

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, 16 December 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, 16 December 2013, in the district office board room, followed by the pledge to the flag. Directors in attendance were: Mr. David Cantore, Mr. Brent Hock, Mrs. Tina Howell, Mr. Justin Hummel, Mr. Josh Klingerman, Ms. Marianne Kreisher, Mr. Terry Kramarz, Mrs. Sandra Rupp, and Mr. Thomas Tobin.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Ms. Donna Christensen (left at 7:15 p.m.), Dr. Cosmas Curry, Mr. Chris Groody (left at 7:15 p.m.), and Mr. Trevor Palmatier (left at 7:15 p.m.).

Others present included: Ms. Angela Brown, Mr. Don Dobson, Ms. Judy Dobson, Ms. Jeri Frazier, Ms. Heather Garman, Ms. Jill Hogue, Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Mrs. Deb Krupp, Ms. Jackie Lewis, and Ms. Judy Rostucher.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

Mrs. Deb Krupp addressed the school board to voice concern about a video shown to eighth-grade students as part of their sex education in health class. She said she would like this to be discussed at a future board meeting.

Ms. Angela Brown addressed the board, speaking in support of the addition of a seventh- and eighth-grade girls' soccer team.

At this point in the meeting, the three administrators in attendance gave their monthly reports to the board. Mr. Groody reported that the W.W. Evans Elementary School's holiday concert had been moved from 10 December 2013 to 17 December 2013 due to inclement weather. He also reported that students at both Beaver-Main Elementary School and W.W. Evans Elementary School had generously contributed to organizations such as the Angel Tree.

Mr. Palmatier reported that the Memorial Elementary School holiday concert had taken place the previous week and that it was standing room only. He said that students at Memorial had also been generous in making donations to the Animal Resource Center and canned goods and gifts to needy families.

Ms. Christensen reported that she and Behavior Support Specialist Angela Brown were working on helping special education teachers write positive behavior support plans for students.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hummel made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the minutes of the following Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors' meetings: the 18 November 2013 regular monthly

meeting, and the 2 December 2013 reorganization/special meeting and work session. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Ms. Kreisher seconded, to approve the financial reports for November 2013. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the bills payable for 19 November 2013 – 16 December 2013, ranging from check #00035564 – check #00035727, including wire transfers totaling \$269,564.59, in the amount of \$793,903.78. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE – CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Ms. Kreisher seconded, to approve the bills payable for the Capital Reserve Fund for 19 November 2013 – 16 December 2013, ranging from check #00001777– check #00001780, in the amount of \$70,516.48. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE – CAPITAL PROJECT FUND

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Kreisher, to approve the bills payable for the Capital Project Fund for 19 November 2013 – 16 December 2013, being check #00010525, in the amount of \$2,420.00. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Curry stated that the board needed to appoint a professional staff negotiating team, which would need to begin meeting no later than 10 January 2014. Mr. Hock appointed Mrs. Howell, Mr. Hummel, and Mr. Tobin to the negotiating team.

Mr. Hock let the board know that he had asked Ms. Kessler to send an appropriate card to employees going on a leave of absence, on behalf of the school board.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the board at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Change Order

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Cantore seconded, to approve the change order for the middle school pool project for additional costs for epoxy flooring the toilets in the girls' restroom, at an additional cost of \$1,935.00. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of First Reading of Policies

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve on first reading and schedule for final adoption at the 20 January 2014 school board meeting the following policies: Policy 123.1: Concussion Management, Policy 123.2: Sudden Cardiac Arrest, and Policy 209.2: Food Allergy Management.

Ms. Kreisher moved to amend the section of Policy 123.1: Concussion Management, entitled “Penalties,” so that it would read: For a **second** violation, suspension from coaching any athletic activity permanently, and to completely delete mention of the penalties of a third violation. This motion was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, and then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

The original motion, with the amendment to Policy 123.1, then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Girls’ Junior High Soccer Program

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve the addition of a girls’ junior high soccer program.

In the discussion that followed, Mr. Cantore and Mr. Klingerman said the board should support programs for students and that female middle school students should have the choice of participating in either field hockey or soccer. Mr. Hock said he would like to look at options for funding a girls’ junior high soccer program (which would likely cost approximately \$7,000 per year), such as how much money a booster club could raise for it. Ms. Kreisher said she could see both sides of the issue, and pointed out that if the board approved a girls’ junior high soccer program, they might receive requests to start a boys’ junior high soccer program and other new athletic programs. Dr. Curry said it was his recommendation to vote down the motion then explore other available options, such as making it into a club. Mr. Hock said that he believed the board needed more information on this, and Mr. Klingerman wanted to know how long it would take to gather enough information to make a well-informed decision.

At the end of the discussion, Mr. Tobin made the motion to table the motion to approve the addition of a girls’ junior high soccer program until the 18 February 2014 school board meeting. Mr. Klingerman seconded this motion, which then passed by a voice vote of seven yes votes to two no votes (being Mr. Cantore and Mr. Hummel).

Reapproval of BHS Dance Team

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to reapprove the Bloomsburg High School Dance Team, at no cost to the district.

Approval of Revised BHS Programs of Study

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve as presented the revisions to the Bloomsburg High School Programs of Study for the 2014-2015 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Donation

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Tobin seconded, to accept the donation of \$500.00, to be used toward field maintenance, from the Bloomsburg Midget Football Team and Cheerleaders. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Acceptance of Classified Staff Resignation

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to accept the resignation of Memorial Elementary School Paraprofessional Sue Sitler, with her last day of work being 20 December 2013. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Long-Term Professional Substitute

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Cantore seconded, to approve Elizabeth Mocarski as a long-term sixth-grade social studies substitute teacher at \$100 per day, retroactive to 4 December 2013. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Coaches

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mr. Cantore seconded, to approve the following individuals as coaches for the 2013-2014 season:

- Mark Kruczek – Volunteer Seventh-Grade Boys' Basketball Coach;
- Michael Noll – Volunteer Junior High Basketball Coach;
- Bethann Ledezma – Volunteer Dance Team Coach;
- Laura Davis – Volunteer Dance Team Coach; and
- Gina Dinko – Volunteer Dance Team Coach.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Professional Staff Leave of Absence

Ms. Kreisher moved to approve the request for a leave of absence from Memorial Elementary School Life Skills Teacher Bonnie Celmer-Batiuk, effective 9 December 2013 through the end of the 2013-2014 school year. Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion and it then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Advisor Changes

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve the following advisor changes for 2013-2014:

- Changing the status of 2013-2014 Memorial Safety Patrol Advisor Kristen Eby from 100% to 80%, changing the stipend from \$375 to \$300 (she will work from 21 August 2013 – approximately 7 April 2013), and to add Jillette Smith as the 2013-2014 Memorial Safety Patrol Advisor for 20% of the year (approximately 7 April 2013 through the end of the 2013-2014 school year), at a stipend of \$75; and
- Changing the status of 2013-2014 Sixth-Grade Academic/Class Advisor Jennifer Flook from 100% to 30%, changing the stipend from \$225 to \$75 (she worked from 21 August 2013 – 18 November 2013), and to add Carrie (Hoover) McClure as the 2013-2014 Sixth-Grade Academic/Class Advisor for 70% of the year (11/19/2013 through the end of the 2013-2014 school year), at a stipend of \$150.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Professional Staff Resignation

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to accept the resignation of Bloomsburg High School Half-Time Spanish Teacher Lane Wallace, with her last day being 10 January 2014. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

INFORMATION

It was reported that the following items would appear on the next work session agenda: Budget, Sex Ed, Scheduling, Utilization of BU Fields, and Policy 404 Revision.

ANNOUNCEMENT

It was announced that the next special meeting and work session would be held on Monday, 6 January 2014 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room, and that the next regular monthly meeting would be held on Monday, 20 January 2014 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:15 p.m., Ms. Kreisher made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Cantore seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary