

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance

Vice President Alan Earnshaw called the regular meeting of the East Penn Board of School Directors to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room located at 800 Pine Street, Emmaus, PA, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: K. Bacher, L. Donches, A. Earnshaw, F. Fuller, R. Heid, M. Policano,
S. Rhodes, III, J. Stolz

Board Member Absent: C. Ballard

Solicitor: Marc S. Fisher, Esq., Worth, Magee & Fisher

Treasurer: Lynn Glancy

Board Secretary: Cecilia R. Birdsell

Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Thomas L. Seidenberger

Press Present: Jennifer Marangos, Editor, Emmaus.Patch.com
Peter McConnell, East Penn Press Reporter
Precious Petty, Express Times Reporter
Jacob Seibel, Morning Call Free Lance Reporter
Randy Kraft, WFMZ Online Reporter

2. Oath of Office – Mrs. Kristen Campbell, Assistant Superintendent

Judge Douglas G. Reichley administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Kristen Campbell for her Assistant Superintendent Commission. There was a round of applause for Mrs. Campbell.

3. Requests to Address the Board

Chris Donatelli, 1695 Beech Lane, Macungie, PA complained that the EHS Rifle Team did not appear in the 2013 edition of The Tattler. He said the team was undefeated. He contacted both Dennis Ramella, Activities Director, and Andy Moxey, the advisor for The Tattler to express his dissatisfaction. He requested that a supplement be added to the yearbook.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Bacher, Seconded by Donches

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve the minutes for the August 26, 2013 meeting.

This resolution was unanimously adopted by voice vote.

5. Report of the Superintendent of Schools – Dr. Thomas L. Seidenberger

1. District Update

Dr. Seidenberger reported on the enrollment for the beginning of the school year. He noted that the special education population increased to the extent that two additional teachers were recommended. He encouraged people to write to their local legislators to support Senator Pat Browne's legislation regarding special education funding. There was a decrease in over 70 students from the June enrollment and a withdrawal report seems to indicate that it is a combination of parents who moved out of the district so the children are attending other public schools or they are being withdrawn to attend a private school.

Dr. Moyer and his staff will welcome visitors to Willow Lane on the evening of September 19, 2013 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p. m. The visit will permit Dr. Moyer to highlight the Willow Lane Silver LEED Certification status and also share information about the upcoming projects.

Bryan Svencer, a 4th grade teacher at Lincoln Elementary has been invited to appear on the Breaking Free TV Talk Show. Mr. Svencer will be interviewed about his book *EDUtainment* and his teaching philosophy.

Dr. Seidenberger explained that there will be three training sessions for administrators on the new teacher observation process. There will also be a group of teachers involved. There are two models to select – Peer Coaching and portfolios. The Peer Coaching model will be suspended. They will be bringing together a committee to look at the portfolio model. These new measures tie in with the work that has been done by administrators in DILT and PILS.

Enhancing communications is one of Dr. Seidenberger's goals this year so he will be having a Superintendent's page to update the community on important educational issues. It will not be an opinion page but rather a factual information section. He is anticipating having a message every week. He thanked Mr. Michael Mohn and Mrs. Nicole Bloise for their help in setting up this new communication vehicle. Currently, Mrs. Bloise is working on the Annual Report.

Dr. Seidenberger indicated that there is no new information on the Common Core. The State Board will be meeting in the next few weeks. He pointed out that Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents are commissioned officers who are obligated to comply with these regulations.

The students in Scott Didra's class completed the work on a ticket booth for Memorial Field. The booth was moved down to the field on Friday. Students design the project and Mr. Didra solicits vendors to provide materials. A new press box is probably the next project for the class.

There appears to be a drop in the number of students attending cyber schools. He noted that administrators are working on providing more blended learning. Ms. Heid asked if students who attend the EHS cyber school are counted as cyber school students. Dr. Seidenberger responded that they are included in the regular EHS enrollment. Mr. Stolz indicated his support for school choice, noting that it makes the public schools work harder and to adapt and change in the process.

Dr. Seidenberger reported on the following list of students who participated in the AP exams and their standing:

Students Who Received Scores of 3 or Higher on 3 or More AP Exams

Christina Cilento
Shannon McConnell
James Doddo
Kevin Flynn
David Gaddy
Robert Haag
Megan Jibilian
Asmita Joshi
Neil Khanna
Nicolas Krause
Nathan Luftman

Connor Maake
Jessica Cole
Jillian McGrath
Anna Overholts
Gillian Schwartz
Elyse Sellers
Gillian Sommons
Andrew Steckel
Robert Wang
Jacob Younger

Students Who Received an Average Score of 3.25 on AP Exams Taken and scores of 3 or Higher on 4 Exams

Terence Cawley
Clement DeCrop
Arielle Iacocca
Ryan Jaeger
Carly Muller
Alexander Newbegin
Gwendolyn Osterwald

Sarah Reibman
Marvin Riedl
Asim Viqar
Ester Younger
Brenna Smudde
Rui Zhang

Students Who Received an Average Score of 3.5 on all AP Exams Taken And scores of 3 or Higher on 5 Exams

Robert Bishop
 Melanie Brussler
 David Cohen
 Thomas Fang
 Ji Han
 Harvey Li
 Joshua Light
 Christopher Neeley
 Zachary Schoener
 Christopher Taylor

Daniel Brndjar
 Megan Cickocki
 Eric Dai
 Lydia Flectcher
 David Larsen
 Kyle Lievre
 Jeremy Lin
 Neil Ren
 Neeraj Tatikola
 Andrew Tsai

2. Personnel

Motion by Stolz, Seconded by Rhodes

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve the following personnel items:

Request for General Leave of Absence, Board Policy 539

Employee: Carol Limar
 Staff Assistant, Willow Lane School
 Effective: 9/12/13-9/11/14

Appointment of Health Room/Staff/Instructional Assistants

Name/Address	Assignment	Salary
Mary Ellen Hoffman 1153 Little Lehigh Drive, S. Emmaus	Health Room Assistant Jefferson/Float Vacancy created by J. Natale resignation	\$19.60/hr., 29 hrs./wk.
Effective: 9/10/13		
Melissa King 941 Orange Tip Way Breinigsville 18031	Staff Assistant Emmaus HS Vacancy created by L. Groh resignation	\$13.97/hr., 29 hrs./wk.
Effective: 9/10/13		
Tracy Merrill 2587 Columbus Drive Emmaus 18049	Instructional Assistant Emmaus HS Vacancy created by D. Miller replacement	\$13.97/hr., 29 hrs./wk.

Change in Employment Status

Employee	From	To
Abby Jung	EHS Staff Assistant, 20 hrs./wk. C. Corkery retirement	29 hrs./wk.
Kim Bosak	Eyer Staff Assistant, 16.5 hrs./wk. C. Corkery retirement	EHS Staff Assistant 20 hrs./wk.

Additions to the 2013-14 List of Per Diem Substitutes

See Exhibit 1

Co-Curricular Appointments

See Exhibit 2

Addition to the Mentor List

Sean Finnegan

Educational Conferences – Exhibit 3

That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve the estimated expenses for the educational conferences listed on Exhibit 3.

Resignation

-Erin McLaughlin, Instructional Assistant at Shoemaker School, effective September 20, 2013 (Exhibit 6)

Appointment of Temporary Professional Employee:

Name/Address: Peter Jenkins
 3495 Onyx Street, Eugene, OR 97405

Education Level: B. A. Degree (2008)
 M. A. Degree (2013)

Undergraduate School: Belmont University
 Graduate School: University of Oregon

Certification: Instructional I, Special Education, N-12
 Assignment: Special Education (Learning Support), Eyer MS
 Vacancy created by E. Held retirement

Effective: September 10, 2013
 Experience: None
 Salary: \$55,894, Year 1, Col. M

Addition to the 2013-14 List of Per Diem Substitutes

Erin McLaughlin, Elementary

Appointment of Staff/Instructional Assistants

<u>Name/Address</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Erin Deppe 610 Broad Street, Emmaus	Jefferson School J. Evans resignation	\$13.97/hr., 12.5 hrs./wk.
Margery Bonser 4005 Fish Hatchery Rd., Allentown 18103	Wescosville School C. Fitzmaurice resignation	\$13.97/hr., 12.5 hrs./wk.
Stephanie Jacobs 337 Broad Street, Emmaus	Wescosville School M. K. Lowe resignation	\$13.97/hr., 29 hrs./wk.

Effective: September 10, 2013

These resolutions were duly adopted by the following roll call vote:
 Aye: Bacher, Donches, Earnshaw, Fuller, Heid, Policano, Rhodes, Stolz-----8
 Absent: Ballard-----1

6. Other Educational Entities

-Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit – F. Fuller

Ms. Fuller reported on the IU Principal Certification program. It is a hybrid model and an alternate pathway to Level I Principal Certification. All courses are delivered online and the first one, Effective School Principalship, will begin on September 18 and run until October 30. She said it is a great way for teachers who want to move on to administration in a cost effective way. The IU personnel are very excited about this program.

-Lehigh Career & Technical Institute-R. Heid, A. Earnshaw, F. Fuller, S. Rhodes, III

Ms. Heid reported on the thorough measures and performance data that is provided to Joint Operating Committee members. She complimented the LCTI staff on their maintenance and the brochure that is produced. Ms. Heid invited anyone who wanted to review the data to see her after the Board Meeting.

7. Policy

1. Final Adoption – Board Policy 206, Assignment Within District (Exhibit 4)

Motion by Donches, Seconded by Stolz

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve Board Policy 206, Assignment Within District, for inclusion in the Board Policy Manual.

This resolution was duly adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Bacher, Donches, Earnshaw, Fuller, Heid, Policano, Rhodes, Stolz-----8

Absent: Ballard-----1

8. Business Operations

1. Approval of Bill List

Motion by Fuller, Seconded by Rhodes

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve the attached bill list, including the addenda if any, and that the Treasurer be authorized to issue checks and vouchers in the amounts indicated.

This resolution was duly adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Bacher, Earnshaw, Fuller, Heid, Policano, Rhodes, Stolz-----7

Abstention: Donches-----1

Absent: Ballard-----1

2. Investment of Funds

Motion by Bacher, Seconded by Rhodes

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors approve the following investment of funds:

Investment Vehicle:	PLGIT CD-Program-General Fund
Date Purchased:	8/28/13
Date of Maturity:	5/27/14
Term:	272 days
Rate:	0.37%
Amount:	\$744,000.00

Investment Vehicle:	ESSA Bank CD-Memorial Fund
Date Purchased:	8/30/13
Date of Maturity:	9/29/13

Term: 30 days
Rate: 0.20%
Amount: \$122,040.10

Facility Rental

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors grant permission for the Patricia Bostick Dance Center, 5925 Tilghman Street, Allentown to use the Lower Macungie MS Auditorium and two locker rooms for a dance rehearsal and recital on the following dates: May 20, 30, 31, 2014. This is a Group V organization and will be charged the following fees:

\$18.00 per hour, locker rooms rental
\$120.00 per hour, rehearsal fee
\$125.00 per hour, recital fee
\$41.49 per hour, custodial fee
\$41.49 per hour, stage manager fee
\$16.00 per hour, security fee

Disbursement of Funds – Exhibit 5

RESOLVED, That the East Penn Board of School Directors authorize the payment of funds from the 33-2010 Series A GOB for the items listed on Exhibit 5.

These resolutions were duly adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Bacher, Donches, Earnshaw, Fuller, Heid, Policano, Rhodes, Stolz-----8
Absent: Ballard-----1

9. Announcements

Monday, September 9 7:00 p.m.-Executive Session (Real Estate, Negotiations, Confidential Matters)
7:30 p.m.-Board Meeting

Monday, September 23 7:30 p.m.-Board Meeting

10. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned, upon motion, at 8:10 p.m.

Cecilia R. Birdsell, Board Secretary