

**MANHEIM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEETING  
District Office  
February 18, 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 were Janet Carroll, 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:

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.

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| <b>Announcements</b>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Announcements</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Presentations:</b>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Reinking presented the Brecht Elementary Employee of the Month – Julie Hassara, School Nurse</li> <li>• Mr. Darkey shared a Middle School Project Update</li> <li>• Mrs. Robbins gave a Budget Presentation</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Roll Call Vote</b>                     | 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.   |
| <b>Manheim Township Citizens Comments</b> | <p>Mrs. Rivera invited citizens in the audience to comment on any item on the agenda.</p> <p>No comments</p>   |
| <b>Approval/Modification of Agenda</b>    | <p>Mrs. Rivera asked if there were any agenda items that should be removed or any agenda modification minus the consent agenda.</p> <p>On motion by Mrs. Carroll and seconded by Dr. Smith, the agenda passes 9-0.</p>   |
| <b>Consent Agenda</b>                     | <p>On motion by Mr. Grosh and seconded by Ms. Grosh, the consent agenda passes 9-0. Mrs. Hentz asked to pull Item B.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Recommend approval of the Treasurer’s Report</li> <li>B. Recommend approval of the Personnel Report (Item Pulled)</li> <li>C. First reading of the following policies with final approval in March: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policy 103 – Discrimination and Title IX/Sexual Harassment Affecting Students</li> <li>Policy 218.5 – Discipline of Student Convicted/Adjudicated of Sexual Assault (NEW)</li> <li>Policy 252 – Dating Violence (NEW)</li> <li>Policy 620 – District-Initiated Tax Assessment Appeals (NEW)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

**Items Pulled for Consideration**

- Mrs. Stephens moved and Mr. Grosh seconded to approve the personnel report. Discussion opens. Mrs. Hentz asked for the item to be pulled due to hiring a long-term sub in an open position. Motion passes 8-1 with Mrs. Hentz voting no.

**Other Recommended Actions**

- Dr. Smith moved and Mrs. Stephens seconded the approval of the Secretary’s minutes of the January 14, 2021 Board Work Session and the regular meeting of the Board of School Directors on January 21, 2021. Motion passes 9-0.
- Mrs. Carroll moved and Mr. Holgate seconded to approve the Purchase of Devices as presented and a 4-Year 0% Financing Plan with Apple Inc. to begin July 2021. Motion passes 8-1 with Mrs. Hentz voting no.

**Superintendent’s Report**

- Dr. Felty provided an update on the beginning stages of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion teams at the building level.
- Dr. Felty provided a monthly update on student enrollment. The district is continuing to monitor the increase in
- Dr. Felty discussed the waiver for statewide testing. PDE has shared that they will expand the testing window and will offer flexibility, however, have stated they will not be waiving the tests. The Superintendent’s in the IU13 area have written a joint letter to legislators asking them to reach out to the US Department of Education to support a federal assessment waiver and to give states and local school districts the option to do what is best for their school districts.
- Dr. Felty thanked the board for approving and supporting the technology item this evening.

**New Business**

- No report

**Board Member Reports**

- Student Representatives – Athletics accomplishments were shared; club meetings started up; review of the survey results from December were shared. The survey was sent to parents and students regarding remote learning and face to face learning; spring musical will be held in April; Quiz Bowl finished undefeated
- Mrs. Carroll – thank you to Schaeffer gators and Administration for their support.
- Mrs. Grosh – LRIS events were shared; PSBA links will be shared via email with the board
- Mr. Grosh – Envisions summer camp info will be released soon, financially they are doing well, thanked Dr. Reimann for the report on how funds are being spent that was donated to the district, and are thankful for the partnership with the district. Neff events were shared.
- Mrs. Hentz – Reidenbaugh is keeping the atmosphere cheery and the students are engaged; LCA is at Central Penn this year which has been a savings. There is some consideration to move permanently in the future. There are currently 4 open spots for MT.
- Mr. Holgate – MT Board Commissioners, after a public meeting, established the silk mill site a deteriorated site. Bucher events were shared.
- Mrs. Rivera – Schaeffer Elementary events were shared; LLIU13 is working to set up the IU13 as a COVID vaccine site, budget information was shared; Middle School “calming space” was shared.
- Dr. Smith – MT Parks & Rec is moving forward on a digital pathways map for the community, Landis Woods Nature Pre-School is at maximum capacity; High School events were shared.
- Mrs. Stephens – Brecht events were shared; LCCTC first round of applications were received for next year, summer camps will begin July 1<sup>st</sup>, discussion has begun regarding lost instructional time due to transportation.
- Mrs. Weaver – MTEF is seeking nominations for the 2021 Distinguished Alumni Award; April 8<sup>th</sup> is the Spring Grant Application deadline; Nitrauer events were shared.

**Citizens’ Comments**

- No comments.

**Adjournment**

Dr. Smith moved and Mrs. Carroll seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:29 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