy and Buerhle, that was in the best interest of the students for both schools.

2/15/2011: REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:

Director Marten stated that she attended the presentation by Gary McCartney, a Superintendent in New Jersey. The discussion involved the cost control measures in New Jersey.

Director Crystle stated that the fundraising efforts are moving along for the Foundation. Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader Fundraiser is on April 29th. In addition, there is a corvette raffle currently taking place and the winner will be drawn at the event on the 29th.

2/15/2011: OLD BUSINESS: None.

2/15/2011: NEW BUSINESS: None.

2/15/2011: INFORMATION: President Caplan announced Case New Holland donated 50 guest chairs with an estimated value of \$100 each totaling \$5,000 to the School District of Lancaster.

2/15/2011: PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Anna Smith, Springhouse Road, feels the Basketball Team did not receive enough credit. She has concerns regarding Board Policies being made and then in her opinion, not followed. She commented regarding the Board's request for public involvement with the District and that the public is not allowed to comment at the Work Session Meetings. She has concerns with the budget and the Board spending.

Payments (Invoice Listings)
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JUDICIARY REPORT

**L₃ACS CHARTER
SCHOOL APPLICATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE
REPORTS**
IU 13

LFEE

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

INFORMATION

PUBLIC COMMENTS

2/15/2011: ADJOURNMENT: President Caplan adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m. on a motion by Director Heath, seconded by Director Marten. **ADJOURNMENT**

Attest:

Colleen R. Marshall
Board Secretary