

**Bloomsburg Area School District  
Board of School Directors  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Monday, 19 April 2010  
7:00 p.m.  
Bloomsburg Middle School Library**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance**

The regular monthly meeting of the Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors was called to order at 7:01 p.m. on Monday, 19 April 2010, in the Bloomsburg Middle School library, 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., Mr. Dennis Kuczynski, Dr. Francis Peters, and Mrs. Sandra Rupp. Mr. Thomas Tobin was absent and excused from the meeting.

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

Others present were: Mr. Andrew Brown, Mr. Joseph Chyko (left at 8:35 p.m.), Mr. Art Covert from the VFW (left at 8:35 p.m.), Mr. Michael Lester (left at 9:10 p.m.), Mr. Adam McHale (left at 8:35 p.m.), Mr. Jim McHale (left at 8:35 p.m.), Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Mrs. Pam Szilagyi, and Mr. Bill Thomas from the VFW (left at 8:35 p.m.).

In the absence of Chairperson Tobin, Vice Chairperson Klingerman led the meeting.

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

At this point in the meeting, no one wished to address the board.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Kuczynski moved to approve the minutes of the 15 March 2010 regular monthly Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors' meeting and the 6 April 2010 special meeting and work session. Mrs. Fiedler seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**Approval of Financial Reports**

Mr. Hock made the motion to approve the financial reports for March 2010, and Mrs. Fiedler seconded this motion. The motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**Approval of Bills Payable**

Mr. Kuczynski made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the bills payable for 16 March 2010 – 19 April 2010, ranging from check # 00027272 – check # 00027455, including wire transfers amounting to \$303,478.98, in the amount of \$977,760.52. The motion then passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

### Approval of Bills Payable for the Capital Reserve Fund

Mr. Hummel moved to approve the bills payable for the Capital Reserve Fund from 16 March 2010 – 19 April 2010, ranging from check # 00001637 – check # 00001639, totaling \$12,526.53. Dr. Peters seconded this motion and it then passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

## REPORTS

### Superintendent's Report

Dr. Curry reported on implementing a district-wide foreign language program. He said that 32 students are participating in the after-school Spanish classes for students in grades three through five at Memorial. This is being done through a partnership with Bloomsburg University, in which BU is supplying foreign language majors to lead the program. Next school year, French, German, and/or Chinese may be added. Dr. Curry also reported that student and parent surveys are currently being conducted, to determine the interest level in a K-12 foreign language program.

## OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to be conducted at this time.

## NEW BUSINESS

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

Mr. Kuczynski moved to approve an AP US History trip to Washington DC from 17 May 2010 – 18 May 2010, at an approximate cost to the district of \$741.00, and Mr. Hummel seconded this motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### Approval of Real Estate Tax Exemption

Mr. Hock moved to accept a real estate transfer tax exemption for the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Post 804. Dr. Peters seconded this motion.

Mr. Upton expressed the concern that if a tax exemption was made for one organization, a precedent would be set and other organizations may also ask the board for tax exemptions. He said he was only against the transfer tax exemption from a financial standpoint.

The board approved the motion by a unanimous voice vote. (It should be noted that, according to tax law, the VFW must pay its real estate transfer tax, but that the school district will then reimburse the VFW for the amount of the transfer tax.)

### Acceptance of 2+2+2 Workforce Development Grant

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Dr. Peters, to accept the 2+2+2 Workforce Development Grant for 2010-2011, in the amount of \$8,000.00. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### Acceptance of Low Bid for Beaver-Main Roof Replacement

Mr. Kuczynski moved to accept the low bid of J.M. Young, of \$135,000.00 at base bid # 2, for replacement of the Beaver-Main Elementary School roof. Mrs. Fiedler seconded this motion.

Mr. Jim McHale then addressed the board, pointing out that the low bidder, JM Young, did not bid the project according to the advertised specifications. The irregularity in JM Young's bid was that it called for TPO to be used, while the specs called for TPA. Mr. Upton stated the other five bidders had used TPA in their bids. During discussion, Mr. Kuczynski asked if it would be possible to rebid the project, asking for bids both with TPA and TPO. To this, Dr. Curry answered that there would be too much of a time constraint, which would force the rebidding to occur next spring.

Following discussion, a unanimous voice vote was taken to not accept the low bid of JM Young.

At this point, Dr. Peters made the motion to accept the bid of Dunmore Roofing, in the amount of \$170,619.00 (base bid # 2), for replacement of the Beaver-Main Elementary School roof. Mrs. Fiedler seconded this motion. The motion went on to pass by a voice vote of six yes votes to two no votes (being Mr. Hock and Mr. Hummel).

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At this point in the meeting, Mrs. Crawford made the motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues, and Dr. Peters seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote, and the executive session lasted from 8:35-8:53 p.m.

### PERSONNEL

#### Approval of Professional Substitute

Mr. Kuczynski made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to approve Kyle Long as a professional day-to-day substitute for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year. The motion failed by a voice vote of two yes votes to six no votes (being Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Fiedler, Mr. Hock, Mr. Hummel, Dr. Peters, and Mrs. Rupp).

#### Approval of Summer Swim Personnel

Mr. Kuczynski made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the following individuals as 2010 summer swim personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend or Hourly Rate</u>
Barnes, Mark	Head Coach	\$3,000.00 stipend
McCann, Caitlyn	Assistant Coach	\$1,200.00 stipend
Redell, Matt	Assistant Coach	\$750.00 stipend
Hackett, Casey	Diving Coach	\$1,300.00 stipend
Barnes, Mark	Head Instructor	\$10.50/hour
McCann, Caitlyn	Assistant Instructor	\$8.50/hour
Bennett, Forrest	Instructor	\$7.25/hour
Calhoun, Sam	Instructor	\$7.25/hour
Fornwald, Mitchell	Instructor	\$7.25/hour
Lee, Morgan	Instructor	\$7.25/hour
McCann, Morgan	Instructor	\$7.25/hour
Redell, Matt	Instructor	\$7.25/hour
Szilagyi, Stefan	Instructor	\$7.25/hour

Wallace, Juliann

Instructor

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Mrs. Fiedler then made the motion to remove approving Mark Barnes as head swim coach and head instructor from the motion, and Dr. Peters seconded this motion. The motion to amend the original motion then passed by a voice vote of seven yes votes to one no vote (being Mr. Klingerman).

The motion to approve the following individuals as 2010 summer swim personnel then passed by a unanimous voice vote:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend or Hourly Rate</u>
McCann, Caitlyn	Assistant Coach	\$1,200.00 stipend
Redell, Matt	Assistant Coach	\$750.00 stipend
Hackett, Casey	Diving Coach	\$1,300.00 stipend
McCann, Caitlyn	Assistant Instructor	\$8.50/hour
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Szilagyi, Stefan	Instructor	\$7.25/hour
Wallace, Juliann	Instructor	\$7.25/hour

Mr. Kuczynski then made the motion to approve Mark Barnes as the Head Swim Coach (\$3,000.00 stipend) and the Head Swim Instructor (\$10.50/hour), and Mr. Hock seconded this motion.

In the discussion that followed, Mrs. Fiedler said she would like the district to advertise for the head summer swim coach position. Mr. Klingerman asked what the repercussions of not approving a head summer swim coach that evening would be. Dr. Curry said that the summer swim program would be running from May 10 – July 30, and since the board would likely not be able to approve a new head coach until May 17, students would miss a week of class. Mr. Klingerman said the position could be opened to the public next year, but that it should not be opened to the public this year because it would negatively impact students in the summer swim program.

The motion to approve Mark Barnes as the Head Swim Coach (\$3,000.00 stipend) and the Head Swim Instructor (\$10.50/hour) then passed by a voice vote of six yes votes to two no votes (being Mrs. Crawford and Mrs. Fiedler).

#### **Approval in Change in Status for Professional Staff Member**

Mr. Kuczynski made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiedler, to approve changing the status of Denise Van Epps from Full-Time K-12 ESL Instructor to Half-Time Reading Teacher at W.W. Evans Elementary School and Half-Time K-12 ESL Instructor, effective for the start of the 2010-2011 school year, with Ms. Jillann Robbins will be her supervisor. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

#### **Approval of Elementary Teacher**

Mr. Kuczynski made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hock, to approve Andrew Brown as a Full-Time Kindergarten Teacher at Memorial Elementary School, at Step 2 BS and a salary of \$36,143.00, effective for the start of the 2010-2011 school year, with Mr. Ryan Moran will be his supervisor.

Dr. Peters then made the motion to amend the original motion to read: Approve Andrew Brown as a Full-Time Elementary Teacher at Memorial Elementary School, at Step 2 BS and a salary of \$36,143.00,

effective for the start of the 2010-2011 school year, with Mr. Ryan Moran will be his supervisor. Mr. Hock seconded this motion and it then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

The original motion, with the amendment, then passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

#### Approval of Custodian

Mr. Kuczynski made the motion, which Dr. Peters seconded, to approve William C. Miller as a Second-Shift Custodian at Memorial Elementary School, at an hourly rate of \$7.50 and with benefits as per the negotiated contract, effective 29 April 2010, pending receipt of his Act 34, 114, and 151 clearances and his tuberculosis test results. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

#### Approval of Van Driver

Mr. Kuczynski moved to approve Jennifer Derr as a Bloomsburg Area School District van driver through contractor Lone Derr for the balance of the 2009-2010 school year. After Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion, it passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### INFORMATION

It was reported that the following items would appear on the 3 May 2010 work session agenda: Panther Stadium, Budget, Appointments for 17 May 2010 Meeting (Assistant Board Secretary, Board Secretary, Board Treasurer, Solicitor, and Auditor), Strategic Plan Review/Timeline, and Spanish Textbooks.

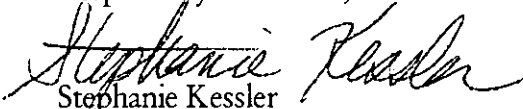
### ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was announced that the next work session would be held on Monday, 3 May 2010, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the middle school library, and that the next regular monthly meeting would be held on Monday, 17 May 2010, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the middle school library.

### ADJOURNMENT

At 9:20 p.m., Mr. Hock made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kuczynski then seconded this motion, which was proceeded by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Stephanie Kessler  
Recording Secretary