

**MANHEIM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEETING**

**District Office
March 19, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Nikki Rivera, President, called the Board Meeting of the Manheim Township Board of School Directors to order at 7:01 p.m. School Directors present were Janet Carroll (via ZOOM), Sara Grosh, Stephen Grosh, JoAnn Hentz, Curtis Holgate (via ZOOM), Nikki Rivera, John Smith, Joyce Stephens and April Weaver (via ZOOM). Also present were Dr. Robin Felty, Superintendent; and Jennifer Davidson, Board Secretary.

Absences:

Visitors present are recorded in the official school board guest book. A quorum was present, and due notice had been published.

Pledge of Allegiance	Mrs. Rivera led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three Board Members (Janet Carroll, Curtis Holgate and April Weaver) are joining via ZOOM and the remaining six board members are present for a physical quorum.• March 24th gathering with Manheim Township Board of Commissioners is canceled.• Thank you to the District Office staff for preparing the Board Room to accommodate this evening's meeting.
Presentations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs. Robbins, Dr. Reimann and Dr. Felty provided a 2020-21 Budget Review
Roll Call Vote	Mrs. Rivera announced that unless otherwise stated, each vote taken at this meeting will be considered a roll call vote and the secretary will record any negative votes or abstentions.
Manheim Township Citizens Comments	Mrs. Rivera invited citizens in the audience to comment on any item on the agenda. No comments
Approval/Modification of Agenda	Mrs. Rivera asked if there were any agenda items that should be removed from the consent portion of the agenda. On motion by Joyce Stephens and seconded by John Smith, the agenda passes 9-0.
Consent Agenda	On motion by Joyce Stephens and seconded by John Smith the consent agenda passes 9-0 with Joann Hentz pulling C, D, E, and L. <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Recommend approval of the Treasurer's ReportB. Recommend approval of the Personnel ReportC. Approve Candoris & SL Technology to provide professional services around the district's migration from MicroFocus OES to Active Directory, implementation of Office 365, and creation of an Identity Management System - ITEM PULLED

- D. Approve ePLUS & KIT proposals to obtain new network switching, data cabling, and uninterruptable power supplies across the entire district, utilizing Capital Reserve and ERate Category 2 funds for the 2020-21 Funding Year – ITEM PULLED
- E. Approve both the Comcast EPL Service for a term of 12 month and the Letter of Commitment with IU13 for a term of 240 months - ITEM PULLED
- F. Approve the one-year extension request for Act 93 Agreement
- G. Approve the one-year extension request for Act 93 Specialist Agreement
- H. Resolution Calling for Charter School Funding Reform
- I. Approve the Resolution that allows the LCCTC to refund the 2017 Note
- J. Approve the Settlement Order and Stipulation Agreement between the Manheim Township School District and Bent Creek Country Club
- K. Approve year 2 of a partnership between the Manheim Township School District, NuPaths, and Harrisburg University for the 2020-2021 school year to bring the “Digital Marketing Pathway” program to up to 21 MTHS students
- L. Award the High School Fields I, J and K Synthetic Turf Replacement contract to Field Turf-USA, Inc. for their 50-oz turf product in the amount of \$668,000.00 – ITEM PULLED
- M. Approve a non-school district funded proposal for installation of all-sports wall (at the MTHS athletic complex) permitting administration to pursue bids for purchase and installation of all-sports wall on Fields I & J
- N. Approve the recommended field trips
- O. Second reading and final approval of the following policies:
 - Policy 121 – Field Trips
 - Policy 233 – Suspension and Expulsion
 - Policy 911 – News Media Relations
 - Policy 912 – Relations with Educational Institutions
 - Policy 914 – Relations With Intermediate Units
 - Policy 916 – Volunteers
 - Policy 917 – Parent/Family Involvement
 - Policy 919 – District/School Report Card ELIMINATION
- P. First reading of the following policies with final approval in April:
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 - Policy 222 – Tobacco and Vaping Products - PUPILS
 - Policy 323 – Tobacco and Vaping Products - EMPLOYEES
 - Policy 707 – Use of School Facilities
 - Policy 904 – Public Attendance at School Events

Items Pulled for Consideration

- On motion by Joyce Stephens and seconded by John Smith to approve Items C, D and E. Mr. Dan Lyons, Director of Technology, clarified where the funds are coming from for these items. Motion carries 9-0.
- On motion by JoAnn Hentz and seconded by John Smith to approve Item L. The Board discussed the cost and possibility of postponing the turf field. Motion carries 9-0.

Other Recommended Actions

- Stephen Grosh moved and Joyce Stephens seconded the approval of the Secretary’s minutes of the February 13, 2020 Board Work Session and the regular meeting of the Board of School Directors on February 20, 2020. Motion passes 9-0.
- On motion by Joyce Stephens and seconded by John Smith to authorize the following in response to the Governor-ordered closure of public schools or ten (10) school days, beginning March 16, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic:
 - The payment of non-essential support and confidential staff at their regular rate of pay for the time period of March 16 through March 29, 2020, subject to the requirement and understanding that said personnel will work make-up days scheduled later in the current school year in compliance with any applicable laws, collective bargaining

- agreements or other binding contractual commitments.
- The District Superintendent is authorized to designate essential staff members to work during the aforementioned school closure to ensure continuing District operations, subject to the following conditions: (a) CDC recommended precautions shall be taken to protect the health and safety of essential staff members working in school facilities to limit potential COVID-19 exposure; (b) working from home should be considered when practical to reduce the need for essential staff members in “at risk” medical categories to leave their homes; (c) essential staff members shall be paid in accordance with all applicable laws, collective bargaining agreements or other binding contractual commitments.
- The District Superintendent is authorized to take necessary and appropriate actions regarding personnel matters, subject to final ratification by the School Board at its next public meeting. Any such actions shall be reported to the School Board promptly, and not considered to be final and binding until approval is obtained at a public meeting in compliance with the Sunshine Act.
- Nothing in this motion is intended to conflict with any binding emergency declaration provision made by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or the President of the United States concerning the COVID-19 pandemic.

Motion passes 9-0.

Superintendent’s Report

- Dr. Felty shared that the Leadership team is continuing to plan for students arriving back into the district on March 30, 2020. Plant Services has been deep cleaning the schools. Food Services has been preparing and distributing breakfast and lunch grab-and-go bags to our families. At this time we have distributed 677 bagged lunches at Bucher and Schaeffer Elementary. The district is waiting for direction from the Governor regarding 180-day requirements. At this time, Governor Wolf has cancelled PSSA and Keystone testing for the 2019-20 school year.

New Business

- No new business

Board Member Reports

- Student Representatives – No report.
- Mrs. Carroll – Envisions Board approved their staff will be paid for the next two weeks. Commendations to Dr. Felty and team for continuing communication and hard work during this time.
- Ms. Grosh – LRIS update was provided; PSBA update provided on 180-day discussion, cleaning items for the schools.
- Mr. Grosh – Neff Elementary newsletter to be emailed.
- Mrs. Hentz – LCA held a board meeting. The audit was received and Manheim Township enrollment is up. Reidenbaugh update was provided.
- Mr. Holgate – No report for Manheim Township Board of Commissioners. Bucher update was provided.
- Mrs. Rivera – LLIU13 held the reinventing Learning Showcase last week. Middle School update was provided.
- Dr. Smith – MT Parks and Rec Aquatics Guide was mailed; First Annual Egg Hunt is cancelled. High School update was provided.
- Mrs. Stephens – LCCTC: thank you for approving the Bond Refunding; a Manheim Township student was recognized as the student of the month; no update on Brecht Elementary.
- Mrs. Weaver – MTEF Board Meeting will be held remotely; Education Forecast will be postponed to fall; Jenny Germann will be working remotely; Nitrauer update was provided.

Citizens’ Comments

- No comments.

Adjournment

Stephen Grosh moved and John Smith seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:34 pm.

Voice vote with all members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Nikki Rivera, President

Jennifer R. Davidson, Secretary