

**MANHEIM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEETING  
District Office  
January 21, 2021  
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 7:01 p.m. School Directors present VIA ZOOM were Sara Grosh, Stephen Grosh, JoAnn Hentz, Curtis Holgate, Nikki Rivera, John Smith, Joyce Stephens and April Weaver. Also present were Dr. Robin Felty, Superintendent; and Jennifer Davidson, Board Secretary.

Absences: Janet Carroll, Board Member

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

**Announcements**

- Two members of the Manheim Township Board of Commissioners met with Dr. Felty and a few board members to discuss MS Construction Update, discussed budget and short falls, and adding MT students to the Advisory Committees that they have implemented. Joint communications between district and Board of Commissioners.
- School Board Work Session meeting for February. The board is looking to transition to in-person board meetings. Continue to look for more information on the district website.

**Presentations:**

- Mr. Gillis presented the Landis Run Intermediate employee of the month, Barbara Peachey, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher
- Dr. Felty honored the School Board Members for School Board Recognition Month
- Mr. Darkey provided an update for the Middle School Project
- Mrs. Robbins provided a Budget Presentation

**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 for approval of the agenda minus Consent Agenda.

On motion by Mrs. Stephens and seconded by Dr. Smith, the agenda passes 8-0.

**Consent Agenda**

On motion by Mrs. Stephens and seconded by Dr. Smith the consent agenda passes 8-0. Mrs. Stephens asked to pull items C & D.

- A. Recommend approval of the Treasurer's Report
- B. Recommend approval of the Personnel Report
- C. Approval of Resolution Establishing Compensation for Elected Tax Collector (ITEM PULLED)

- D. Approval of Resolution Establishing Policies and Procedures for Elected Tax Collector (ITEM PULLED)
- E. Approve Resolution approving the Lancaster County Career & Technology Center Proposed Budget for 2021/22
- F. Approve Resolution certifying the School District will not raise the 2021/2022 tax rate by more than 3.0%
- G. Award the contract to the McClure Company to serve as the district's Energy Service Company (ESCO) and perform Level-III Investment Grade Audits at Brecht, Bucher, Neff, Reidenbaugh, Schaeffer, Landis Run and the High School. This work will be done at no cost to the district.

**Items Pulled for Consideration**

- Pulled Item C - On motion by Mrs. Stephens and seconded by Mrs. Hentz to discuss. Mrs. Stephens asked to move the Resolution cost from 0.62 cents per bill to 0.75 cents. On motion by Mrs. Stephens and seconded by Mr. Grosh to modify to approve the Resolution as red-lined to 0.75 cents per bill with a maximum of 3 repeats on one bill at \$2.25 for submissions. Item passes 8-0.
- Pulled Item D – On motion by Mrs. Stephens and seconded by Mr. Holgate to amend the Resolution in Section 25 to add a sentence to give the district the right to deviate from 95% bonding threshold. Item passes 8-0.

**Other Recommended Actions**

- Mrs. Weaver moved and Ms. Grosh seconded the approval of the Secretary's minutes of the Board Reorganization Meeting on December 7, 2020, Board Work Session Meeting on December 7, 2020, and the Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors on December 17, 2020. Motion passes 8-0.

**Superintendent's Report**

- Dr. Felty provided an updated on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory.
- Dr. Felty provided a monthly update of our enrollment in the district.

**New Business**

- No report

**Board Member Reports**

- Student Representatives – winter sports season is in full swing with covid restrictions in place; spring musical has just started; the student representatives honored the school board members for School Board recognition month.
- Mrs. Carroll – no report
- Ms. Grosh – PSBA newsletter was sent to all board members. Ms. Grosh shared a few of the upcoming events; LRIS updates were provided.
- Mr. Grosh – Mr. Grosh expressed how positive it has been to receive public participation but is looking forward to returning to in-person meetings. Encourages the community to attend in-person if possible.
- Mrs. Hentz – LCA reviewed their audit; classes are being held at Central Penn Business College since HACC is still remote which has provided a cost savings; meeting has been moved to the first Monday; there are currently 4 open spots for MT students; officers were re-elected. Thank you to Reidenbaugh for the thank you notes. Manners Café will be opening soon. Mrs. Hentz asked about the next phase for the Middle School to possibly stay in yellow.
- Mr. Holgate – Bucher Elementary update was provided.
- Mrs. Rivera – IU13 shared monthly bulletin last week with board members. Highlights were provided. Middle School update was provided.
- Dr. Smith – High School PAC meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup>; MT Parks & Rec interim manager has been hired.
- Mrs. Stephens – LCCTC no report. No update for Brecht.
- Mrs. Weaver – MTEF update was provided. Nitrauer update was provided.

**Citizens'  
Comments**

- No comments.

**Adjournment**

Dr. Smith moved and Ms. Grosh seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:53 pm.

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

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Nikki Rivera, President

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Jennifer R. Davidson, Secretary