

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors Meeting
Monday, 6 August 2018
7:00 p.m.
District Office Board Room**

MINUTES

Attendance

This meeting of the Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors was called to order by President Marianne Kreisher at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, 6 August 2018 in the district office board room, followed by the pledge to the flag. Directors in attendance were: Mrs. Stephanie Andreacci, Ms. Stephanie Dunn Haney, Mrs. Tina Howell, Mr. Jonathan Jones, Ms. Marianne Kreisher, Ms. Bryne Lewis, and Mr. Leo “Joe” Yodock III. Mr. Brent Hock and Mr. Joshua Klingerman Sr. were absent from the meeting.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Mrs. Melissa Day, Ms. Donna Christensen, Mr. Marc Freeman, Mr. David Marsiglio, Mr. Jason Moser, Mr. Trevor Palmatier, Mr. Josh Tabor, and Dr. Donald Wheeler.

Others present were: Mrs. Amy Bohm, Mr. Phil Burrell, Ms. Jean Crane, Ms. Terri Drucker, Ms. Meghan Garofalo, Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Mr. Martin Lukachinsky, Mr. Matt Lukachinsky, Mr. Chris Malatesta, Mr. Jerome Manley, Mrs. Autumn Rosini, and Mr. Edward Smith.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

Mrs. Autumn Rosini, an art teacher at Bloomsburg Middle School, made a presentation to the board on Jon Laidacker, a muralist who would be working with middle school students and staff to create a mural in Spring 2019. Once completed, the mural was to be hung in the middle school hallway where the old mural had been. Mrs. Rosini said that the mural would be a paint-by-number creation, and that middle school students and staff would be painting it. She said that this project was being about 60-70% funded through a grant from the Northern Tier Partnership of the Arts in Education.

Next, Mr. Edward Smith addressed the board regarding an incident that took place at Bloomsburg Middle School on 14 March 2018 during a lockout.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Tabor gave an update on revisions to the elementary school report card. He said that he and Mr. Palmatier had met with staff in May to start this process of revamping it. He said that a parent information sheet will be distributed to parents and that the report card would be posted on the web site, with a planned implementation timeframe of October.

Mr. Palmatier reported that since his arrival in the district several years ago, the number of paraprofessionals had decreased, as not all positions were being filled upon being vacated. He said that district-wide, there were now four building substitutes/literacy aides, and that the number of kindergarten paraprofessionals had decreased by two. Mr. Palmatier said he had met with kindergarten teachers about this. He said that there were currently about 17 students per kindergarten class at Memorial, and said that

the support to teachers was remaining the same from previous years. He said that the literacy aides would not be doing more work with first-grade students.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Wheeler said he would be going over athletic director candidates with the board in executive session following the public meeting that night. He said he was very appreciated of the opportunity for the administrative team to attend the conference in Baltimore the previous week. He then reported that over fair week, he wanted to have the downstairs hallway at Beaver-Main refinished using the same flooring that was used in the cafeteria and kitchen.

OLD BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items under Old Business to come before the board at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS – DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no discussion items under Old Business to come before the board at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS

Donation

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Lewis, to accept the following donation made to the Bloomsburg Area School District:

- A monetary donation of \$1,259 to pay for a computer-based Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support System for Memorial Elementary School students in kindergarten through second grade as a trial, from First Columbia Bank & Trust Company.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Bus Schedules for 2018-2019

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which Mrs. Andreacci seconded, to approve as presented Bloomsburg Area School District's bus schedules for the 2018-2019 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Bayada Agreement

Mr. Yodock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve as presented the agreement with Bayada to use their nursing services as needed for the 2018-2019 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION ITEMS

Elementary Playground Improvement Plan

Ms. Kessler presented to the board recommended changes to the three elementary school playgrounds, including structures being recommended for removal for safety reasons and new structures to be purchased. She shared with the board a proposal from George Ely Associates, Inc., and the board decided to act on approving the proposal that night. Ms. Kreisher requested that the playground structures deemed unsafe be removed before the start of the school year.

Mr. Yodock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the quote dated 6 August 2018 from George Ely Associates, Inc. for the purchase of playground equipment at the three elementary schools. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Programmed Maintenance Proposal

The board was provided with a programmed maintenance proposal from Hillyard. Ms. Kessler explained that this proposal would provide a proactive – rather than reactive – approach to maintaining floor machines, vacuums, and other custodial equipment. She said that if approved, the annual inspection of equipment would take place over fair week. Ms. Kreisher asked how long this process would take, and Ms. Kessler said she would check with Hillyard to find out.

