

**Bloomsburg Area School District  
Board of School Directors  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Monday, 19 August 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, 19 August 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 Snaveley, and Mr. Thomas Tobin.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Mr. Stephen Bressi (left at 7:22 p.m.), Dr. Cosmas Curry and Mr. Michael Upton.

Others present included: Mr. Stacy Frye (arrive at 8:05 p.m. and left at 8:35 p.m.), Mrs. Stephanie Hock, Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Mr. Mike Kogut (arrived at 8:05 p.m. and left at 8:35 p.m.), Mrs. Deb Krupp, and Mr. Tony Lylo.

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

Ms. Marianne Kreisher addressed the rest of the school board, speaking as a parent. She said that she was impressed with this year's midget football program, but that she had received comments from others at the first game, wondering why there were no benches and why the new scoreboard was not being used. Dr. Curry responded that typically, the benches are available for midget football games but that there was most likely just a miscommunication that resulted in there being no benches available for the first game. He went on to say that the midget football program would be permitted to use the new scoreboard, but that it was not yet working. When asked if the midget football program would be allowed to use the press box, Dr. Curry said there was a possibility of one individual affiliated with midget football to have access to the press box and PA system, and that this individual would need to be trained in the proper usage of the PA system. Dr. Curry also read to the school board the draft guidelines for the midget football program to use the scoreboard.

Because Mr. Bressi had not been able to attend the 5 August 2013 school board meeting, he gave his administrative report at this point in the meeting. He distributed and then reviewed a handout on drop-out rates over the past several years. He stated that there were eight drop-outs during the 2012-2013 school year, and that the approximate four-year cohort graduate rate for 2012-2013 was 91.30%.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the minutes of the 15 July 2013 regular monthly meeting and the 5 August 2013 special meeting and work session. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

## **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Hr. Hock made the motion, which Mrs. Crawford seconded, to approve the financial reports for July 2013. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE**

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Kreisher, to approve the bills payable for 16 July 2013 – 19 August 2013, ranging from check #00034707 – check #00034962, including wire transfers totaling \$235661.99, in the amount of \$2,180,269.28. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

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

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Kreisher, to approve the bills payable for the Capital Reserve Fund for 16 July 2013 – 19 August 2013, ranging from check #00001761 – check #00001764, totaling \$270,066.70. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Curry reported on PSBA elections and then reviewed his 2013-2014 district-wide goals. Mr. Hock said he would like the school board to discuss these goals and possibly add more. It was determined that the district-wide goals would be a topic of discussion at the next work session.

## **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

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

At this point in the meeting, new Head Varsity Football Coach Mike Kogut addressed the school board to express his gratitude to the school board, administration, and support staff for their help and support with his transition into this position. Mr. Kogut went over his goals for the year's football program and reported that Friday, 23 August 2013 would be community night to kick off the football season, with local businesses selling food and donating a portion of the profit to the football booster organization and that other activities, including having a bounce house, a dunk tank, a bonfire, and having senior fall athletes recognized, would be included during the evening's activities.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Approval of Adoption of Revised Policy 405**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Tobin, to approve adopting the revised Policy 405: Employment of Substitute Professional Employees. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Approval of Settlement Agreement**

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve as presented the settlement agreement between the Bloomsburg Area School District and the parent of a former Bloomsburg Area School District student. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Booster Club**

Mr. Hock moved to approve the Bloomsburg High School Boys' Soccer Booster organization. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Crawford and it then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Transfer of Funds**

Mr. Tobin made the motion to approve transferring \$500,000 from the general fund to the Capital Reserve Fund. Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

## **PERSONNEL**

### **Approval of Professional Staff Resignations**

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Kreisher, to approve the following professional staff resignations:

- School Psychologist Julia Robinson Holdren, effective 11 October 2013; and
- Bloomsburg Middle School Learning Support Teacher Kristen Beyer, effective 20 August 2013.

The motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Professional Substitutes**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the following individuals as professional day-to-day substitutes, effective 20 August 2013:

- Shari Frank (Health and Physical Education K-12 and Special Education N-12); and
- Emily Paul (Elementary Education K-6).

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Professional Staff**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Mael seconded, to approve Stephanie Hock as a Bloomsburg Middle School Learning Support Teacher at Step 1 Masters and an annual salary of \$37,853.00 and with benefits as per the negotiated contract, effective 20 August 2013. The motion passed by a voice vote of seven yes votes and one abstention (being Mr. Hock, who abstained as Mrs. Hock is his wife), and one no vote (being Mr. Tobin).

Mrs. Crawford made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve Jane Endress as a Half-Time Reading Specialist at Beaver-Main Elementary School at half of Step 1 Masters and a pro-rated annual salary of \$18,926.50 and with benefits as per the negotiated contract, effective 30 September 2013, and to approve her as a professional day-to-day substitute, effective 20 August 2013. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Crawford, to approve Lane Wallace as a Half-Time Spanish Teacher at Bloomsburg High School, at ½ of Step 1 Bachelors +24 and an annual salary of \$18,512.00 and with benefits offered as per the negotiated contract, effective 20 August 2013. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Classified Staff Change in Hours**

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the following changes to cafeteria staff members' hours:

- Bloomsburg High School Head Cook Beverly Hunsinger from 7 hours per day to 6.5 hours per day, effective 20 August 2013; and
- Bloomsburg High School Cook Patricia Magda from 4 hours per day to 5 hours per day.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Classified Staff**

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

- Georgiana Church as a 5.5-hour-per-day classroom paraprofessional at Memorial Elementary School, at an hourly rate of \$8.50 and with benefits as per the negotiated contract, effective 20 August 2013;
- Gloria Cromis as a classified substitute, effective 20 August 2013;
- Ashley Miccio as a Personal Care Aide for an out-of-district student, at an hourly rate of \$8.50 and with benefits as per the negotiated contract, effective 20 August 2013;
- Theodore Rush as a classified substitute, effective upon receipt of his Act 114 Clearance and his tuberculosis test results;
- Rhonna Stojakovich (formerly on the classified substitute list) as a 5.5-hour-per-day classroom paraprofessional at Memorial Elementary School, at an hourly rate of \$8.50 and with benefits as per the negotiated contract, effective 20 August 2013;
- Megan Wagner as a classified substitute, effective upon receipt of her Act 34, 114, and 151 clearances and her tuberculosis test results; and
- Breanne Walls as a classified substitute, effective upon receipt of her Act 34, 114, and 151 clearances and her tuberculosis test results.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve a leave of absence for Memorial Elementary School Personal Care Aide Amy Fuehrer, effective 19 August 2013 and lasting approximately six weeks. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Advisors**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion to approve the 2013-2014 advisor list as presented. Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion, which then passed by a voice vote of eight yes votes and one no vote (being Mr. Hock).

### **Approval of Athletic Coaches**

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

- Todd Barton – Volunteer Football Coach/Water Boy;
- George Lynn – Volunteer Girls' and Boys' Tennis Coach; and
- Dennis Mertz II – Assistant High School Wrestling Coach – Step 4 - \$1,829.00.

The motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Bus Driver**

Mrs. Crawford made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve Tricia Hopper as a bus driver for FishingCreek Transportation for the 2013-2014 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **INFORMATION**

It was announced that the following items would appear on the next work session agenda: Breach of Data Proposal, Board Delegate to CSCF Panther Foundation, and District-Wide Goals 2013-2014.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

It was announced that the next special meeting and work session would take place on Tuesday, 3 September 2013 at Beaver-Main Elementary School, beginning at 7:00 p.m., and that the next regular monthly meeting would take place on Monday, 16 September 2013 in the district office board room, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:52 p.m., Ms. Kreisher made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Rupp seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting, and the motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler  
Recording Secretary