

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR VOTING MEETING HELD ON MARCH 21, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Cindy Cook, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Present:

Cindy Cook, President
Terri Ellinwood, Secretary
Tom Karczewski, Member
Michele Manno, Member
Ronald Miller, Vice President
Darcelle Slappy, Member
Kayla Stevenson, Member
Dr. Donna Nugent, Superintendent
Tony Giglio, Solicitor
Gary Ceccarelli, Business Manager
Joyce Depenhardt, Director of Student Services
Doug Rowe, High School Principal
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:

Carla Schriver, Member
Susan Smith, Treasurer
Mary Beth Leeman, Special Education Compliance Director
Dave Woods, High School Assistant Principal
Josh Ginther, Middle School Assistant Principal

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Tom Karczewski and seconded by Darcelle Slappy that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Voting Meeting held on February 8, 2024.

Motion was passed unanimously

V. APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT

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

General Fund - \$2,895,554.59

Motion was passed unanimously.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

Treasurer's Report – February 2024
Budget Recap – February 2024
Student Activities Fund – February 2024

Motion was passed unanimously.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

INFORMATIONAL – Early dismissal will occur on Monday, April 8, 2024 due to the Solar Eclipse.

1. PERSONNEL**A. Leave of Absence**

1. Jennifer McCormick is requesting unpaid leave days for February 8 & 9, 2024.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Kayla Stevenson that the Board approve Jennifer McCormick's request for unpaid leave days for February 8 & 9, 2024.

Motion was passed unanimously.

2. Nicole Garroway is requesting a Family and Medical Leave of Absence to be used intermittently for the remainder of the 2024 calendar year.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Michele Manno that the Board approve Nicole Garroway's request for a Family and Medical Leave of Absence to be used intermittently for the remainder of the 2024 calendar year.

Motion was passed unanimously.

3. Tonya Romigh is requesting an unpaid leave day for February 21, 2024.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Kayla Stevenson that the Board approve Tonya Romigh's request for an unpaid leave day for February 21, 2024 and for any future days off as unpaid for the remainder of the 2023/2024 school year.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION:

Ayes – Cook, Ellinwood, Manno, Slappy and Stevenson

Nays – Karczewski, Miller

Motion was passed by a vote of 5-2.

4. David Gorski is requesting unpaid leave days for March 6th through March 19, 2024.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Kayla Stevenson that the Board approve David Gorski's request for unpaid leave days for March 6th through March 19, 2024.

Motion was passed unanimously.

B. Resignations

1. Janine Sparrow has submitted her letter of resignation as a server in the Central Elementary School cafeteria effective March 8, 2024.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Kayla Stevenson that the Board approve Janine Sparrow's resignation as a server in the Central Elementary School cafeteria effective March 8, 2024.

Motion was passed unanimously.

2. Brian Goble has submitted his resignation as an Assistant Baseball Coach effective immediately.

MOTION

Motion was made by Ron Miller and seconded by Terri Ellinwood that the Board approve Brian Goble's resignation as an Assistant Baseball Coach effective immediately.

Motion was passed unanimously.

3. Nick Holewski has submitted his resignation as an Assistant Baseball Coach effective immediately.

MOTION

Motion was made by Ron Miller and seconded by Darcelle Slappy that the Board approve Nick Holewski's resignation as an Assistant Baseball Coach effective immediately.

Motion was passed unanimously.

4. Dan Swanson has submitted his resignation as Head Jr. High Softball Coach effective immediately.

MOTION

Motion was made by Ron Miller and seconded by Michele Manno that the Board approve Dan Swanson's resignation as Head Jr. High Softball Coach effective immediately.

Motion was passed unanimously.

C. Retirement

Debbie Shee has submitted her letter of intent to retire as the high school librarian effective June 7, 2024 with 24 years of service to the District.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Terri Ellinwood that the Board approve Debbie Shee's retirement as the high school librarian effective June 7, 2024 with 24 years of service to the District.

Motion was passed unanimously.

D. Appointments

1. The Athletic Director recommends appointing Ingrid Godfrey as an Assistant Swimming Coach at a salary of \$1,800.00 effective the 2023/2024 school year.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Kayla Stevenson that the Board approve appointing Ingrid Godfrey as an Assistant Swimming Coach at a salary of \$1,800.00 effective the 2023/2024 school year.

Motion was passed unanimously.

2. The Athletic Director recommends appointing Brandon Solomon as an Assistant Baseball Coach at a salary of \$2,200.00 effective the 2023/2024 school year.

MOTION

Motion was made by Ron Miller and seconded by Darcelle Slappy that the Board approve appointing Brandon Solomon as an Assistant Baseball Coach at a salary of \$2,200.00 effective the 2023/2024 school year.

Motion was passed unanimously.

3. The Athletic Director recommends appointing Christine Waldorf as an Assistant Jr. High Softball Coach at a salary of \$1,250.00 effective the 2023/2024 school year.

MOTION

Motion was made by Kayla Stevenson and seconded by Michele Manno that the Board approve appointing Christine Waldorf as an Assistant Jr. High Softball Coach at a salary of \$1,250.00 effective the 2023/2024 school year.

Motion was passed unanimously.

4. The Athletic Director recommends appointing Hope Bennett as the Head Varsity Girls Volleyball Coach at a salary of \$3,100.00 effective the 2023/2024 school year.

MOTION

Motion was made by Kayla Stevenson and seconded by Darcelle Slappy that the Board approve appointing Hope Bennett as the Head Varsity Girls Volleyball Coach at a salary of \$3,100.00 effective the 2023/2024 school year.

Motion was passed unanimously.

E. Addition to the 2023/2024 Cafeteria Substitute List

The Food Service Director recommends adding Joyce McCutcheon and Pauline Hyde to the 2023/2024 Cafeteria Substitute List at a rate of \$14.00 per hour and no benefits.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Kayla Stevenson that the Board approve adding Joyce McCutcheon and Pauline Hyde to the 2023/2024 Cafeteria Substitute List at a rate of \$14.00 per hour and no benefits.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION:

Ayes – Cook, Karczewski, Manno, Miller, Slappy and Stevenson

Nays – Ellinwood

Motion was passed by a vote of 6-1.

F. Addition to the 2023/2024 Secretarial Substitute List

The Administration recommends adding Valerie Wojtkiewicz to the 2023/2024 Secretarial Substitute List at a rate of \$15.00 per hour and no benefits.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Kayla Stevenson that the Board approve adding Valerie Wojtkiewicz to the 2023/2024 Secretarial Substitute List at a rate of \$15.00 per hour and no benefits.

Motion was passed unanimously.

G. Addition to the Student Custodial Substitute List

The Building and Grounds Director recommends adding Frank Myers to the Student Custodial Substitute List at a rate of \$14.00 per hour and no benefits.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Michele Manno that the Board approve adding Frank Myers to the Student Custodial Substitute List at a rate of \$14.00 per hour and no benefits.

Motion was passed unanimously.

H. Confidential Secretary Contract

The Administration recommends approving the Confidential Secretary Contract for three years beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

MOTION

Motion was made by Ron Miller and seconded by Darcelle Slappy that the Board approve the Confidential Secretary Contract for three years beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

Motion was passed unanimously.

2. FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

- A. Mrs. McKim is requesting permission to take approximately 6 students to Western Beaver High School on Friday, April 5, 2024 to attend the Beaver County Schools Poetry Slam Competition.
- B. Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Pyle, and Mrs. Hawthorne are requesting permission to take 20 students to Penn State Beaver on Wednesday, May 8 & Thursday May 9, 2024 to participate in the "Battle of the Books".
- C. Mr. House is requesting permission to take the 8th grade class to Waldameer Park in Erie, PA on Thursday, June 6, 2024.
- D. Mr. Maruca and Mr. Lutzic are requesting permission to take 7 students to the Museum of Illusions in Pittsburgh on Wednesday, April 10, 2024.
- E. Mr. Verba, Ms. Halligan, Mrs. Schwartz, and Ms. Miller are requesting permission to take their 5th grade classes to CCBC and BCCTC on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 to learn about fields of study accessible in high school.
- F. Ms. Miller, Ms. Janectic, Mrs. Henney, and Mrs. Schwartz are requesting permission to take their 4th grade classes to Junior Achievement's Biztown in Bridgeville, PA on Friday, April 12, 2024.
- G. Ms. Sudano, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Rogers, and Mrs. House are requesting permission to take their 1st grade classes to Keystone Safari in Grove City on Thursday, May 23, 2024.
- H. Mr. Sheffield and Mrs. Miller are requesting permission to take 20 students in the gifted program to Atlanta, GA, April 18–23, 2024 to attend the 2024 AGLOA National Tournament.
- I. Mrs. Markle, Mrs. Gossett, and Mrs. Nero are requesting permission to take 50 students in the FBLA Club to Cedar Point, Sandusky, Ohio on Friday, June 7, 2024.
- J. Mrs. Markle and Mrs. Gossett are requesting permission to take 20 students to the Nationality Rooms at Pitt University in Pittsburgh on Wednesday, May 8, 2024.
- K. Mrs. Tomak and Mrs. Matsook are requesting permission to take 24 students to Acrisure Stadium in Pittsburgh on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 to attend the Steelers STEM Day.

- L. Mrs. Pyle is requesting permission to take 2 students to Western Beaver School District on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 to participate in the 32nd Annual Beaver County Sixth Grade Spelling Bee.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Kayla Stevenson that the Board approve the above field trip requests on dates and at locations as listed.

Motion was passed unanimously.

3. POLICY REVISIONS

The Administration recommends approving the revisions to Policy #916 Volunteers, Policy #222 Tobacco/Nicotine, Policy #830 Security of Computerized Personal Information/Breach Notification, and Policy #903 Public Comment in Board Meetings.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Terri Ellinwood that the Board approve the revisions to Policy #916 Volunteers, Policy #222 Tobacco/Nicotine, Policy #830 Security of Computerized Personal Information/Breach Notifications, and Policy #903 Public Comment in Board Meetings.

Motion was passed unanimously.

4. FIRST READING OF POLICY #254 EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR MILITARY CHILDREN

The Administration recommends approving the first reading of the new policy for adoption, Policy #254 Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

MOTION

Motion was made by Terri Ellinwood and seconded by Darcelle Slappy that the Board approve the first reading of the new policy for adoption, Policy #254 Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

Motion was passed unanimously.

5. SCHOOL CALENDAR

The Administration recommends approval of the 2024/2025 school district calendar.

MOTION

Motion was made by Terri Ellinwood and seconded by Darcelle Slappy that the Board approve the 2024/2025 school district calendar.

Motion was passed unanimously.

6. BEAVER VALLEY INTERMEDIATE UNIT 2024/2025 BUDGET

The Administration recommends adoption of the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit 2024/2025 Budget in the amount of \$2,313,189.00.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Kayla Stevenson that the Board approve adoption of the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit 2024/2025 Budget in the amount of \$2,313,189.00.

Motion was passed unanimously.

7. TECHNOLOGY CONSULTANT CONTRACT

The Board of Education and Administration recommends approving the technology consultant proposal with Rodney Bobin commencing July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$1,667.00 per month.

MOTION

Motion was made by Terri Ellinwood and seconded by Darcelle Slappy that the Board approve the technology consultant proposal with Rodney Bobin commencing July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$1,667.00 per month.

Motion was passed unanimously.

8. BBFASD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND REQUIRED REPORTS

The Administration recommends approval to submit the Big Beaver Falls Area School District Comprehensive Plan 2024-2027 and the other state required reports (Academic Standards and Assessment Requirements – Chapter 4, Gifted Education Plan Assurances – Chapter 16, Student Services Assurances – Chapter 12, Induction Plan – Chapter 49, and Professional Development Plan – Act 48) to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). The BBFASD Comprehensive Plan has been on public view for the past 28 days, which ends March 14, 2024.

MOTION

Motion was made by Darcelle Slappy and seconded by Kayla Stevenson that the Board approve the Big Beaver Falls Area School District Comprehensive Plan 2024-2027.

Motion was passed unanimously.

VIII. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

An Executive Session was held on March 14, 2024, after the Discussion Meeting, for a personnel matter.

IX. STUDENT BOARD MEMBER'S REPORT – KAYLEE MUSGUIRE

Titus Austin and Kaylee Musguire are March BFHS Students of the Month.
Ella Clerici is Rotary Club Student of the Month.
Neziyah McElvy and Teric Milliner are the Lions Club Students of the Month.
The Bocce team ended the season with 5 wins and 3 losses. They finished 4th Place overall.

Demeitris Taylor & Adrian Underwood auditioned for the Trust Arts Shakespeare Monologue Contest. Demeitris received Honorable Mention. He also came in Second Place in the Rochester Monologue Contest and Sam Haas received Honorable Mention.

The musical, "Elf" will be performed this weekend.

18 students will be inducted in the National Honor Society on March 26, 2024.

30 seniors will be going on the Senior Trip to Orlando, FL next month.

Dayahjua Gilmore, Aydin Murphy, Wyatt Witt, Rebecca Carter, and Amaya Sims participated in the Beaver County Senior Art Competition at the Merrick Art Gallery. Amaya won a cash prize and an Honorable Mention.

Lily McClester auditioned for PMEA Region Band and finished as a Top 5 Flute player.

Titus Austin, Avery Moran, & Reina King were selected to PMEA Jr. High District Band.

Lily McClester, Isaac Miller, Sam Gibson and Matt Laderer were selected to play in the pit orchestra for the musical, "Elf".

Adagio Health has been teaching nutritional eating to the Health Classes.

The PA Army National Guard will teach rock climbing, knockerball and other fitness games in the physical education classes.

17 Middle and High School students went to SRU Storm Harbor Equestrian Center last Thursday.

Juniors and Seniors from Pre-Calculus and Statistics classes attended a STEM Math Day at Youngstown State University.

Mrs. Cobb and Mrs. Gossett attended the Shell's Educator Tour with representatives from the Challenge Program to learn more about the Shell Cracker Plant.

X. BVIU AND 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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BIG BEAVER FALLS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Approved 3-21-24

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Grading Periods

Progress Reports	End of Nine-Weeks
September 23	October 24
November 26	January 15
February 19	March 25
April 29	June 3

Meet the Teacher

August 20	Grades K-5
August 26	Middle School
August 29	High School

In-Service Day (No School for Students)
Act 80 Days (No School for Students)

Holiday Break (No School)
Early Dismissal
Snow Make-Up Day

IMPORTANT DATES

August 20-21	Teacher In-Service Days #1 and #2	January 29	Act 80 Day (No School for Students)
August 22	First Day of School for Students	February 14	Snow Make-up Day #1
September 2	Labor Day (No School)	February 17	Presidents Day (No School)
October 14	Act 80 Day (No School for Students)	March 5	Act 80 Day
November 1	Act 80 Day (No School for Students)	March 17	Snow Make-Up Day #2
November 11	Veterans Day (No School)	April 17	Snow Make-Up Day #3
November 27	Early Dismissal	April 18-21	Spring Break (No School)
Nov 28 - Dec 2	Thanksgiving Vacation (No School)	May 9	Teacher In-Service Day #3 (Prom)
December 20	Early Dismissal	May 26	Memorial Day (No School)
December 23-January 3	Winter Vacation (No School)	June 3	Last Day of School for Students & Graduation
January 20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)	June 4	Teacher In-Service Day #4

PSSA ASSESSMENT DATES

English Language Arts	April 21 - April 25	Grades 3-8
Mathematics	April 28 - May 9	Grades 3-8
Science	April 28 - May 9	Grades 4 and 8

KEYSTONE EXAM TESTING WINDOWS

Algebra I, Biology, Literature	Winter Wave 1	December 4-18, 2024
	Winter Wave 2	January 6-17, 2025
	Spring Wave	May 12-23, 2025
	Summer Wave	July 28-August 1, 2025



2024 - 2025