PERSONNEL – ACTION ITEMS

Ms. Lewis made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Howell, to approve the following individuals as advisors for the 2018-2019 school year:

- Hayley Maltais – Bloomsburg High School Band Front – 15 units - \$1,125;
- Max Hospes – Percussion Instruction (stipend being paid by BHS Band Boosters).

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Athletic Coaches

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which Mrs. Andreacci seconded, to approve the following individuals as athletic coaches for the 2018-2019 school year:

- Phil Burrell as a Volunteer Girls' Tennis Coach;
- Katelyn Piestrak as the Head Cross Country at Step 3 and a salary of \$2,364.

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Classified Staff Resignations

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which Mrs. Andreacci seconded, to accept the following classified staff resignations:

- Memorial Elementary School Custodian Bryan Gelbaugh, with his last day of work being 3 August 2018;
- Memorial Elementary School Paraprofessional Samantha Pavick, effective 18 July 2018;
- W.W. Evans Elementary School Cook Nicole Rupert, effective 26 July 2018;
- Beaver-Main Elementary School Cook Stacey Woodley, effective 30 July 2018.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Professional Staff Step

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which Ms. Lewis seconded, to approve Memorial Elementary School Teacher Chelsea DeWire at Bachelors Step 2 and a salary of \$40,428 and with benefits as per the negotiated professional staff agreement, effective for the start of the 2018-2019 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Professional Staff

Mrs. Andreacci made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve Matthew Lukachinsky as a Bloomsburg Middle School Social Studies Teacher at Bachelors Step 2 and an annual salary of \$40,428 and with benefits as per the negotiated professional staff agreement, effective for the start of the 2018-2019 school year, pending receipt of his Pennsylvania teaching certificate. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Long-Term Volunteer/Overnight Chaperone

Mrs. Andreacci made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve Kelly Ulshaffer as a Long-Term Volunteer/Overnight Chaperone as per Policy 916: School Volunteers. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Athletic Coach Resignations

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to accept the following athletic coach resignations:

- Assistant Field Hockey Coach Gail Moore, effective 26 July 2018;
- Assistant Swim Coach Melissa Everhart, effective 30 July 2018.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Classified Staff Transfer

Ms. Lewis made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve the transfer of Kristine Gallagher from Classified Substitute to Food Service Aide (four hours per day) at Memorial Elementary School, effective for the start of the 2018-2019 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Bus and Van Drivers for 2018-2019

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Andreacci, to approve as presented the list of bus and van drivers for the 2018-2019 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Professional Staff Resignation

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Andreacci, to accept the resignation of Bloomsburg Middle School Science Teacher Marisa Boschetto, effective 1 August 2018. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Building Substitutes/Literacy Aides

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Andreacci, to approve the following individuals as building substitutes/literacy aides for the 2018-2019 school year at a rate of \$100 per day and with eligibility for medical benefits:

- Meghan Garofalo as a Building Substitute/Literacy Aide at W.W. Evans Elementary School, pending receipt of her Pennsylvania teaching certificate;
- Megan Wynings as a Building Substitute/Literacy Aide at Memorial Elementary School.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Professional Staff Transfers

Ms. Lewis made the motion, which Mrs. Andreacci seconded, to approve the following professional staff transfers, effective for the start of the 2018-2019 school year:

- Health/Physical Education Teacher Troy Charles from Bloomsburg High School to Beaver-Main Elementary School and W.W. Evans Elementary School;
- Health/Physical Education Teacher Christian Golfieri from Beaver-Main Elementary School and Memorial Elementary School to Memorial Elementary School.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

High School Assistant Principal

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to approve Jerome Manley as the Bloomsburg High School Assistant Principal at a pro-rated salary of \$65,000, effective upon release from his current position at Shamokin Area High School. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Kreisher announced that the next school board meeting would be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, 20 August 2018 in the district office board room.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:59 p.m., Ms. Lewis made the motion to adjourn the public meeting and move into an executive session to discuss personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Andreacci and then passed by a unanimous voice vote. The executive session concluded at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary

* All documents referenced in the minutes are retained electronically at the district office. *