

Eastern York School District
School Board Meeting
February 4, 2010 - 7:01 P.M.
District Administration Offices
Wrightsville, PA 17368

The meeting was called to order by D. Caldwell, President. The following members were present and they were: R. Abel, D. Caldwell, K. Clark, R. Flaharty, Jr., K. Graby, J. Higgins, M. Keller and R. Zepp. Absent was D. Shelley. Others in attendance were: Dr. D. Pianowski, Superintendent; Dr. R. Becker, Assistant Superintendent; P. Spare, Solicitor; T. Weaver, Secretary; K. Shoemaker, Assistant Middle School Principal, and a reporter from the York Daily Record. There were five patrons present.

President Caldwell stated that the purpose of the meeting of the Eastern York School Board is to conduct the business of the School District, understanding that our primary focus is toward policy as it relates to promoting the goals of the district established in the Strategic Plan.

Mr. Caldwell stated that the Board held an Executive Session prior to this evening's Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m. for Personnel Issues.

Superintendent's Contract

Dr. Higgins made a motion, seconded by K. Graby, to approve a five-year contract, effective July 1, 2010 with Dr. Darla Pianowski as Superintendent of Eastern York School District. The motion passed by Roll Call Vote A: 6 - Yes - D. Caldwell, K. Clark, K. Graby, J. Higgins, M. Keller, R. Zepp. 2 - No - R. Abel, R. Flaharty, Jr. 1 - Absent - D. Shelley. 0 - Abstain.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

On a motion by J. Higgins, seconded by K. Graby, the Board approved the minutes from the January 21, 2010 Board Meeting as previously distributed. The motion passed: 8 - Yes, 0 - No.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION - Dr. Becker

Dr. Becker introduced Mr. Keith Shoemaker, Assistant Principal at the Eastern York Middle School. Mr. Shoemaker introduced Ms. Jean Fenton and Ms. Catherine Watt, science teachers at the Middle School and Calvin Inners, student at Eastern York Middle School. They presented an overview of the Science Olympiad Program to the Board. They explained that the Science Olympiad was a great way to learn about science. They provided the Board with an overview of activities involved in the program. Ms. Watt thanked the Board on behalf of the Science Department for their support. Dr. Becker thanked the science teachers at the Middle School for their commitment to Eastern's students and their consistent hard work.

Dr. Becker shared the second marking period Academic-At-Risk Report from the High School with the Board. The report showed that the Eastern York High School decreased student failures from the second marking period of 2008-09 to the second marking period of 2009-10 by 74%.

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

Dr. Pianowski introduced Mrs. Gerri Groncki, PSBA Region 9 Director. Mrs. Groncki stated that the Pennsylvania School Boards Association would like to thank all of the Board Members for the support and dedication they provide to the students. PSBA would like to recognize the efforts of several Board members that have provided service for many years. Mrs. Groncki presented certificates of appreciation to the following members: Mr. Ronald Abel - 8 years of service; Mr. Robert Flaharty, Jr. - 8 years of service, and Dr. Judith Higgins - 16 years of service. Mrs. Groncki also shared that she will be leaving a plaque with Dr. Pianowski to give to Mr. Darvin Shelley for his 36 years of service as a Board Member. She again thanked the Board on behalf of PSBA.

HEARING OF PATRONS - None

SECRETARY'S REPORT

1. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Lincoln Intermediate Unit No. 12 Budget for 2010-11 Fiscal Year

Mrs. Weaver stated that the Lincoln Intermediate Unit No. 12 Budget for the 2010-11 fiscal year was provided to each Board Member for their review. The district's contribution to the LIU for the 2010-11 budget year will increase by \$204.27 or less than 1% over the 2009-10 contribution. Dr. Higgins shared that the Lincoln Intermediate Unit developed the budget within the average index of the districts within the Intermediate Unit. She thanked the members for their support of the Lincoln Intermediate Unit.

B. Right-of-Way Agreement with PPL Electric Utilities Corporation

Mrs. Weaver shared that the district currently has a Right-of-Way Agreement with PPL Electric Utilities to allow them to maintain their poles on the District's property. They have requested to add an additional anchor guideline to the current pole. P. Spare, District Solicitor, has reviewed the Agreement. Discussion ensued among the members. Any additional concerns should be addressed to Mrs. Weaver before the next meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. APPROVAL ITEM

A. Donation of Books

Dr. Pianowski shared that Ms. Cathy Vezza provided the District with a bag of books from the York County Teachers' Association for the Middle School in support of Read Across America. On a motion by R. Flaharty, Jr., seconded by K. Graby, the Board accepted the donation of books. The motion passed: 8 - Yes, 0 - No.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - Cont’d.

2. **INFORMATIONAL**

- A. Dr. Pianowski attended the Model UN Day at the High School. The next Model UN Day will be held on March 1. She encouraged Board Members to attend if they are able.
- B. Eastern York School District will be hosting a “Business After Hours” through the Chamber of Commerce. Eastern will be partnering with Matt Roegner, Managing Partner of Outback Steakhouse for the event. The event will be held at the High School on April 22 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.. The Outback Steakhouse will be providing the food. This will give the district an opportunity to invite community members from around the county to see the High School and some of the educational initiatives taking place in the district.
- C. The Administration will be recommending a candidate for the Principal position at Kreutz Creek Elementary at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Abel asked Dr. Pianowski for an update on the roof leaks at the High School. She stated that Mr. Hoover is working with Reynolds Construction Management and Hayes Large to correct this problem.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT - Mr. Caldwell

President Caldwell provided the Board members with a form to complete if they have an item of concern to come before the Board. Additional forms may be obtained from the Receptionist at the District Administration Office. Forms may be returned to the Administration Office or given to Mr. Caldwell directly.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION - None

FINAL BOARD COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- K. Clark Shared that she attended a session at PSBA on January 16, 2010 on Leadership Training. The training was for newly elected officers of the Board and she felt it was extremely worthwhile.
- R. Zepp Shared that information regarding a grant that Carlisle School District obtained for purchasing solar devices to help decrease the cost of electricity.

FINAL PATRON COMMENTS/QUESTIONS - None

The Board recessed to an Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. to obtain legal advice from the Solicitor, and reconvened at 7:56 p.m.

Rescind Ad Hoc Committee

R. Flaharty, Jr. made a motion , seconded by R. Abel, to withdraw his motion made at the January 21 meeting to table a motion made by D. Shelley to rescind an Ad Hoc Committee, until the Board receives a legal opinion from the District Solicitor, Mr. Philip Spare. This motion passed: 8 - Yes, 0 - No.

The original motion was then voted on from the January 21, 2010 meeting which was as follows: D. Shelley made a motion, seconded by K. Graby to rescind the Ad Hoc Committee established at the January 7, 2010 meeting to develop a Compensation Package for the Superintendent of Schools. This motion passed: 7 - Yes, 1 - No.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by J. Higgins, seconded by R. Zepp, the Board Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Teresa Weaver, Board Secretary