

**MANHEIM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEETING**

**District Office
January 9, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Mark Anderson, Vice President, called the Work Session of the Manheim Township Board of School Directors to order at 7:00 p.m. School directors present were Mark Anderson, Tony DeLeo, Nathan Geesey, Todd Heckman, Mike Lynch, Don Reed, Mike Winters and Ricky Wood. Also present were Gene Freeman, Superintendent; Mike Bromirski, Assistant to the Superintendent for Elementary Curriculum and Instruction; Katherine Setlock, Director of Pupil Services; Laura Heikkinen, Director of Business Operations; Donna Prokay, Director of Human Resources; Tom Koch, Plant Manager; and Kathleen Arnold, Board Secretary.

Absent: Bill Murry

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

Presentations

Mrs. Patty Zanghi introduced Amy Balestier and the Schaeffer Elementary School Glee Club. The club meets for 45 minutes prior to school. The students entertained the Board with an energetic rendition of *Come Follow the Band*, led by the Schaeffer Artist in Residence, Miss Becky Achenbauch.

Ms. Heikkinen introduced Mr. Keith Stolfus and Mr. Matt Mann of Lancaster County Career & Technology Center. Mr. Stolfus and Mr. Mann reviewed the Career & Technology Center proposed 2014-2015 budget. Mr. Mann said the CTC serves all of Lancaster County with five campuses, two in Brownstown, Mt. Joy and two in Willow Street, a total of 1950 students in the 2013-14 school year. The CTC is proud to announce that they have placed 87% of their graduates into their chosen career field. In addition, the students of the CTC averaged 92% on their National Occupation Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI) achievement tests last year. Mr. Stolfus stated the CTC is funded through the 16 districts in Lancaster County. The CTC increase, in total, for the last 4 years has been 3%. The budget impact for the CTC on the district's budget is only 1%.

**Discussion items - no action
taken at this meeting**

The agenda, as listed below, was reviewed and discussed in preparation of a vote at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on January 16, 2014. No formal action was taken at this meeting.

- Recommend approval of a Resolution for the Lancaster County Career & Technology Center 2014-2015 proposed budget.
- Recommend approval of Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) professional services contract for the Superintendent search, at an approximate cost of \$13,750.

Mr. Anderson said the Board had solicited several bids and choose PSBA's proposal for the search.

- Recommend ratification of the decision of the Judiciary Committee in the case of student 2013-14.6.

- Recommend approval of proposed 2014-15 School Year Calendar.
Mr. Williams noted the calendar committee met twice over the last two months to develop this calendar. Some highlights of the calendar are: the first day of school is August 25, graduation and the last day of school is June 3rd. The students have off the week of Thanksgiving; teachers will be conducting conferences. Early dismissal days and inservice days are scattered throughout the year. Snow days will be added on to the end of the year.
- Recommend approval of the 2014 District Facility Multi-Year Plan.
Mr. Koch said the Facility Multi-Year Plan is reviewed annually. Each facility in the district is thoroughly reviewed; roofs, chillers, mechanical, plumbing and electrical systems, etc. The maintenance needs are then prioritized within the multi-year timeline and within the budget.

Citizens' Comments

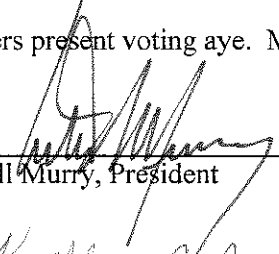
Mr. Anderson invited Manheim Township citizens' comment on any item.

Dr. Bob Belser, 2620 Mondamian Road, advocated changes in the music and the arts programs in the district. Dr. Belser said he has been part of an independent ad hoc committee to investigate changes in music and arts in the district. The committee thinks the district should reevaluate the effect of the reductions in the arts. He said a large part of a student's enjoyment in education often happens outside the classroom

Adjournment

Mr. Heckman moved and Mr. Reed seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:45 p.m.

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



Bill Murry, President



Kathleen E. Arnold, Secretary