

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

**District Office
November 19, 2020
7:00 p.m.
VIA ZOOM**

M I N U T E S

Nikki Rivera, President, called the Board Meeting of the Manheim Township Board of School Directors to order at 7:03 p.m. School Directors present via ZOOM were Janet Carroll, Sara Grosh, Stephen Grosh, JoAnn Hentz, Curtis Holgate, Nikki Rivera, John Smith, Joyce Stephens and April Weaver. Dr. Robin Felty, Superintendent and Jennifer Davidson, Board Secretary were also present via ZOOM.

Absences:

As noted in the announcements listed below, visitors are participating via livestream. At this time, the district does not have visitors logged into the official school board guestbook, however, participants are noted in the public comment section of the minutes. A quorum was present via livestream, and due notice had been published.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Rivera led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements

- Board of School Directors held an Executive Session prior to the School Board Meeting this evening for the following purpose: consulting with our legal counsel or other professional advisors regarding information or strategy in connection with litigation or with issues on which identifiable complaints are expected to be filed. And reviewing and discussing agency business with our legal counsel to receive legal advice which, if conducted in public, would violate a lawful privilege or lead to the disclosure of information or confidentiality protected by law.
- Mrs. Rivera thanked the community members that attended the Community Conversations last Saturday.
- The Manheim Township School Board would like to pay tribute to Mrs. Alexandra Chitwood through Hospice and Community Cares Light Up A Life Tribute. Each year, Hospice places delicate white lights on the trees on Good Drive. There will be a virtual event held on December 2nd and you can visit the trees from December 3rd through December 31st at 6PM – 9PM.
- Thank you to all of the community members who attend and view our School Board Meetings. It was clarified that during citizens comments, there is no response during the meeting, however, the appropriate department or person will follow up if there is a need for response. Mrs. Rivera clarified the differences between citizen’s comments during the Board Work Session and during the School Board Voting Meeting.
- Mrs. Rivera shared her response to the multiple citizens that emailed the School Board Members regarding Item 10b.

Presentations:

- Ms. Bash presented the Neff Elementary Employee of the Month, Shawn Seibert, Custodian

- Administration recognized and honored our retirees
- Mr. Darkey provided an update of the Middle School Construction Project
- The High School Representatives gave their report early (listed below)

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' and district employees' in the audience to comment on any item on the agenda. A spreadsheet with names and addresses is available.

- Nicole Vazquez spoke in favor of the district moving to remote until Martin Luther King Day (January 18th)
- Teddy Vazquez spoke in favor of the district moving to remote until Martin Luther King Day (January 18th)
- Jon Sensenig spoke in favor of the district remaining in-person.
- Meredith Steidler spoke in favor of the district remaining in-person.
- Daniel Maddox spoke in favor of the district remaining in-person for elementary.
- Chris Moritzen spoke in favor of the district remaining in-person
- Samuel Haines spoke in favor of the district remaining in-person
- Brooke Zoltowski spoke in favor of the district remaining in-person
- John Farrell spoke in favor of the district offering a full high school experience for every student
- Allison Noecker spoke in favor of the district moving to remote until January 18th
- Lynn Ressler spoke in favor of the district remaining in-person
- Brian Booker spoke in favor of the district moving to remote until January 18th
- Samantha McNally spoke in favor of the district moving to remote until January 18th
- Alison Bucher spoke in favor of the district remaining in-person
- Jessica Kahler spoke in favor of the district moving to remote until January 18th
- Rachel Brinton spoke in favor of the district remaining in-person
- Stella Sexton spoke in favor of the district remaining in-person
- Betsy Jaquith spoke in favor of the district remaining in-person
- Zachary Wiegand spoke in favor of the district moving to remote until January 18th
- Adam Hosey spoke in favor of the district moving to remote until January 18th and also spoke about anti-racism and equity
- Jaclyn Griffith spoke in favor of the district moving to remote until January 18th
- Becky Casey spoke in favor of the district remaining in-person
- Anthony Alicea spoke in favor of the district remaining in-person
- Alexis Mathew spoke in favor of the district moving to remote until January 18th
- Mark Oles spoke in favor of the district moving to remote
- Amanda Haver spoke in favor of the district moving to remote until after the holidays
- Dennis Castellano spoke in favor of the district remaining in-person
- Lisa Boll spoke in favor of the district remaining in-person
- Benjamin Strunk spoke in favor of the district moving to remote

**Approval/Modification of
Agenda**

Mrs. Rivera asked if there were any agenda items that should be removed or revised from the agenda.

On motion by Mrs. Stephens and seconded by Mrs. Weaver the agenda passes 9-0 with no modifications.

Consent Agenda

On motion by Mrs. Carroll and seconded by Mrs. Stephens the consent agenda passes 9-0.

- A. Recommend approval of the Treasurer's Report
- B. Recommend approval of the Personnel Report

- C. Attollo Agreement
- D. Resolution for an Equitable and Inclusive School Environment by the Board of School Directors of the Manheim Township School District
- E. Approve the attached contract with the Hempfield School District for a shared position of Diving Coach
- F. Recommend approval of the contracts as listed
- G. Second reading and final approval of the following policies:
 - Policy 332 – Working Periods
 - Policy 803 – School Calendar
 - Policy 907 – School Visitors
- H. First reading of the following policies with final reading in December:
 - Policy 113.1 – Discipline of Students With Disabilities
 - Policy 113.2 – Behavior Support
 - Policy 113.4 – Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information (NEW)
 - Policy 123 – Interscholastic Athletics
 - Policy 123.2 – Sudden Cardiac Arrest
 - Policy 309.1 – Telework (NEW)

Items Pulled for Consideration

- No items pulled

Other Recommended Actions

- On motion by Mrs. Carroll and seconded by Mrs. Stephens the approval of the Secretary’s minutes of the Board Work Session Meeting on October 8, 2020, and regular meeting of the Board of School Directors on October 15, 2020. Motion passes 9-0.
- On motion by Mrs. Carroll and seconded by Dr. Smith to approve the recommendation of Administration that was presented this evening with a gradual start from November 30, 2020. Motion fails 2-7 with Mrs. Rivera, Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. Carroll, Ms. Grosh, Mr. Grosh, Dr. Smith and Mrs. Weaver voting no. On motion by Mrs. Hentz and seconded by Mr. Holgate to recommend the approval for the non-temporary (longer-term) K-12 school closure/remote learning (Red Phase) from Monday, November 30, 2020 through Monday January 18, 2021. Motion fails 2-7 with Mrs. Rivera, Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. Carroll, Ms. Grosh, Mr. Grosh, Dr. Smith and Mrs. Weaver voting no.

Superintendent’s Report

- Dr. Felty shared info on Senate Bill 1216 that has language in the bill regarding waivers for statewide testing.
- Dr. Felty provided an update on student enrollment

New Business

- No new business

Board Member Reports

- Student Representatives – district buildings have transitioned to virtual, Quiz Bowl and E-Sports are both virtual; student council will be coming up with virtual winter activities; Student of the Month students were recognized; Fall Play is ongoing. It is held via Zoom but you still must purchase tickets; IB Programs were discussed.
- Mrs. Carroll – Mrs. Carroll thanked the Administration for the celebration of the retirees. Envisions has had the same issues with COVID. Gaga pit has been installed at Landis Run Intermediate.
- Ms. Grosh – LRIS report was given. PSBA November 7th attended the Delegate Assembly (virtually)
- Mr. Grosh – Neff Elementary report was given.
- Mrs. Hentz – no report

**Citizens'
Comments**

- Mr. Holgate – Bucher report was given.
- Mrs. Rivera – IU13 reported how they are meeting the needs of the students. They are part of PDE Program for students and youth experiencing homeless. Middle School report was given.
- Dr. Smith – MT Parks and Rec are satisfied with Landis Run Nature Preschool enrollment. Rink will be opened full-time in November. High School report was given.
- Mrs. Stephens – LCCTC update on LPN program; Brecht update was given
- Mrs. Weaver – MTEF Extra Give starts now; Nitrauer Elementary update was provided.

- No comments

Adjournment

Dr. Smith moved and seconded by Mrs. Stephens a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 12:42AM on November 20, 2020.

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

Nikki Rivera, President

Jennifer R. Davidson, Secretary