

**Bloomsburg Area School District  
Board of School Directors  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Monday, 18 June 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, 21 May 2012, 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, Mr. David Klingerman Jr., Ms. Marianne Kreisher, 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.

Among the others present were: Ms. Mary Beth Broadt, Ms. Sara Broadt, Ms. Reanna Buehler (arrived at 7:57 p.m.), Ms. Jean Crane (left at 9:01 p.m.), Mr. Brad Furey (left at 8:00 p.m.), Mr. Chuck Henry (left at 8:00 p.m.), Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Ms. Kayle Kowalsky (left at 9:01 p.m.), Mr. Stanley Kowalsky (left at 9:01 p.m.), Mr. Michael Lester (left at 8:00 p.m.), Dr. Kerry Moyer (left at 8:00 p.m.), Mr. Trevor Palmatier (arrived at 8:00 p.m.), Mr. Bill Perkins (arrived at 8:37 p.m.), and Mr. Charles Williams.

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

Dr. Kerry Moyer from Civic Research Alliance made a presentation on the study the group completed regarding the potential for shared services/a consolidation between Bloomsburg Area School District (BASD) and Central Columbia School District (CCSD). He reported that there are four types of consolidation for consideration: functional consolidation, regional school model, merger, and physical consolidation. The two main reasons for this study were to find out if it would be economically feasible for the two districts to consolidate because CCSD needs to make renovations to its high school and BASD's high school/middle school facility was damaged in the September 2011 flooding. During his report, he noted that renegotiating current collective bargaining agreements would be the greatest challenge facing the two districts if they were to consolidate due to the discrepancy between the salary scales (CCSD's being higher than BASD's). Dr. Moyer went over the options available to BASD: maintaining the status quo, buy land and build a new middle school and high school, seek flood protection for the existing middle school and high school, and to purchase a new, existing building and renovate it. The cost to renovate CCHS to accommodate BHS and CCHS students would be \$43 million (or \$2.9 million for 20 years), which equates to 5.380 mills. Dr. Moyer reported that in CCSD, the average millage increase to consolidate would equal about \$341 annually, and in BASD, the average millage increase to increase would equal about \$323 annually.

During the question and answer period that followed the presentation, Mrs. Fiedler asked if the state would allow a consolidated BASD-CCSD to raise taxes high enough to cover the large millage increase (Dr. Moyer answered that the answer to this question is not yet known), and Mr. Klingerman asked the board to look at the long-term financial effects of a potential consolidation.

Mr. Hock asked if the flood mitigation option would be recommended, as it seemed like the most cost-effective option (costing approximately \$100,000) available to BASD. Mr. Furey suggested the district look into doing this, even if it did end up consolidating with CCSD, as any consolidation would not occur for at least a few years. He said FEMA may help with this cost.

Dr. Curry reported that the feasibility study and summary had been posted on the district's web site. Dr. Curry reviewed tentative timelines with the board, which included the need and want for public comment at the July 2 work session and board meeting, with a decision on the feasibility report to be made no later than the August 20 board meeting.

Ms. Mary Beth Broadt, the treasurer of the football boosters, asked the board if they could let her know where football home games would be played in the 2012-2013 season so they could plan accordingly. Mr. Hock asked Ms. Broadt how playing home football games at Redman Stadium affected the football boosters in Fall 2011, and Ms. Broadt answered that the boosters lost about \$2,000-\$3,000 because of it.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Hock moved to approve the minutes of the 21 May 2012 regular monthly meeting and the 4 June 2012 special meeting and work session, and Mrs. Fiedler seconded this motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Mrs. Fiedler moved to approve the financial reports for May 2012, and Ms. Kreisher seconded this motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE**

Mr. Tobin made the motion to approve the bills payable for 22 May 2012 – 18 June 2012, ranging from check #00032326 – check #00032466, including wire transfers totaling \$251,123.73, in the amount of \$727,341.82. Mrs. Crawford seconded this motion. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

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

Mr. Tobin moved to approve the bills payable for the Capital Reserve Fund for 22 May 2012 – 18 June 2012, ranging from check #00010523 – check #00010524, totaling \$10,251.60. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Fiedler. The motion passed by a roll call vote.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Curry reported that he had spoken with Mike McFarland, the athletic director from Bloomsburg University, and requested information on how much it would cost for the district to play its Fall 2012 home football games at Redman Stadium. Dr. Curry said that Bloomsburg University would get that information to him for the July board meeting. Mrs. Rupp said the board should make a decision that evening about where varsity football games would be played in Fall 2012.

