

**Bloomsburg Area School District  
Board of School Directors  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Tuesday, 19 February 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 Tuesday, 19 February 2013, in the district office board room, followed by the pledge to the flag. Directors in attendance were: Mrs. Bonnie Crawford, Mrs. Bonnie Fiedler, Mr. Justin Hummel, Mr. Norman Mael, and Mrs. Sandra Rupp. Mr. Brent Hock, Ms. Marianne Kreisher, Ms. Cristina Mathews, and Mr. Thomas Tobin were absent and excused from the meeting.

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

Others present were: Ms. Stephanie Kessler.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK**

There was no public comment at this meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Crawford made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the minutes of the following Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors' meetings: the 21 January 2013 regular monthly meeting and 4 February 2013 special meeting and work session. The meeting minutes were then approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiedler, to approve the financial reports for January 2013. The motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE**

Mrs. Fiedler moved to approve the bills payable for 22 January 2013 – 19 February 2013, ranging from check #00033760 – check #00033905, including wire transfers totaling \$292,469.87, in the amount of \$931,408.29. Mrs. Crawford seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE – CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which Mrs. Crawford seconded, to approve the bills payable for the Capital Reserve Fund for 22 January 2013 – 19 February 2013, ranging from check #00001747 – #00001749, totaling \$25,425.00. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Curry reported that the district had four scoreboards in need of replacement, being those at the soccer field, football field, baseball field, and in the middle school gymnasium. He said that Lance Diehl, president of First Columbia Bank, had told him that the bank would like to purchase a scoreboard for the middle school gym. Dr. Curry also reported that the Old Panther Group would like to donate \$5,000 toward a new scoreboard at the football field if the scoreboard was purchased during the 2012-2013 school year. The Klingerman family was interested in purchasing a scoreboard for the baseball field in memory of Darren Klingerman.

Dr. Curry then reported on the state of personnel in the district. He said that currently there were five professional staff retirements for the end of the 2012-2013 school year and that there would most likely be some professional staff transfers throughout the district for the start of the 2013-2014 school year. He said there would probably only be one additional professional staff member added for the 2013-2014 school year, and that would be the long-term substitute for fifth grade at W.W. Evans Elementary School (due to class sizes of 30 students or more). Lastly, he reported that Melanie Hons' position as a health aide at W.W. Evans Elementary School would not be replaced upon her resignation in March 2013. Instead, a health aide from another building would be transferred to fill Ms. Hons' position and the half-time long-term substitute school nurse would be transferred to full-time status for the rest of the 2012-2013 school year.

## **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**

### **Acceptance of Donation**

Mrs. Crawford made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiedler, to accept a \$1,750 donation from the Old Panther Group for maintenance of the football field. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Football Field Maintenance Agreement**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which Mrs. Crawford seconded, to approve the agreement with Scott's Lawn Care in the amount of \$1,707.98 to conduct a soil sample and aerate, weed, fertilize, and seed the football field, as funded by the Old Panther Group. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Middle and High School Handbooks**

Mrs. Fiedler moved to approve the Bloomsburg Middle School and Bloomsburg High School student handbooks for the 2013-2014 school year. Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Generator Contract**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the generator contract with ArchCentral in the amount of \$9,968. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Flood Mitigation Contract**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the flood mitigation contract with ArchCentral in the amount of \$16,700. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of School Calendar**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the 2013-2014 Bloomsburg Area School District calendar as presented. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Resolutions Regarding Delinquent Tax Collecting**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve as presented the resolutions with Berkheimer for collecting delinquent taxes. The motion passed by a unanimous voice.

### **Approval of Program of Studies**

Mrs. Rupp made the motion to approve the Bloomsburg High School Program of Studies for the 2013-2014 school year. Mrs. Fiedler seconded the motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Directing CS Trust to Move to a Tiered Funding System for Health Insurance**

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which Mrs. Fiedler seconded, to approve directing the Central Susquehanna (CS) Trust to move to a tiered funding for health insurance for all medical plans. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Offering Summer Programs**

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Crawford, to approve the following student programs for Summer 2013:

- KinderCamp
  - Location: Memorial Elementary School
  - Dates: June 24 – July 24 – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
  - Time: 9:30-11:30 a.m. each day
  - Two teachers @ approximately 44.5 hours/each
  - Two paraprofessionals @ approximately 37.5 hours/each
- Bloomsburg University Reading Program
  - Location: Memorial Elementary School
  - Dates: June 24 – July 24 – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
  - Time: 9:30-11:30 a.m. each day
  - No teachers needed – BU students volunteer
  - Reading Program Liaison - \$22/hour x approximately 76 hours = \$1,672.00
  - Reading Program Liaison Intern - \$22/hour x approximately 10 hours = \$220.00

- Extended School Year (ESY)
  - Location: Memorial Elementary School & Bloomsburg Middle/High School
  - Dates & Time: July 22 – 25, July 29 – August 1, August 13-14  
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
  - Two to four teachers needed @ approximately 35 hours/each (\$22/hour)
  - Two paraprofessionals needed @ approximately 30 hours/each (hourly pay rate)
- High School Summer School
  - Location: Bloomsburg High School
  - Dates: June 10 – 28
  - Hours: Session I – 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. & Session II – 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
  - Courses Offered: English 9, English 10, Algebra, Geometry, Social Studies, Graduation Project
  - One teacher per course @ \$22/hour

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip Request**

Mrs. Crawford moved to approve the following out-of-state/overnight field trip request:

- Bloomsburg High School band students to region band at Jersey Shore Area High School from 6 March 2013 – 9 March 2013 at a cost to the district of \$738.

Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

## **PERSONNEL**

### **Approval of Professional Day-to-Day Substitutes**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the following individuals as professional day-to-day substitutes:

- Samantha Bittner, effective 20 February 2013;
- Josh Farr, effective 20 February 2013; and
- Natasha Whipple, effective 20 February 2013.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Acceptance of Athletic Coach Resignations**

Mrs. Crawford made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to accept the following athletic coach resignations:

- Assistant Field Hockey Coach Jocelyn Schultz, retroactive to 1 February 2013; and
- Head Football Coach Larry Sones, effective 20 February 2013.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Spring Athletic Coaches**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Crawford, to approve the following individuals as Spring 2013 athletic coaches:

- Reapprove Steven Bercher as a Volunteer Boys' Tennis Coach; and
- Approve Jalon Orzolek as an Assistant Track Coach at Step 1 and a stipend of \$1,268.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Classified Staff Leave of Absence**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the leave of absence request of Memorial Elementary School Paraprofessional Laura Grey, effective on or about 2 April 2013 through the end of the 2012-2013 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Acceptance of Professional Staff Retirements**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to accept the following professional staff retirements:

- W.W. Evans Elementary School Teacher Terry Carr, effective at the end of the 2012-2013 school year;
- Bloomsburg High School Communications Teacher DeAnne Casteel, effective at the end of the 2012-2013 school year; and
- Bloomsburg High School Social Studies Teacher Donald Traugh III, effective at the end of the 2012-2013 school year.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Acceptance of Professional Staff Resignations**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to accept the following professional staff resignations:

- Bloomsburg High School English Teacher Kathleen Mohr, effective 19 April 2013; and
- Beaver-Main Elementary School Long-Term Half-Time Reading Specialist Amber Turner, effective 1 March 2013.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Acceptance of Classified Staff Resignation**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to accept the resignation of W.W. Evans Elementary School Health Aide Melanie Hons, with her last work day being 22 March 2013. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

## **INFORMATION**

It was announced that the following items would be included on the next work session agenda: Budget, Long-Term Substitute Pay Rates, and Comprehensive Plan.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

It was announced that the next special meeting and work session would be held on Monday, 4 March 2013 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board. The stakeholders' meeting would be held on Monday, 11 March 2013 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room. Lastly, the next regular monthly meeting was scheduled for Monday, 18 March 2013 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:06 p.m., Mrs. Fiedler moved to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler  
Recording Secretary