

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors Meeting
Monday, 17 September 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 7:09 p.m. on Monday, 17 September 2018 in the district office board room, followed by the pledge to the flag. Directors in attendance were: Mr. Brent Hock, Mrs. Tina Howell, Mr. Joshua Klingerman Sr., Ms. Marianne Kreisher, Ms. Bryne Lewis, and Mr. Leo “Joe” Yodock III (arrived at 7:14 p.m.). Mrs. Stephanie Andreacci, Ms. Stephanie Dunn Haney, and Mr. Jonathan Jones were absent from the meeting.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Mrs. Melissa Day, Mrs. Melissa Everhart, Mr. Gary Honabach, Mr. David Marsiglio, Mr. Trevor Palmatier, Mr. Josh Tabor, and Dr. Donald Wheeler.

Others present included: Mr. Phil Burrell (arrived at 8:21 p.m.), Ms. Terri Drucker, Mr. Lee Gordner, Ms. Gail Horne, Ms. Karen Hull, Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Ms. Amy Klinger, Ms. Gayl Klingerman, Ms. Amy Matthews, Mr. William F. Matthews II, Ms. Nancy Nuss, Mr. Rich Nuss, and Ms. Victoria Walter (left at 7:43 p.m.).

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

Several guests addressed the board to voice concerns that there was not yet a head softball coach for the current school year, and to express their support of former softball coach Doug Lynn.

MEETING MINUTES

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to approve the minutes of the 20 August 2018 and the 4 September 2018 Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors’ meetings. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Ms. Lewis made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hock, to approve the financial reports for August 2018. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Lewis, to approve the bills payable for 21 August 2018 – 17 September 2018, ranging from check #00045805– check #00046045, including wire

transfers in the amount of \$220,830.30, in the total amount of \$2,589,260.50. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Bloomsburg High School student Victoria Walter reported that the Homecoming football game was scheduled for October 5, and that Student Council was participated in the elementary field day earlier that day, prior to the pep rally. She said that Spirit Week events were scheduled for the week of October 1, leading up to Homecoming. Ms. Walter reported that the Homecoming dance was scheduled for October 6, with all proceeds going to the Student Council Scholarship Fund.

Ms. Walter also reported that Student Council was hosting a blood drive with the American Red Cross on October 18, and that a Holiday Spirit Week was scheduled in December to raise money for The Women's Center. Lastly, she reported that Student Council would be holding a craft fair on March 23, with proceeds benefitting the Student Council Scholarship Fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE/OPERATIONS REPORTS

Mr. Tabor reported that the new schedule was in place and going well, and that the guidance counselors' weekly meetings were proving beneficial. He said that was grateful for Ms. Lewis' help with W.W. Evans Elementary School's parent co-op's Multi-Thon event. Lastly, Mr. Tabor said that he'd heard only positive feedback regarding the addition of a second day [in a six-day cycle] of physical education for elementary students.

Next, Mr. Palmatier reported that the district was re-adding two kindergarten paraprofessionals to Memorial Elementary School. He said that one would be voted later at that night's evening, and that another advertisement was being run for the second position.

Mrs. Everhart reported that she was very happy with the new kitchen at Beaver-Main Elementary School.

Mr. Honabach asked the board if there were any questions on his technology report. Mr. Jones said that he appreciated the technology department's attention to the malware issue.

Ms. Kessler told directors that because of the excessive rain, the installation of the new playground equipment for the three elementary schools was being postponed until approximately the week of October 29.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Wheeler told directors that the first fund-raising committee meeting had been held earlier that evening and that a fund-raising presentation would be shared at an upcoming school board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS – ACTIONS ITEMS

Parent-Teacher Organizations and Booster Clubs for 2018-2019

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hock, to approve as presented the following parent-teacher organizations and booster clubs for 2018-2019:

- Beaver-Main Elementary School Parent Co-op
- W.W. Evans Elementary School Parent Co-op
- Bloomsburg High School Swimming and Diving Boosters
- Bloomsburg Panther Wrestling Association
- Bloomsburg High School Band Boosters
- Bloomsburg Girls' Basketball Booster Organization
- Bloomsburg High School Softball Boosters
- Bloomsburg High School Girls' Soccer Booster Organization
- Bloomsburg High School Field Hockey Boosters
- Bloomsburg Boys' Basketball Boosters
- Bloomsburg High School Boys' Soccer Booster Organization
- Bloomsburg High School Track and Field Boosters
- Bloomsburg Cross Country Boosters
- Bloomsburg Memorial Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization
- Bloomsburg High School Drama Booster Club

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS – DISCUSSION ITEMS

School Security Personnel

Ms. Kreisher asked if the board wished to discuss this item in executive session or in public. Mr. Hock and Mr. Klingerman said they would like to address this in public session, and there was no dissidence among the board. Ms. Kreisher said that the board needed to decide if it wished to proceed with armed or unarmed security personnel. Mr. Klingerman, Mr. Hock, Ms. Kreisher, and Mr. Yodock said they were in support of armed security staff. Ms. Lewis said she was in favor of having security staff armed with non-lethal weapons, as she did not believe in armed conflict, but that she recognized that whatever the board decided, it had the best interest of the students in mind. After discussion, Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to approve proceeding with having armed security guards in the district. The motion passed by a voice vote of five yes votes and one no vote (being Ms. Lewis).

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS

Girls on the Run Program

Mr. Yodock made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve the Girls on the Run program at Beaver-Main Elementary School for the 2018-2019 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Resident Project Representative Inspection Services

Mr. Yodock made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Howell, to approve Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.'s as the district's Resident Project Representative for its floodwall project, at a cost not to exceed \$94,000.00. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION ITEMS

Student Work Study Opportunities

At this point in the meeting, the board discussed the proposed Student Work Study: Classroom Cleaning and Event Set-up job description. Ms. Kreisher asked if there were any questions this item, and there were not. Dr. Wheeler said that students would likely be cleaning classrooms from 3-7 p.m. He said he had talked to the support staff union representative about this initiative, and that the only suggestion she had was to make sure that students were paid the hourly rate identified in the agreement. Ms. Kreisher said that this job description would be voted on at the October 1 school board meeting.

PERSONNEL – ACTION ITEMS

Athletic Coaches

Mr. Yodock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hock, to approve the following individuals as fall athletic coaches for the 2018-2019 season:

- Matt Bond – Volunteer Junior High Football Coach;
- Chris Howell – Volunteer Junior High Football Coach;
- Anthony Stone – Junior High Football Coach – Step 2 - \$1,512.00.

The motion passed by a voice vote of five yes votes and one abstention (being Mrs. Howell, who abstained because the motion included approving her husband as a volunteer athletic coach).

Classified Staff Resignations

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Ms. Lewis seconded, to accept the following classified staff resignations:

- Bloomsburg High School Food Service Aide Patricia Kraus, effective 12 September 2018, and add her to the classified substitute list;
- Bloomsburg Middle School Food Service Aide Patricia Leiby, effective 12 September 2018.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Classified Staff Transfers

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

- Deborah Mourey from the position of Classified Substitute to the position of W.W. Evans Elementary School Cook (5 hours per day), effective 1 October 2018;
- John Kubik from the position of Bloomsburg High School In-School Suspension Supervisor to the position of Administrative Assistant – Business Office and Human Resources as per his proposed employment contract.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Professional Day-to-Day Substitutes

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Ms. Lewis seconded, to approve the following individuals as professional day-to-day substitutes as per Policy 405: Employment of Substitute Professional Employees:

- Brittany Gardner (CSIU Guest Teacher) for the 2018-2019 school year, effective upon receipt of her three clearances;
- Jacob Hare (CSIU Guest Teacher) for the 2018-2019 school year, effective upon receipt of his three clearances.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Building Substitute

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to approve Valerie DeStefano as a Bloomsburg Middle School Building Substitute for the 2018-2019 school year at a rate of \$100 per day and with eligibility for medical benefits, effective 11 September 2018. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Classified Staff

Ms. Lewis made the motion, which Mr. Hock seconded, to approve Venus Stair as a Paraprofessional at Memorial Elementary School, effective on or about 18 September 2018, at an hourly rate of \$9.45 and with benefits as per the negotiated classified staff agreement. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Professional Staff

Mr. Yodock made the motion, which Mr. Klingerman seconded, to approve Tara Miller as a .4-Time W.W. Evans Elementary School Art Teacher at Step 5 BS and a pro-rated salary of \$18,033.60 and with benefits as outlined in the professional staff agreement, effective on or about 1 October 2018. The motion passed by a voice vote of five yes votes and one abstention (being Mrs. Howell, who abstained because Mrs. Miller is her sister-in-law).

PERSONNEL – DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no personnel discussion items to be discussed at this meeting.

INFORMATION

No one requested any items to be added to the next board meeting agenda.

Dr. Wheeler reported that as of 13 September 2018, there were 1,515 students enrolled in the district in kindergarten through 12th grade.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Kreisher announced that the next school board meeting would be held on Monday, 1 October 2018 beginning at 7 p.m. in the district office board room.

Mr. Yodock told his fellow directors that until field hockey was over, he would not be able to attend Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School's Joint Operating Committee (JOC) meetings. Mr. Hock volunteered to fill in until Mr. Yodock was able to again attend the JOC meetings.

Mr. Klingerman made the motion for Mr. Hock to fill in as a Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School Joint Operating Committee alternate to fill in for Mr. Yodock until field hockey was over, and Ms. Lewis seconded this motion. The motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:24 p.m., Mr. Klingerman made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Yodock seconded this meeting, and the motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary

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