

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, 15 July 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 July 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, and Mr. William Snavely. Mr. Thomas Tobin was absent from the meeting.

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

Others present included: Mr. Jim Coulter (arrived at 7:18 p.m.), Ms. Stephanie Kessler, and Ms. Nicole Walberg.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hock made the motion, which Mrs. Fiedler seconded, to approve the minutes of the 17 June 2013 regular monthly meeting. 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 June 2013. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiedler, to approve the bills payable for 18 June 2013 – 30 June 2013, ranging from check #00034542 – check #00034601, including wire transfers totaling \$495,970.10, in the amount of \$668,252.04. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Fiedler seconded, to approve the bills payable for 1 July 2013 – 15 July 2013, ranging from check #00034602– check #00034705, including wire transfers totaling \$151,112.19, in the amount of \$662,326.27. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE – CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Crawford, to approve the bills payable for the Capital Reserve Fund for 1 July 2013 – 15 July 2013, ranging from check #00001757 – check #00001760, totaling \$249,332.57. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Curry reported that the steel and curbs had been set on the middle school roof in preparation for the air conditioning unit to be installed. He also reported that the middle school locker rooms had been painted and that the middle school generator project coming along well. He said that the new athletic scoreboards were on the premises and that Mr. Wozniak was in the process of making arrangements with Mariano Construction to install them. Dr. Curry reported that track renovations were complete and that all plans had been made regarding concrete and plumbing with the flood mitigation project.

Dr. Curry briefly went over data indicated that students in Kindergarten through second grade had increased their reading ability in 2012-2013, the first year that teachers in those grades had begun to receive professional development on guided reading. Dr. Curry said that K-2 teachers would continue to receive professional development in 2013-2014, and that teachers in grades three through five would commence their guided reading professional development in 2013-2014.

PSSA and Keystone Exam preliminary data was available, and Dr. Curry said that Mr. Moran would give a report on this data at a future school board meeting. As a result of the material on the Algebra I test, Dr. Curry stated that the administration may need to recommend a change in course titles. He also said that administrators were analyzing ways to provide remediation for students not performing proficient on Keystone Exams.

Lastly, Dr. Curry reported that Elementary Art Teacher Jillette Andrews would be painting motivational, student-focused slogans on the back wall in the board room.

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 Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip Requests

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the 2013-2014 athletic out-of-state/overnight field trip requests as presented. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of ACA Resolution

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the resolution regarding the Affordable Care Act (ACA) as presented. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of PTO/Boosters

Mrs. Crawford made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiedler, to approve the following Parent-Teacher Organizations and Booster Clubs:

- Memorial Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization
- Beaver-Main Elementary School Parent Co-op
- Bloomsburg Girls' Basketball Booster Organization
- Band High School Band Boosters
- Bloomsburg Panther Wrestling Association
- Bloomsburg High School Swimming and Diving Boosters
- Bloomsburg Boys' Basketball Boosters
- Bloomsburg High School Girls' Softball Boosters

Mrs. Crawford then made the motion to amend the original motion to add Track and Field Boosters, Football Boosters, and W.W. Evans Elementary School Parent-Teacher Co-op. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

The amended motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of First Reading of Policy 405

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiedler, to approve on first reading the revised Policy 405: Employment of Substitute Professional Employees and schedule it for final adoption at the 19 August 2013 Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors' meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Approval of Classified Staff Recall from Furlough List

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiedler, to approve recalling from the furlough list Lisa Roberts and to assign her to the position of Personal Care Aide at Beaver-Main Elementary School, effective for the start of the 2013-2014 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Professional Staff Resignation

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hock, to accept the resignation of the following professional staff members:

- Memorial Elementary School Teacher Erin Johnson, effective 16 July 2013; and
- W.W. Evans Elementary School Teacher Sarah Snedeker, effective 31 July 2013.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Professional Staff

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

- Alicia Archuleta as a Memorial Elementary School Fifth-Grade Teacher at Step 1 Bachelors and an annual salary of \$36,076.00 and with benefits as per the negotiated contract, effective for the start of the 2013-2014 school year; and

- Nicole Walberg as a Long-Term Professional Substitute at W.W. Evans Elementary School at Step 1 Bachelors and an annual salary of \$36,076.00 and with benefits as per Policy 405: Employment of Substitute Professional Employees for the 2013-2014 school year.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Classified Substitutes

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

- Bixian Chen, effective upon receipt of her Act 34, 114, and 151 clearances and his tuberculosis test results;
- YiQuan Chen, effective upon receipt of his Act 34, 114, and 151 clearances and his tuberculosis test results;
- Changyan Song, effective upon receipt of her Act 34, 114, and 151 clearances and tuberculosis test results;
- Huaxiang Wang, effective upon receipt of his Act 34, 114, and 151 clearances and tuberculosis test results; and
- Jon Young, effective upon receipt of his Act 34, 114, and 151 clearances and his tuberculosis test results.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Professional Substitutes

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Crawford, to approve the following individuals as professional day-to-day substitutes, effective for the start of the 2013-2014 school year:

- Tad Kalcich (Elementary Education K-6 and Special Education N-12); and
- Sara Turner (Citizenship 7-12 and Social Studies 7-12).

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Renewal of Superintendent's Contract

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to renew as presented the Bloomsburg Area School District Superintendent's contract. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Classified Staff Retirement

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Crawford, to accept with regret the retirement of W.W. Evans Elementary School Secretary Eileen Shetterly, effective 7 October 2013. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Classified Staff

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiedler, to approve Elena Jola as a Bloomsburg Middle School Secretary, at \$8.50 per hour and with benefits as per the negotiated contract, effective upon receipt of her Act 34, 114, and 151 clearances and tuberculosis test results. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Classified Staff Resignation

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Fiedler seconded, to accept the resignation of Personal Care Aide Sarah Buechele, retroactive to 10 July 2013. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

INFORMATION

It was announced that the following item would appear on the next work session agenda: Drop-Out Report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was announced that the next special meeting and work session would be held on Monday, 5 August 2013, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room, and that the next regular monthly meeting would be held on Monday, 19 August 2013, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:15 p.m., Mr. Hock made the motion to adjourn the regular monthly meeting and move into executive session to discuss litigation matters. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held from 8:15 – 8:23 p.m. to discuss litigation matters.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary