

MANHEIM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Board of Directors
Work Session
District Office
May 14, 2020
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Nikki Rivera, President, called the Board Meeting of the Manheim Township Board of School Directors to order at 7:00 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. Superintendent, Dr. Robin Felty and School Board Secretary, Jennifer Davidson were 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.

Announcements

- Due to state and federal mandates, tonight's Board Work Session and next Thursday's Board Meeting are being held virtually. Our website holds the following information in preparation for our two virtual Board Meetings this month. We have advertised our meetings in multiple locations, informing the public about our virtual nature of these meetings. And our administration has spent much time preparing for these meetings to be online and secure. With our continued goal to keep the public informed about all items discussed during our meetings, we have ensured a mechanism for allowing our community to view and participate in the meeting via live streaming and a procedure to offer comment if desired. We are also making the recorded meeting available upon request until the minutes are approved at the June 18 regular School Board Meeting. This is our typical procedure for the recorded meetings.
- At this time, the board is uncertain about the location of the June school board work session and School Board Meetings (whether they will take place in the boardroom, virtually, or a hybrid of the two). We urge all staff and residents to continue to check the school district website for more information.
- The Board of School Directors of Manheim Township School District held an executive session this evening, May 14, 2020, prior to the School Board Work Session. The Board met for the following purpose(s): discussing the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the agency, or former public officer or employee. Holding any information, strategy and negotiation sessions related to the negotiation or arbitration of a collective bargaining agreement related to labor relations and arbitration. Any official action on these matters shall be taken at an open, public meeting.
- School board directors, our next gathering with two members of the MTBOC, albeit virtual, will be on May 19. Dr. Felty, Mrs. Stephens, Mr. Holgate and Mrs. Rivera will converse about topics that we have in common regarding our greater MT community. Between now

and Monday, May 18, please email Mrs. Rivera any suggested topics of conversation. Mrs. Rivera will report a summary of our conversation at our school board meeting next Thursday.

- Saturday Community Conversations are canceled until further notice.
- Mrs. Rivera participated in Advocacy Day on Monday in hopes that our legislators in the senate and the house will take into consideration the budgetary needs of Manheim Township School District. She sent emails to Senator Martin and Representative Mentzer expressing what she, personally, feels are some priorities for our district as we face the deficit that we find ourselves up against. She knows that some of you participated in Advocacy Day and she hope that you were able to make your points clear for our legislators, as well. If you'd like to see her email, she'd be happy to share it with you.
- Dr. Felty thanked the local businesses and families who have made donations to our districts for our families in need. The district social workers have received financial and food donations from residents to support our families in need. The district's social services fund was established years ago to help students and families in need. If anyone is interested in continuing to donate should visit the district website for more information.
- MT Staff members donated \$10,000 to the Lancaster County Powerpacks Program. Lancaster County Powerpacks Program serves five districts in Lancaster County.

Action Items

- Approve the temporary suspension of the provision included in Policy 006.1 – Teleconferencing that requires a majority of Board members to be physically present at a Board meeting when a Board member attends through electronic communications, effective for the May 14 Work Session and the May 21 Board Meeting. On motion by Mrs. Stephens and seconded by Mr. Grosh motion carries 9-0.

Information Only

- Mr. Jay Darkey, Project Manager, gave an update on the Middle School Project.
- Dr. Reimann, Dr. Nell, and Mrs. Schaefer provided Assessment Framework and Grading Guidelines.

Discussion Items – no action taken at this meeting

- Approve the Proposed Final 2020-2021 General Fund Budget
- Approve the Lancaster County Academy Proposed Budget for 2020-2021
- Approve the financial institutions for investment transactions during the 2020-21 school year
- Approve the participation in cooperative purchasing agreements as listed
- Approve the contract with River Rock
- Approve the resolution appointing the Chief Operating Officer as the district tax collector for the 2020-2021 school year
- Recommend approval to appoint the Chief Operating Officer as Manheim Township's School Board Treasurer, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 for a one-year term. There is no compensation for this position.
- Approve a 0% salary/wage increase for the following employee groups:
Contracted positions (Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Chief Operating Officer)
Act 93 Administration
Act 93 Specialists
Support Staff
- Appoint and approve up to three (3) voting delegates to the 2020 PSBA Delegate Assembly on November 7, 2020
- Approve the Class of 2020 list of graduates
- Removal of the "higher-priced" action items from the Consent Agenda (follow-up to a New Business item at April 16, 2020 Board Meeting)
- First reading of the following policies with final approval in June:
Policy 006.1 – Attendance at Meetings Via Electronic Communications

**Citizens’
Comments**

Policy 626 – Federal Fiscal Compliance

- Mark Oles spoke regarding iPads and the proposed final budget.

Adjournment

Mrs. Carroll moved and Ms. Grosh seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:44pm.

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

Nikki Rivera, President

Jennifer R. Davidson, Secretary