

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, 17 June 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, 17 June 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. Brent Hock, Mr. Justin Hummel, Ms. Marianne Kreisher, Mr. Norman Mael, Mrs. Sandra Rupp, Mr. William Snavely, and Mr. Thomas Tobin.

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

Others present included: Mr. Ryan Gibble (left at 7:04 p.m.), Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Mrs. Deb Krupp, Mrs. Susan McGarry (left at 7:43 p.m.), and Mr. Nick Wozniak.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

No members of the audience wished to address the board at this time.

Mr. Gibble gave a report of the high school spring sports season.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mrs. Fiedler seconded, to approve the minutes of the 20 May 2013 regular monthly meeting and the 3 June 2013 special meeting and work session. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Fiedler seconded, to approve the financial reports for May 2013. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion to approve the bills payable for 21 May 2013 – 17 June 2013, ranging from check #00034393 – check #00034541, including wire transfers totaling \$270,818.06, in the amount of \$801,460.56. Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE – CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiedler, to approve the bills payable for the Capital Reserve Fund for 21 May 2013 – 17 June 2013, ranging from check #00001752 – check #00001755, in the amount of \$204,274.35. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Curry addressed the board regarding the concerns of some individuals who had made contributions to Panther Stadium. He said that if the brakes were being put on any stadium-related projects at that time, it was because there were five other projects going on concurrently and that the custodial/maintenance department was down two employees and that two new custodians were on the evening’s board agenda for approval. Dr. Curry said that other issues that were holding up the progress being made on the stadium included volunteers submitting clearances to the district, ensuring that no work was being taken away from support staff members, ensuring liability issues regarding volunteers were taken care of, and ensuring that child labor laws were not being violated. Dr. Curry concluded this portion of his report by stating that the Panther Stadium projects would be completed, but that it would take time to do so.

Dr. Curry then reported to the school board that the two vacant custodial positions might be filled between that evening and the 15 July 2013 school board meeting (assuming the 1 July 2013 meeting was cancelled), and that he would be coming back to ask for retroactive approval for these individuals. He also reported that he had talked to the five companies that had paid for scoreboard advertising through Side Effects and that of the five, two had already been reimbursed by Side Effects.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT

As Colton Hock was not at the meeting, no student representative report was made.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to be conducted by the school board at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Breakfast and Lunch Prices

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Crawford, to approve the following student breakfast and lunch prices for 2013-2014:

- Breakfast – Elementary - \$1.00 (no change from 2012-2013)
- Breakfast – Secondary - \$1.10 (no change from 2012-2013)
- Lunch – Elementary - \$2.15 (increase of \$.05 from 2012-2013)
- Lunch – Secondary - \$2.40 (increase of \$.05 from 2012-2013)

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Guided Reading Contract

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion to approve as presented the professional development contract with Ann Moorcones for the 2013-2014 school year. Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Cancellation of 1 July 2013 Work Session

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiedler, to approve cancelling the 1 July 2013 Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors' special meeting and work session. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Donations

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion to accept the following donations to the Bloomsburg Area School District:

- The book "The Great Bicycle Race Mystery" (a Boxcar Children mystery) by Gertrude Chandler Warner to the Memorial Elementary School library by Jamie Thrush, in memory of Amandy Strzempek, the mother of Sam and Ethan Strzempek; and
- The book "Go Fly a Bike: The Ultimate Book About Bicycle Fun, Freedom, and Science" by Bill Haduch to the Memorial Elementary School library by Barbara Fritz, in memory of Amandy Strzempek, the mother of Sam and Ethan Strzempek.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rupp and went on to pass by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Mall Tax Reduction Sign-Off

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve authorizing Solicitor Noah Naparstek to sign off on the Columbia Mall tax reduction, as presented by the Columbia County Assessment Office. The motion passed by a voice vote of eight affirmative votes and one abstention (being Mr. Hummel, who abstained because his father's law firm represents Columbia Mall).

Approval of Change Order for Natatorium

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which Mrs. Crawford seconded, to approve a change order for ADA upgrades in the amount of \$6,000.00 for the middle school natatorium project. Mrs. Susan McGarry from ArchCentral went over the details of the change order before a unanimous voice vote was taken.

PERSONNEL

Approval of Classified Staff Furloughs

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Fiedler seconded, to approve furloughing Personal Care Aide Lisa Roberts as a result of the graduation of the student for whom she provides personal care aide services, and to approve furloughing Will Christensen as a result of the student for whom he provides personal care aide services no longer requiring a personal care aide as per said student's IEP, both effective 18 June 2013. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Classified Staff Substitutes

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mrs. Fiedler seconded, to approve the following individuals as classified staff substitutes:

- Lisa Roberts, effective 18 June 2013;
- Will Christensen, effective 18 June 2013;
- Jonathan Barnett, effective 18 June 2013;
- Kelly Haynes, effective upon receipt of her Act 34, 114, and 151 clearances and her tuberculosis test results; and
- Amy Weaver, effective 18 June 2013.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Classified Staff

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the following individuals as classified staff employees:

- Eddy Petock as a Part-Time Beaver-Main Elementary School Custodian at \$8.25 per hour and with benefits as per the negotiated contract, effective upon receipt of his Act 34, 114, and 151 clearances and his tuberculosis test results; and
- James Breisch as a transfer from a classified substitute position to a Full-Time Second-Shift Bloomsburg Middle School Custodian at \$8.25 per hour and with benefits as per the negotiated contract, effective 18 June 2013.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Athletic Coaches

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hock, to approve the following individuals as athletic coaches for the 2013-2014 school year:

- William Freeman as the Head Wrestling Coach at Step 15 and a stipend of \$4,299.00; and
- Keith Thrush as the Head Baseball Coach at Step 1 and a stipend of \$2,114.00.

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 Bloomsburg Middle School Secretary Cindy Weaver, effective 2 August 2013. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

INFORMATION

Mrs. Fiedler asked when there would be a report given to the school board regarding potentially changing the weighting of AP and honors classes, and Dr. Curry responded that this would likely be discussed at the August or September work session.

Mr. Hummel reported that he, Mr. Tobin, and Dr. Curry had given a certificate of achievement award to Robert Beyers earlier that day for his contributions to his family and community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was reported that the work session scheduled for 1 July 2013 had been cancelled, and that the next regular monthly school board meeting would be held on Monday, 15 July 2013 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:51 p.m., Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Ms. Kreisher seconded, to adjourn the regular monthly meeting and move into an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held from 7:51 – 8:15 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. The executive session ended following a motion by Mr. Hock, a second by Ms. Kreisher, and a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary