

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, 17 January 2012
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 January 2012, in the district office board room, followed by the pledge to the flag. Directors in attendance were: Mrs. Bonnie Crawford, Mrs. Bonnie Fiedler, Mrs. Marianne Fogelsanger, Mr. Brent Hock, Mr. Justin Hummel, Mr. David Klinger Jr., Ms. Cristina Mathews, Mrs. Sandra Rupp, and Mr. Thomas Tobin.

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

Others present were: Ms. Kyla Burns, Mr. Sierra Cleaver (left at 7:23 p.m.), Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Mr. Brandon Kester (left at 7:23 p.m.), Mr. Ethan Krupp, Mr. Luke Kurelja (left at 7:23 p.m.), Mr. Kirk Marshall (left at 8:15 p.m.), and Mrs. Denise Stone.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

First, Mr. Ethan Krupp addressed the board to follow up on past conversations regarding the district's bullying policy. He said he would like to see consistency in policy and handbooks regarding student offenses between the middle and high schools. Furthermore, he said he thinks the procedures for dealing with student offenses at the high school is working well, as evidenced by the decrease in the number of expulsions at the high school over the past few years, so the middle school should follow those procedures, as well. Mr. Krupp also asked if the board would revisit incidents when new information comes to light at a later date. He ended by thanking the school board for reviewing its policies and procedures regarding student discipline and bullying.

Next, Dr. Curry reported that January is School Director Recognition Month. Robotics and FBLA students Sierra Cleaver, Brandon Kester, and Luke Kurelja read a proclamation recognizing school directors and then distributed recognition certificates to each board member. Dr. Curry thanked the board for their commitment to the district and to education.

Mr. Kirk Marshall, the TSA and robotics club advisor, then showed the board a slide presentation demonstrating some of the events and opportunities from the past year, including robotics, engineering, and machining.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Tobin moved to approve the minutes of 19 December 2011 regular monthly meeting and the 3 January 2012 expulsion hearing, special meeting, and work session, and Mrs. Fogelsanger seconded this motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Approval of Financial Reports

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion to approve the financial reports for December 2011, and Mr. Hock seconded this motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Bills Payable

Ms. Mathews made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Crawford, to approve the bills payable for 20 December 2011 – 17 January 2012, ranging from check #00031459 – check #00031609, including wire transfers totaling \$243,911.67, in the amount of \$895,990.66. The motion then passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Approval of Bills Payable (Capital Reserve Fund)

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which seconded by Ms. Mathews, to approve the bills payable for the Capital Reserve Fund for 20 December 2011 – 1/17/2012, ranging from check #00001707 – check #00002709, totaling \$17,975.00. The motion then passed by a roll call vote.

Approval of Bills Payable (Capital Project Fund)

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hock, to approve the bills payable for the Capital Project Fund for 20 December 2011 – 17 January 2012, being check #00010521, totaling \$17,753.30. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Curry reported that the January 16th professional staff in-service had been well received. Four different agendas were established for the day, in order to meet the professional development needs of all faculty members. Approximately 12 paraprofessionals also attended the special education in-service training to receive hours toward their annual Chapter 14-required professional development. Dr. Curry said that elementary in-service topics are lined up for the next three years.

During discussion about curriculum, Mrs. Crawford voiced her strong concerns about the Everyday Math program and said she would very much like to see the district review and consider other math programs.

Dr. Curry then reported that the district band concert had gone very well. Mrs. Crawford commended Band Advisor Brian Bercher for his flexibility – with flood – Cos said he will send a note to Brian Bercher thanking and commending him for his hard work

Lastly, Dr. Curry reported that the actual cost for use of Bloomsburg University's athletic facilities for fall sports ended up being \$3,800, much less than the anticipated \$10,000.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

As Student Representative Colton Hock was at a basketball game and therefore not at the school board meeting, there was no Student Representative's Report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

At this meeting, there was no old business to come before the board.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Transfer of Funds from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiedler, to approve the transfer of \$105,075.84 from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Proposed Preliminary 2012-2013 Budget

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the proposed preliminary 2012-2013 budget as presented. The motion passed by a voice vote of seven yes votes to two no votes (being Mr. Hock and Mr. Tobin).

Approval of Civic Research Alliance Study Consultant Proposal

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the Civic Research Alliance Study Consultant proposal as presented. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Homebound Instruction Request

Mr. Tobin moved to approve a homebound instruction request for a Bloomsburg High School student, effective on or about 22 January 2012 and lasting for a period of at least 20 school days. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, and was then approved by a unanimous voice vote.

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

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hock, to approve the out-of-state/overnight field trip request of The Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) to Hershey, Pennsylvania from 16 April 2012 – 18 April 2012 for the Pennsylvania FBLA State Leadership Conference, at a cost to the district of \$3,564.00. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Approval of Professional Day-to-Day Substitutes

Ms. Mathews made the motion to approve Lori Neyhard and Lauren Reidy as professional day-to-day substitutes, effective 18 January 2012. Mrs. Fiedler seconded this motion, and the motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Classified Staff Resignation

Ms. Mathews made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiedler, to accept the resignation of W.W. Evans Elementary School Custodian Linda Fox, effective 20 January 2012. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Payroll/Accounts Payable Clerk

The motion was made by Mr. Tobin to approve Debra Gunn as the Payroll/Accounts Payable Clerk, at an annual pro-rated salary of \$21,250.00 and benefits, effective upon receipt of her Act 34, 114, and 151 clearances and her tuberculosis test results. Mrs. Crawford seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Athletic Coach Resignations

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mrs. Fiedler seconded, to accept the resignations of Bloomsburg Head Boys' Track and Field Coach Thomas Hughes, effective 18 January 2012, and that of Assistant Girls' Softball Coach Amanda Dunne, effective 18 January 2012. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Custodial Transfer

Mrs. Fiedler moved to approve transferring Custodian Gerald Konen from Second-Shift at Memorial Elementary School to Second-Shift at W.W. Evans Elementary School, effective 23 January 2012, with Mr. Chris Groody as his supervisor. After the motion was seconded by Ms. Mathews, it passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Custodian

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Crawford, to approve Paul Silvetti as a Second-Shift Custodian at Memorial Elementary School, at a rate of \$8.50 and with benefits as per the negotiated contract, effective 23 January 2012, with Mr. Moran as his supervisor. 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, Insurance Coverage, School Calendar 2012-2013, Middle and High School Student Handbooks, Audit Report, and Update on Curriculum Builder.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was reported that the next work session and special meeting would be held on Monday, 6 February 2012, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room, and that the next regular monthly board meeting would be held on Monday, 20 February 2012, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:08 p.m., Mrs. Fogelsanger moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Hock seconded this motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary