

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, 21 January 2013
7:00 p.m.
District Office Board Room**

MINUTES

Attendance

The regular monthly meeting of the Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, 21 January 2013, in the district office board room, followed by the pledge to the flag. Directors in attendance were: Mrs. Bonnie Crawford, Mr. Justin Hummel, Ms. Marianne Kreisher, Mr. Norman Mael, Ms. Cristina Mathews, and Mr. Thomas Tobin. Mrs. Bonnie Fiedler, Mr. Brent Hock, and Mrs. Sandra Rupp were absent and excused from the meeting.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Dr. Cosmas Curry and Mr. Michael Upton.

Others present included: Mr. Chris Howell, Mrs. Megan Hummel, Mrs. Deb Krupp, Mr. Aaron McGaw, Mrs. Candice McGaw, Ms. Abbi Parker, Ms. Carol Tevis, Ms. Emily Weisgerber, and Mr. Craig Young.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

Dr. Curry announced that January was School Director Appreciation Month and he handed out certificates of appreciation to the board and thanked them for their commitment to the district.

Next, Chris Howell addressed the board concerning field turf for Panther Stadium.

After this, the following visitors addressed the school board to voice their concern about staff from Your Loving Choices speaking to middle school students during their health classes: Megan Hummel, Abbi Parker, Deb Krupp, and Craig Young.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Kreisher, to approve the minutes of the following Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors' meetings: the 17 December 2012 regular monthly meeting and the 7 January 2013 special meeting and work session. The meeting minutes were then approved by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Crawford, to approve the financial reports for December 2012. The motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE

Mr. Tobin moved to approve the bills payable for 18 December 2012 – 21 January 2013, ranging from check #00033588 – check #00033754, including wire transfers totaling \$493,579.94, in the amount of \$1,026,061.86. Ms. Kreisher seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE – CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Ms. Kreisher made the motion to approve the bills payable for the Capital Reserve Fund for 18 December 2012 – 21 January 2013, being check #00001744 – #00001746, totaling \$53,382.00. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Crawford and then passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Kreisher made the motion to amend the agenda to hold the executive session to discuss legal matters at this point in the meeting rather than at the end of the meeting. Mrs. Crawford seconded this motion and the motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

At 7:50 p.m., Ms. Kreisher moved to go into an executive session to discuss legal matters and Mrs. Crawford seconded this motion. The motion then passed by a voice vote of five yes votes to one no vote (being Mr. Tobin).

At 8:37 p.m., Ms. Kreisher made the motion to return to public session and Mrs. Crawford seconded this motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

During his report, Dr. Curry stated that the district had received a contract from Susan McGarry with ArchCentral for the middle school generator project. He said the contract included the bid, project, follow-through, and support. He also reported that the district had received two contracts for consideration for the flood mitigation project – one from ArchCentral and one from K & W Engineering. He said the flood mitigation project would be further discussed at the February work session and that the contract should be voted on at the regular monthly meeting in February.

Dr. Curry told the school board that the comprehensive plan committee had conducted its last meeting and that it had analyzed a lot of data. He said that the focus of the plan was to be K-8 special education, 9-12 math and reading, and 9-12 socio-economically disadvantaged.

Lastly, Dr. Curry reported that the Old Panther Group was looking to make a donation to the district to offset the cost of field maintenance at Panther Stadium. He said the group was also interested in possibly making a donation for scoreboards.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

There was no student representative report given, as Colton Hock was unable to attend the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the board at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Authorization of Administration to Solicit Bids for New Middle School Generator

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Kreisher, to authorize the administration to develop a contract with Susan McGarry from ArchCentral, Inc. and engineer Angelo Martarano of Martarano Electrical Engineers and to develop bid specifications for a new generator at Bloomsburg Middle School, and to then advertise an invitation to bid for said generator. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Proposed Preliminary Budget

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mrs. Crawford seconded, to approve the proposed preliminary 2013-2014 Bloomsburg Area School District budget as presented. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Offering STEM Programs to Students

Ms. Kreisher moved to approve an addition to the Program of Studies by offering eligible students the opportunity, in conjunction with Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, to participate in a STEM program as an extension of the district's academic program. Ms. Mathews seconded the motion and it then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip Requests

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Crawford seconded, to approve the following out-of-state/overnight field trip requests:

- FBLA members to the FBLA State Leadership Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania from 15 April 2013 – 17 April 2013, at a cost to the district of \$2,642.00; and
- A Bloomsburg High School student to Region Orchestra at Wyoming Area High School from 20 February 2013 – 22 February 2013, at a cost to the district of \$440.00.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Approval of Classified Substitutes

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Ms. Mathews seconded, to approve James Breisch as a classified substitute, effective 23 January 2013, and Brenda Shearer as a classified substitute, effective 22 January 2013. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Transportation Contractors

Ms. Mathews moved to approve contracting with the parents of a student attending New Story in Berwick, Pennsylvania for daily transportation of that student to and from school each day, at the IRS mileage reimbursement rate of \$.565 per mile, retroactive to 2 January 2013. Ms. Kreisher seconded this motion and it then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Professional Staff Retirement

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Crawford seconded, to accept with regret the retirement of Bloomsburg Middle School Guidance Counselor David Cantore, effective at the end of the 2012-2013 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Volunteer Advisor

Ms. Mathews made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Crawford, to approve Ashley Zinar as a Volunteer Choreographer for the Bloomsburg High School spring 2013 drama production. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Professional Day-to-Day Substitute

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Mathews, to approve Scott Berkes as a professional day-to-day substitute, effective upon receipt of his PA teaching certificate. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Appointment of Authorized Representative for Berkheimer

Ms. Mathews made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Crawford, to appoint Business Administrator Michael Upton as the authorized representative to make requests upon and receive any and all tax information and records from Berkheimer, relative to the collection of taxes for the Bloomsburg Area School. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Speech Therapy Provider

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Ms. Mathews seconded, to approve Patricia Smith as a speech therapist at Memorial Elementary School, effective approximately 1 March 2013 – 6 April 2013, at an hourly rate of \$45. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Classified Staff Leave of Absence Request

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Ms. Mathews seconded, to approve a leave of absence for Bloomsburg Middle School Custodian C. Edna Heintz, retroactive to 11 January 2013 through 1 February 2013. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:06 p.m., Ms. Kreisher moved to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Crawford seconded her motion. The motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary
(from notes taken by
Dr. Cosmas Curry &
Mr. Michael Upton)