

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, 15 April 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, 15 April 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, Ms. Marianne Kreisher, Mr. Norman Mael, Ms. Cristina Mathews, and Mrs. Sandra Rupp. Mr. Brent Hock and Mr. Thomas Tobin were absent from the meeting.

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

Others present were: Ms. Trudy Ashelman, Ms. Bernadette Barattini (left at 7:25 p.m.), Ms. Amelia Blackledge, Ms. Lori Carol, Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Mrs. Deborah Krupp, Ms. Nancy McBride, Ms. Susan Nevius, Mr. Michael O'Shea (left at 7:30 p.m.), Mr. Tom Smida (left at 7:25 p.m.), and Ms. Darlene Zumerling.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

Ms. Lori Carl, a paraprofessional in the Bloomsburg Area School District, asked Dr. Curry to explain the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the district and paraprofessionals. Dr. Curry said that through approval of this MOU, paraprofessionals' hours would be decreased from 6.5 hours per day to 5.5 hours per day effective 1 July 2013, but that the benefits of the current support staff contract would be honored through the end of the contract, being 30 June 2014.

Mrs. Deborah Krupp addressed the school board to show her appreciation of the Rotary Club donating dictionaries to Memorial Elementary School students.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiedler, to approve the minutes of the following Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors' meetings: the 18 March 2013 regular monthly meeting and 2 April 2013 special meetings and work session. The meeting minutes were then approved by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE

Ms. Mathews moved to approve the bills payable for 19 March 2013 – 15 April 2013, ranging from check #00034062 – check #00034210, including wire transfers totaling \$553,727.11, in the amount of \$1,175,913.80. Ms. Kresisher seconded this motion, and it then passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Curry referenced the report on the Keystones, which Mr. Moran had distributed at the last meeting. He asked if anyone had questions on it. There were no questions; however, Mrs. Fiedler and Ms. Mathews both said it was good to see the Bloomsburg Area School District's scores were above the state average and the scores of local districts. Dr. Curry then reported that the previous week, the electricity at Memorial Elementary School was briefly out of service, but that no major issues were caused by it, and that the district was evaluating the bus bars. He then let the board know that Villager Realty wanted to post a sign with each graduate's name on it at Bloomsburg High School. Dr. Curry asked if there were any objections to this, and the board gave their consent, but asked that if any students did not wish to participate that they could be exempt. Lastly, as this was Ms. Mathews' last school board meeting, Dr. Curry thanked her for her service to the district.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

As Colton Hock was not able to make the meeting, there was no student representative report given.

OLD BUSINESS

Final Approval of Policies 405 and 800

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiedler, to approve for adoption the revised Policy 405: Employment of Substitute Professional Employees and Policy 800: Records Management. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Bond Refinancing

Ms. Mathews made the motion, which Mrs. Fiedler seconded, to approve as presented by Brad Remig of The PFM Group the bond refinancing resolution. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Electronic Signature Resolution

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Fiedler seconded, to approve as presented the resolution authorizing school district administrators and the school board president to electronically sign contracts in the e-grants system. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Gas and Electricity Prices

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to accept the low quotes of South Jersey Energy for purchasing natural gas at \$4.83 per dekatherm, effective 1 June 2013 – 31 May 2016, and FirstEnergy Solutions at \$7.62 per kilowatt hour, effective 5 April 2013 – 4 April 2016. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Budget Transfers

Ms. Kreisher made the motion to approve transferring \$1.5 million from the unrestricted fund balance to the committed fund balance, with \$1 million for retirement and \$500,000 for anticipated health care increases. Mrs. Fiedler seconded this motion, and it then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Mathews, to approve the following out-of-state/overnight field trip requests:

- AP US History students to Washington DC from 20 May 2013 – 21 May 2013, at an approximate cost to the district of \$1,032.40;
- Eighth-grade students to Washington DC on 31 May 2013, at no cost to the district; and
- Robotics team to Indianapolis, Indiana for a National Robotics League Tournament from 16 May 2013 – 20 May 2013, at a cost to the district of \$1,206.40.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of School Director Resignation

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Crawford, to accept with regret the resignation of Bloomsburg Area School District Director Cristina Mathews, effective 16 April 2013. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Professional Staff

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Fiedler seconded, to approve George Lynn as the Bloomsburg Middle School Guidance Counselor at Step 8 Masters and an annual salary of \$44,900 and with benefits as per the negotiated contract, effective for the start of the 2013-2014 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Crawford, to approve Michael O'Shea as a Bloomsburg High School Social Studies Teacher at Step 1 Bachelors and an annual salary of \$36,076 and with benefits as per the negotiated contract, effective for the start of the 2013-2014 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve Kelley Dravenstott as a Half-Time Reading Specialist at Beaver-Main Elementary School at half of Step 1 Masters and an annual pro-rated annual salary of \$18,651.50 and with benefits as per the negotiated contract, effective 16 April 2013. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Athletic Coach

Ms. Kreisher moved to approve Casey Naumann as the Cheerleading Advisor for Fall 2013, at Step 1 and a stipend of \$869. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Classified Substitutes

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Mathews, to approve the following individuals as classified substitutes:

- Rebecca Houseknecht, effective 16 April 2013;
- Christine Berger, effective upon receipt of her Act 114 Clearance and tuberculosis test results; and
- Charles Trelease, effective upon receipt of his tuberculosis test results.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

INFORMATION

It was reported that the following items were to appear on the next work session agenda: Budget, Athletic Handbook, Board Elections, Driver Education, and Central Susquehanna Community Foundation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was reported that the next special meeting and work session would be held on Monday, 6 May 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room, and that the next regular monthly meeting would be held on Monday, 20 May 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room.

Mrs. Crawford announced that she did not get her paperwork in on time, but that she would be running a write-in campaign for one of the school board seats being opened in December 2013. Mr. Mael said that if he received enough write-in votes that he would also continue to serve on the school board.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:36 p.m., Ms. Kreisher moved to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion. The motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary