HEMPFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
200 CHURCH STREET
LANDISVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

MINUTES – DECEMBER 6, 2011

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Hempfield School Board was held on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 in the Public Board Room at the District Administrative Center, 200 Church Street, Landisville, Pennsylvania. The following members were present: Craig Feister, Daniel K. Forry, Diane L. Gerlach, Loren Good, Bill Jimenez, William H. Otto, Bob Sauders, and R. Christopher Smiley. James H. Maurer Jr. was absent. Also present: Brenda J. Becker, Superintendent; Christopher S. Adams, Assistant Superintendent; Mary Lynne Kniley, Board Secretary; Daniel L. Forry, Asst. Board Secretary; Ruthann V. Crawford, Director of Student Services; Jessica Long, Director of Community Relations, and Kathryn Miller, Recording Secretary. Jeff Swarr was in attendance for technology support. Jim Dague, Centerville Middle School Principal, Beth Brumbaugh, Hempfield High School Grade 10 Principal, Drue Feilmeier, Director of Curriculum, Jill Gilbert and Nicole Cradic from Trout, Ebersole, and Groff, and John Beddia from Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates were present. Ten citizens were in attendance. There were also two students from Hempfield Happenings taking videos during the board meeting.

Mr. Jimenez called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

RESIDENTS' REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD (5-minute limit)

Christine Rhoads, 1133 Old Eagle Road, Lancaster, PA 17601, President of the Centerville Elementary School PTO. Ms. Rhoads spoke about the district's recent effort to have parity among the PTO groups in the district. She gave reasons why she feels each PTO should be able to spend money as they wish within parameters that the principal and teachers feels are appropriate.

Stephanie Rittenhouse, 1088 Woodlyn Farm Way, Lancaster, PA 17601. Ms. Rittenhouse asked for clarification on the board policies that are on the agenda for revision. She made the board aware of difficulties she feels parents face in trying to remain informed and made suggestions for improving communication with the community.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION

Dr. Becker announced that the 2011 PIAA AAA Field Hockey State Championship Team will be recognized at the January 3, 2012 board meeting.

Dr. Becker noted that the students who performed in the fall play, Peter Pan, did a great job. She said that the senior citizen dress rehearsal presentation was received with a lot of enthusiasm. Woodcrest Villa, one of our sponsors, provided refreshments for the senior citizens.

Mrs. Kniley introduced Jill Gilbert and Nicole Cradic from Trout, Ebersole, and Groff. Ms. Cradic presented the audit report of the year ending June 30, 2011 to the school board members. She stated that they issued a clean opinion of the financial statements. She began with the governmental activities section and a general fund analysis. She

went through the audit report highlighting the funds and gave a brief overview of each fund. She gave a summary of the footnotes that have changed this year, supplemental schedules, and the single audit which is the audit of the federal grants. She asked the board members if they had any questions. There were none.

Dr. Adams presented a course proposal for Mathematics, which would combine two half-credit courses (Introduction to Computer Science 1 and Introduction to Computer Science 2) into a 1.0 credit course called Introduction to Programming. He gave the advantages related to this change.

Dr. Becker hopes to give an update to the school board next month on the high school project for the future.

Dr. Crawford gave an update on the charitable giving that has been taking place throughout the school district for the increasing number of struggling families in the community. She shared with the board members what the students and staff members collected in each building for Thanksgiving. To summarize…73 families received full Thanksgiving dinners; more than $1,000 of financial assistance was collected, and over a ton of food went into restocking the community food pantry. She said they are very proud of the giving community in which we live.

Dr. Becker thanked Dr. Crawford and her staff for coordinating this and the employees in all the buildings for their generosity.

Mr. Daniel L. Forry introduced John Beddia from Crabtree Rohrbaugh Associates.
Mr. Beddia gave an overview of the PlanCon process, explaining PlanCon D (approving budgets for projects), PlanCon E (design development), PlanCon F (construction documentation), and PlanCon G (actual bids received) for Farmdale Elementary School and East Petersburg Elementary School. He said land development is working very well and the timeline is on schedule.

Dr. Becker stated that Ms. Drue Feilmeier, Director of Curriculum, started her position at Hempfield this week and recognized her in the audience. Dr. Becker and Mr. Jimenez thanked the administrators who were in the audience for taking the time to attend the board meeting.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 6, 2011	5:00 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting Administration Building, Board Conference Room
December 6, 2011	6:30 p.m., Executive Session 7:00 p.m., Reorganization/Committee of the Whole Meeting Administration Building, Public Board Room
December 13, 2011	TBD, Executive Session 7:30 p.m., Regular Voting Meeting Administration Building, Public Board Room

January 3, 2012	TBD, Executive Session 7:00 p.m., Committee of the Whole Meeting Administration Building, Public Board Room
January 10, 2012	TBD, Executive Session 7:30 p.m., Regular Voting Meeting Administration Building, Public Board Room
January 30, 2012	Orientation for New School Directors The Conference & Training Center at IU 13 1020 New Holland Avenue, Lancaster, PA 5:15 - 5:30 p.m., Registration *RSVP to Kathy Miller by January 13, 2012*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Jimenez directed the board members to the website information sheet and the board member lists that were at their places and asked them to verify their information.

REPRESENTATIVE / ADJUNCT REPORTS

Lancaster County Career & Technology Center - Mr. Sauders - no report

Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13 - Dr. Becker noted the upcoming School Board Member Orientation on Monday, January 30, at the Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13 Conference Center. She said the new school board members would be attending and that all school board members are welcome to attend.

Lancaster County Academy - Mrs. Gerlach reported that there will be no graduation in December this year.

Hempfield Area Recreation Commission - Mr. Feister said there is a holiday open house on Friday, December 9 and encouraged the school board members to attend.

PSBA Liaison - Mr. Good received a video email from PSBA about the challenges that public schools face that charter schools do not and he will forward the email to the school board members.

Dr. Becker said she received an article on the privatization of schools and how it is not working in many states that are doing it. She will post the article to SharePoint.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum Liaison - **Mrs. Gerlach** - no report

Buildings and Grounds - **Mr. Sauders**/Mr. Forry - Mr. Sauders referred to Mr. Beddia's presentation earlier in the meeting. He said the New LIC project is on schedule and it looks like they will be in good shape for winter construction. The sinkholes have been remediated.

Finance - **Mr. Jimenez**/Mr. Sauders - The audit report was presented earlier in the meeting by Ms. Nicole Cradic from Trout, Ebersole, and Groff.

Safety, Health & Wellness - **Mr. Feister** - no report

Extracurricular - **Mr. Forry**/Mr. Good/Mr. Sauders - no report

PERSONNEL ITEMS (Discussion Only)

No discussion

FINANCIAL ITEMS (Discussion Only)

No discussion

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS ITEMS (Discussion Only)

Mr. Sauders commented that three providers were interviewed for the classroom and office furnishings at new Landisville Intermediate Center and School Specialty presented the best presentation and offered the best opportunity.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS (Discussion Only)

No discussion

Mr. Jimenez officially welcomed the new board members, Mr. Otto and Mr. Smiley.

There being no further business, Mr. Forry moved to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Gerlach seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Jimenez adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

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Mary Lynne Kniley
Board Secretary