At this point, Mrs. Fiedler made the motion for Bloomsburg High School varsity home football games to be played at Panther Stadium for the Fall 2012 season. Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion. During the

discussion that followed, Dr. Curry reported that Panther Stadium was currently ready to be played on, and that he would still like to get the figures from Bloomsburg University (BU) so the board could consider this option for the Fall 2013 season. Mr. Klingerman said he would be voting no on this motion, and that he believed the school board was sending mixed messages to BU. He said he would like the board to wait until the July 16 school board meeting to make a decision as to where home varsity football games would be played in the fall. Ms. Mathews said she would like the decision to be made at the present meeting, and that the district should not feel obligated to accept the figures given to them by BU. Mr. Tobin said it would be bad business for the school board to go back to the university and let them know that the district would not need Fall 2012 figures.

Mr. Tobin then made the motion to table the motion until the 16 July 2012 school board meeting the motion for Bloomsburg High School varsity home football games to be played at Panther Stadium for the Fall 2012 season, and Mr. Klingerman seconded this motion. The motion failed by a vote of three yes votes to six no votes (being Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Fiedler, Mr. Hock, Mr. Hummel, Ms. Mathews, and Mrs. Rupp).

The motion for Bloomsburg High School varsity home football games to be played at Panther Stadium for the Fall 2012 season was then approved by a voice vote of six yes votes to three no votes (being Mr. Klingerman, Ms. Kreisher, and Mr. Tobin).

## **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

There was no student representative report given at this meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Approval of Final 2012-2013 Budget**

Mrs. Fielder made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the final 2012-2013 Bloomsburg Area School District budget, in the amount of \$21,625,023.51, with tax rates shall be set as follows, with the continuation of existing penalties and discounts:

Real Estate	38.9 mils (up .8 mils from 2011-2012)
Act 511	
Per Capita	\$5.00
Occupational Privilege	\$10.00
Real Estate Transfer	1.0%
Earned Income	1.56%
Per Capita Section 679	\$5.00

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Final Approval of AP Biology Textbook Purchase**

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mrs. Fiedler seconded, to grant final approval for the purchase of 10 AP biology textbooks by Pearson Publishing, in the total amount of \$1,695.28. (The textbooks were on display at the district office for public inspection for a period of 30 days.) The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of 2012-2013 Solicitor**

Mr. Tobin made the motion to approve Derr, Pursel, Luschas, and Naparsteck as the district's solicitor for the 2012-2013 school year. Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of 2012-2013 Athletic Schedule**

Ms. Kreisher moved to approve as presented the 2012-2013 athletic schedule. Mrs. Rupp seconded the motion.

During discussion, Mrs. Fiedler specifically asked before the vote if the boosters were still paying for the transportation for the field hockey team to play in Delaware in September 2012. It was verified by Bill Perkins that the boosters were prepared to do so. No one on the school board contradicted the payment for the transportation costs at that time.

The motion to approve the 2012-2013 athletic schedule then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Acceptance of BMS Oil Tank Removal Bid**

Mr. Tobin made the motion, Mrs. Fiedler seconded, to accept the low bid of Environmental Restoration, Inc., in the amount of \$14,417.00, for removal of the fuel oil tank located at Bloomsburg Middle School. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Authorization of Administration to Solicit Bids for Restoration of the Bloomsburg High School Baseball Field**

Mrs. Crawford made the motion to authorize the administration to solicit bids for restoration of the Bloomsburg High School baseball field, and Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion.

Ms. Kreisher made the motion to amend the original to now read: Authorize the administration to solicit bids for restoration of the Bloomsburg High School baseball field to practice condition. Mrs. Fiedler seconded this motion. A voice vote was taken, with all nine board members voting in the negative, therefore defeating the motion.

Mr. Klingerman then moved to authorize the administration to solicit bids for restoration of the Bloomsburg High School baseball field, both to practice condition and to game condition. Mrs. Fiedler seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Elementary Handbooks for 2012-2013**

Mr. Hock moved to approve the elementary handbooks for 2012-2013, as presented, as Mrs. Crawford seconded this motion. During discussion, Mr. Tobin said that for 2013-2014, he'd like to the three elementary handbooks be as similar and consistent as possible and Mrs. Crawford echoed this sentiment. A voice vote was then taken, and the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Granting Tenure to Professional Staff**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to grant tenure to the following Bloomsburg Area School District professional staff members, as they have completed all the requirements of Section 1108 of the Pennsylvania School Code:

- Roger Boschetto, Bloomsburg Middle School Social Studies Teacher
- Sara Broadt, Memorial Elementary School Teacher
- Melissa DeMent, Bloomsburg Middle School Learning Support Teacher

- Madye Jankowski, W.W. Evans Elementary School Teacher
- Lindsay Knupp, Bloomsburg High School Learning Support Teacher
- Adam Kocher, K-12 Itinerant Autistic Support Teacher
- Ashley Marsicano, Bloomsburg Middle School Learning Support Teacher
- Rachel Mollette, Bloomsburg High School French Teacher
- Michael Scherer, W.W. Evans Elementary School Teacher

During the discussion that followed, Mr. Hock said he would not be voting in favor of approving this motion because he did not think the board should have to vote on something that PDE mandates anyway, and also because he believed a teacher on the tenure list was unfit to teach. Ms. Mathews suggested that instead of voting on granting tenure to professional staff, the board could just be made aware of individuals being granted tenure, as an FYI item.

After discussion, the motion passed by a voice vote of eight yes votes to one no vote (being Mr. Hock).

## **PERSONNEL**

### **Approval of Professional Staff**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve Reanna Buehler as the Full-Time Speech Therapist at Memorial Elementary School, effective for the start of the 2012-2013 school year, at Step 3 Masters and an annual salary of \$39,064.00, and with benefits as per the negotiated contract. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Professional Staff Leave of Absence**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion to approve extending the leave of absence for W.W. Evans Elementary School Teacher Madye Jankowski until 3 January 2013. Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve a leave of absence for W.W. Evans Elementary School Paraprofessional Sharon Heydenreich, effective 20 August 2012 until 30 October 2012. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Acceptance of Classified Staff Resignation**

Mrs. Fiedler moved to accept the resignation of Bloomsburg High School Secretary Denise Recla, effective 27 June 2012. Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion, and it then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Athletic Coaches**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Tobin, to approve the following individuals as athletic coaches for the 2012-2013 school year:

- Chris Brown as a JV Assistant Wrestling Coach, at Step 5 and a salary of \$1,929.00;
- Eric Eger as an Assistant Varsity Cross Country Coach (Mr. Eger was the Junior High Cross Country Coach in 2011-2012 and a Volunteer Assistant Track Coach in 2011-2012), at Step 2 and a salary of \$1,195.00; and
- Kevin Grier as the Junior High Cross Country Coach, at 6 units and a stipend of \$450.00.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Elementary Principal**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion to approve Trevor Palmatier as the Memorial Elementary School Principal, effective 1 July 2012, at an annual salary of \$62,500.00 and with benefits as per the Act 93 Agreement. Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion, and it then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Classified Staff Transfers**

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the following classified staff transfers:

- Denise Moberly from the position of Beaver-Main Elementary School Cook (at five hours per day) to the position of Beaver-Main Elementary School Head Cook (at six hours per day), effective for the start of the 2012-2013 school year; and
- Christine Dilg from the position of Memorial Elementary School Secretary to the position of Bloomsburg High School Secretary, effective 2 July 2012.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Long-Term Volunteer**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve Ronette Hopper as a Long-Term Volunteer, effective upon receipt of her Act 34 and 151 clearances. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Acceptance of Professional Staff Resignation**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion to accept the resignation of Bloomsburg High School Part-Time Spanish Teacher Jessica Cunningham, retroactive to 14 June 2012, and to add her to the approved professional day-to-day substitute, effective 20 August 2012. After Mr. Tobin seconded the motion, it passed by a unanimous voice vote.

## **INFORMATION**

It was reported that the following items would appear on the next work session agenda: Consolidation Report and Attorney General's Bullying/Drug Program.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

It was announced that the next work session and special meeting would be held on Monday, 2 July 2012, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in either the district office board room or at Bloomsburg High School. (The board directed Dr. Curry to decide on the venue and then advertise the location and notify the board of his decision.) The next regular monthly meeting would be held on Monday, 16 July 2012, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Klingerman made the motion to pay for the gasoline for the girls' field hockey trip to play the Delaware state field hockey champions in September 2012. Mr. Tobin seconded this motion. The motion ended up passing by a vote of six yes votes to three no votes (being Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Fiedler, and Ms. Mathews).

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:40 p.m., Ms. Kreisher moved to adjourn the public meeting and move into executive session to discuss negotiations, and Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion. The motion passed by a voice vote of eight yes votes to one no vote (being Mr. Tobin).

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was held for the purpose of discussing negotiations, from 9:41 – 10:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler  
Recording Secretary