

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VOTING MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 8, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Cindy Cook, President, called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Present:

Cindy Cook, President
Terri Ellinwood, Secretary
Ronald Miller, Vice President
Carla Schriver, Member
Darcelle Slappy, Member
Susan Smith, Treasurer
Kayla Stevenson, Member
Dr. Donna Nugent, Superintendent
Tony Giglio, Solicitor
Gary Ceccarelli, Business Manager
Joyce Depenhart, Director of Student Services
Tom House, Middle School Principal
Bryan Fabyanic, Central Elementary Principal
Jonell Egan, Central Elementary Assistant Principal
Chad Thomas, Big Beaver Principal
Rodney Bobin, Technology Director
Chris Posset, Director of Physical Plant

Absent:

Tom Karczewski, Member
Michele Manno, Member
Mary Beth Leeman, Special Education Compliance Director
Doug Rowe, High School Principal
Dave Woods, High School Assistant Principal
Josh Ginther, Middle School Assistant Principal

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Susan Smith that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Voting Meeting held on January 18, 2024.

Motion was passed unanimously.

V. AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Ronald Miller that the Board approve amending the February agenda to include an addition to the custodial substitute list.

Motion was passed unanimously.

VI. APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Carla Schriver that the Board approve the following bills for payment:

General Fund - \$1,480,982.64

Motion was passed unanimously.

VII. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion was made by Susan Smith and seconded by Darcelle Slappy that the Board approve the following financial reports:

Treasurer’s Report – January 2024
Budget Recap – January 2024
Student Activities Fund – January 2024

Motion was passed unanimously.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

A. PERSONNEL

1. Leave of Absence

Mrs. Ronda Ortiz is requesting an unpaid leave of absence days to be used intermittently through the end of the 2023/2024 school year.

MOTION

Motion was made by Ron Miller and seconded by Susan Smith that the Board approve Ronda Ortiz’ request for unpaid leave of absence days to be used intermittently through the end of the 2023/2024 school year.

Motion was passed unanimously.

2. Appointments

- a. The Administration recommends appointing Ms. Cheryl Magee as Big Beaver Borough’s Tax Collector effective February 1, 2024.

MOTION

Motion was made by Terri Ellinwood and seconded by Darcelle Slappy that the Board approve appointing Cheryl Magee and Big Beaver Borough’s Tax Collector effective February 1, 2024.

Motion was passed unanimously.

- b. The Athletic Committee recommends appointing Mr. James Mooney as the Head Varsity Football Coach effective immediately at a salary of \$7,500.00.

MOTION

Motion was made by Ron Miller and seconded by Kayla Stevenson that the Board approve appointing James Mooney as the Head Varsity Football Coach effective immediately at a salary of \$7,500.00.

Motion was passed unanimously.

- c. The Administration recommends appointing Ms. Tanissa Carter as a para-professional at Central Elementary School effective February 20, 2024 at a Step 1 rate of \$15.65 per hour, pending receipt of all clearances.

MOTION

Motion was made by Susan Smith and seconded by Darcelle Slappy that the Board approve appointing Tanissa Carter as a para-professional at Central Elementary School effective February 20, 2024 at a Step 1 rate of \$15.65 per hour, pending receipt of all clearances.

Motion was passed unanimously.

- d. The Director of Physical Plant recommends appointing Mr. Ryan Sullivan as a maintenance man at a Step 1 rate of \$23.17 per hour effective February 26, 2024.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Susan Smith that the Board approve appointing Ryan Sullivan as a maintenance man at a Step 1 rate of \$23.17 per hour effective February 26, 2024.

Motion was passed unanimously.

3. Additions to the 2023/2024 Instructional Substitute List and Bus/Van Driver List

The Administration recommends approving the additions to the 2023/2024 Instructional Substitute List and Bus/Van Driver List.

MOTION

Motion was made by Terri Ellinwood and seconded by Susan Smith that the Board approve the additions to the 2023/2024 Instructional Substitute List and Bus/Van Driver List.

Motion was passed unanimously.

4. Custodial Substitute List

The Director of Physical Plant recommends adding Amanda Cain to the custodial substitute list at a rate of \$14.00 per hour and no benefits.

MOTION

Motion was made by Ron Miller and seconded by Darcelle Slappy that the Board approve adding Amanda Cain to the custodial substitute list at a rate of \$14.00 per hour and no benefits.

Motion was passed unanimously.

B. FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

1. Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Ezop and Mrs. Benn are requesting permission to take 40 students to Kennywood Park in West Mifflin, PA on Friday, May 3, 2024 to participate in Kennywood Education Days.
2. Ms. Hammer and Mrs. Jodikinos are requesting permission to take 40 students in the Pre-K classes to Tumbleweeds Gymnastic Academy in Fallston on Friday, March 22, 2024.
3. Mr. Shakespeare, Ms. Flick and Mrs. Lindsey are requesting permission to take 40 students to the Byham Theater in Pittsburgh on Friday, March 1, 2024 to see "The Equality of Day and Night."
4. Ms. Flick, Mrs. Martinez and Ms. Becze are requesting permission to take 10 students to Grove City High School on Friday, April 12, 2024 to participate in the District 5 Elementary Chorus Festival sponsored by PMEA.
5. Mr. Maruca and Mr. Summers are requesting permission to take 15-20 students in the Ski Club to Boyce Park in Monroeville either Feb. 15th, 22nd, or 29th, 2024.
6. Mr. Beegle, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Sodergren and Mrs. Ramsey are requesting permission to take their 5th grade classes to the CCBC and the BCCTC in Monaca on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 to attend the Exploration/Academy Planning.
7. Mrs. Beegle, Mrs. Grassel, Mrs. Ferrigno and Mrs. Lance are requesting permission to take their 5th grade classes to Junior Achievement Biztown in Bridgeville on Friday, April 12, 2024 to learn about financial literacy and budgeting.
8. Ms. Janectic, Mrs. Henney, Ms. Halligan and Mr. Verba are requesting permission to take their 4th and 5th grade classes to the Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium on Thursday, May 30, 2024.
9. Mrs. Acon and Mrs. Jewell are requesting permission to take their 3rd grade classes on the Gateway Clipper in Pittsburgh on Wednesday, May 22, 2024.
10. Mrs. Hendrickson, Mrs. Herrington and Mrs. Barber are requesting permission to take their 2nd grade classes to the Jennings Environmental Education Center in Slippery Rock on Monday, April 29, 2024.

MOTION

Motion was made by Terri Ellinwood and seconded by Darcelle Slappy that the Board approve the field trips on dates and at locations as listed.

Motion was passed unanimously.

C. ADOPTION OF REVISIONS TO POLICY SECTIONS 800 AND 900

The Board of Education Policy Committee recommends adopting the revisions to Policy Sections 800 and 900.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Carla Schriver that the Board approve adopting the revisions to Policy Sections 800 and 900.

Motion was passed unanimously.

D. ADOPTION OF REVISED POLICY #610 PURCHASES SUBJECT TO BID/QUOTATION, #611 PURCHASES BUDGETED AND #716 INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

The Board of Education Policy Committee recommends adopting the revisions to Policy #610 Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation, #611 Purchases Budgeted and #716 Integrated Pest Management.

MOTION

Motion was made by Kayla Stevenson and seconded by Darcelle Slappy that the Board approve adopting the revisions to Policy #610 Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation, #611 Purchases Budgeted and #716 Integrated Pest Management.

Motion was passed unanimously.

E. THINK SYNC PILOT PROGRAM

The Administration recommends collaborating with Beaver County Behavioral Health in the Think Sync Pilot Program to assist school counselors to identify and support student mental health needs.

MOTION

Motion was made by Kayla Stevenson and seconded by Susan Smith that the Board approve collaborating with Beaver County Behavioral Health in the Think Sync Pilot Program at assist school counselors to identify and support student mental health needs.

Motion was passed unanimously.

F. KINDERCARE CHAMPION PROGRAM

The Administration recommends approving a Memorandum of Understanding with KinderCare Champion, LLC to provide before and after school care services for children ages K – 6th grade, upon review of three items.

MOTION

Motion was made by Terri Ellinwood and seconded by Ron Miller that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding with KinderCare Champion, LLC to provide before and after school care services for children ages K – 6th grade.

Motion was passed unanimously.

IX. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER’S REPORT – KAYLEE MUSGUIRE

Monday, February 26th is the midpoint of the 3rd 9-weeks.

Jonathan Vos & Avery Moran are the BFHS Students of the Month.

Michael Beck is the Rotary Club Student of the Month.

Brooke Plummer & Julian Knight are Lions Club Students of the Month.

Josiah Wilcox received the BCCTC Student of the Month in Automotive Technology.

55 students attended the YAP Winter Event at CCBC. Demeitris Taylor & Shaelin Clark spoke about Youth Advocacy Day and student mental health.

Over 30 students will participate in the Polar Plunge on February 23rd to help raise money for Special Olympics.

Demeitris Taylor represented B.F. at the PMEA District 5 Chorus Festival.

The Beaver Falls Chorus received over \$7,000 from the Eleanor Gaudio Foundation to purchase a new piano and microphones.

Isaac Miller, Sam Haas, Titus Austin, Sam Gibson, Josiah Wilcox, Makayla Reed, Lynndee Schriver, Raja Sligh, Reina, King, Aubri Wright and Lily McClester participated in the Beaver County Concert Band Festival held at Ambridge High School.

Isaac Miller & Lily McClester were selected to the PMEA District Band.

Lily McClester qualified for PMEA Region Band.

The Bocce team finished their regular season and qualified for the playoffs on February 20th.

The girls basketball team finished their regular season and have clinched a spot in the WPIAL playoffs.

The boys basketball team also clinched a playoff spot in the WPIAL’s.

Gabe Lilly will participate in the WPIAL wrestling qualifiers next week.

The first day of spring practice for baseball, track, softball and boys tennis is March 4th.

Eleven students are eligible to attend the National Academic Games Tournament in Knoxville, TN in April. Ethan Chen finished 2nd in World Events, Julian Knight finished 3rd in World Events, Sam Haas finished 3rd in Junior Division World Events, and Isaac Miller is the Beaver County Champion in Propaganda Junior Division.

The cast of the musical, Elf, is working hard with over 60 students participating. The show runs March 22-24.

X. BVIU & CTC UPDATES

Ron Miller gave an update on the BVIU and the CTC.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Susan Smith that the Board adjourn at 7:47 p.m.

Motion was passed unanimously.

Terri Ellinwood, Secretary

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