

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Reorganization/Special Meeting
Monday, 4 December 2017
7:00 p.m.
District Office Board Room**

MINUTES

Attendance

The annual reorganization meeting of the Bloomsburg Area School District Board of School Directors was called to order by President Marianne Kreisher at 7:04 p.m. on Monday, 4 December 2017 in the district office board room, followed by the pledge to the flag. Directors in attendance were: Ms. Stephanie Dunn Haney, Mr. Brent Hock, Mrs. Tina Howell, Mr. Jonathan Jones, Mr. Joshua Klingerman Sr., Ms. Marianne Kreisher, Mr. Norman Mael, and Mr. Joe Yodock.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Mrs. Melissa Day, Mr. Marc Freeman (left at 9:21 p.m.), Mr. David Marsiglio, Mr. Josh Tabor (left at 9:21 p.m.), and Dr. Donald Wheeler

Others present were: Ms. Stephanie Andreacci (left at 8:46 p.m.), Mr. Phil Burrell (arrived at 7:56 p.m.), Ms. Terri Drucker, Mr. Jerome Dvorak (left at 7:15 p.m.), Mr. Brandon Fisher (left at 8:46 p.m.), Mr. Joseph Glowaski, Ms. Stephanie Kessler (left at 9:30 p.m.), Mr. John Klinger (left at 8:46 p.m.), Ms. Theresa Klinger (left at 8:46 p.m.), Ms. Bryne Lewis, Mr. Sam Lewis (left at 7:15 p.m.), Mr. Jared Mench, Ms. Carol Rheam Tevis, Ms. Keri Shively, Ms. Victoria Snyder, Mr. Rob Staib (left at 8:46 p.m.), and Mr. Sean Stolz (left at 8:46 p.m.).

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

Mrs. Day introduced Sam Lewis, a Bloomsburg High School student, who had spent three weeks in South Africa the previous summer and had been offered the opportunity to study there for the Spring 2018 semester. Mr. Lewis told directors about his experience with the African Leadership Academy and said he was looking forward to the opportunity to return.

Next, Mr. Jerome Dvorak from the Bloomsburg University Foundation presented information to the school board on funding opportunities available to the school district through the foundation. Mr. Dvorak said that the district was already partnered with the foundation to offer high school students low-cost tuition for Bloomsburg University classes. He said that he and Dr. Wheeler had been discussing the possibility of starting a foundation to help provide opportunity and access to students with economic hardships. Mr. Dvorak said that the best time to start campaigning would be in August when students were returning to school. Mr. Jones said it was worth looking into this opportunity, as it would help the district raise funds without asking more of its tax payers. Ms. Kreisher asked if anyone was interested in working with Dr. Wheeler on this initiative, and Mr. Jones and Mr. Klingerman said there were.

ADJOURN SINE DIE

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to adjourn sine die. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

ELECTION OF TEMPORARY PRESIDENT

Mr. Klingerman nominated Ms. Kreisher to serve as the temporary president. There were no other nominations for this position.

Mr. Hock then made the motion to close nominations, and Mr. Klingerman seconded this motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Hock made the motion to elect Ms. Kreisher as the temporary president, Mr. Klingerman seconded this motion, and the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Hock made the motion to retain the current officers [being Ms. Kreisher as the board president and Mr. Klingerman as the board vice president] for a one-year term commencing 4 December 2017. Mrs. Howell seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

SCHOOL DIRECTOR CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

At this point in the meeting, interviews were held for the vacant two-year school director term. Those interviewed were: Ms. Stephanie Andreacci, Mr. Brandon Fisher, Mr. John Klinger, Ms. Theresa Klinger, Ms. Bryne Lewis, Mr. Rob Staib, and Mr. Sean Stolz.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:05 p.m., Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to go into executive session to discuss school director applicants. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. The executive session concluded at 8:18 p.m.

APPROVAL OF NEW SCHOOL DIRECTOR

School directors cast ballots for the vacant two-year school director term. Ms. Kreisher collected the ballots and then announced that there were eight votes for Ms. Bryne Lewis. Mr. Yodock then made the motion to approve Ms. Bryne Lewis to a two-year term as a Bloomsburg Area School District director. Mr. Jones seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

SWEARING IN OF NEW SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Ms. Kreisher swore in Ms. Lewis as a Bloomsburg Area School District director.

EXPULSION OF BLOOMSBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT

Ms. Kreisher reported that there had been a special board meeting to conduct an expulsion hearing at 6 p.m. that evening.

Mr. Yodock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to confirm that Bloomsburg Middle School Student B had violated Policy 218.1: Weapons. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Next, Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to expel Bloomsburg Middle School Student A until 2 January 2018. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF CENTRAL SUSQUEHANNA INTERMEDIATE UNIT BOARD MEMBER

Ms. Kreisher asked if anyone was interested in serving on the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit's board of directors as Bloomsburg Area School District's representative, and Mr. Jones said that he would be willing to serve in this capacity. This being the case, Mr. Yodock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to approve Mr. Jones as Bloomsburg Area School District's Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Board of Directors representative, effective 4 December 2017 – 30 June 2020. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF COLUMBIA-MONTOUR AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBER AND ALTERNATE

Mr. Yodock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to approve Mrs. Howell as a Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School Joint Operating Committee member, effective 4 December 2017 – December 2018. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Yodock then made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to approve Ms. Lewis as the Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School Joint Operating Committee alternate member, effective 4 December 2017. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

APPOINTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION LIAISON

Ms. Kreisher appointed Mr. Hock as the Bloomsburg Area School District's Pennsylvania School Boards Association Liaison for a one-year term commencing 4 December 2017.

APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBER

Ms. Kreisher appointed Mr. Marsiglio as a Municipal Authority Board Member, with his term expiring 31 December 2019.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Howell, to approve the following 2018 Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors' meeting schedule, with all meetings being held at 7 p.m. in the district office board room:

- December 18
- January 2 (Tuesday)
- January 15
- February 5
- February 20 (Tuesday)
- March 5
- March 19
- April 3 (Tuesday)
- April 16
- May 7
- May 21
- June 4
- June 18
- July 16
- August 6
- August 20
- September 4 (Tuesday)
- September 17
- October 1
- October 15
- November 5
- November 19
- December 3

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

RECYCLING AGREEMENT

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to approve as presented the agreement with the Town of Bloomsburg for recycling collection services, effective 1 January 2018. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

VAN COURIER SERVICES AGREEMENT

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to approve as presented the agreement with Lone Derr for van delivery services for the 2017-2018 school year.

PHONE SYSTEM REPLACEMENT

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to approve purchasing a new phone system through Dauphin Data Com at a cost of \$147,474.19 as per the presented quote.

Mr. Jones and Mr. Yodock told directors that they'd reviewed the quote and met with the district's information technology director and that they were happy with the quote.

The motion to purchase a new phone system through Dauphin Data Com then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip Requests

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Howell, to approve the following out-of-state/overnight field trip requests:

- Bloomsburg High School softball team to Montgomery Blair High School in Silver Springs, Maryland for spring training from 9 March 2018 – 11 March 2018 at an approximate cost to the district of \$85;
- Class of 2018 students to New York City, New York for their senior class trip on 18 May 2018 at an approximate cost to the district of \$765;
- Bloomsburg High School boys' varsity basketball team to Towanda High School for the Towanda Tip-Off Tournament from 8 December 2017 – 9 December 2017, at an approximate cost to the district of \$53.60;
- Bloomsburg High School band students to Mansfield University for District Band from 10 January 2018 – 12 January 2018, at an approximate cost to the district of \$1,030.

Directors were concerned about the \$765 cost the district would incur for professional substitutes during the proposed senior trip to New York City on 18 May 2018 and asked Mrs. Day for more information on this trip.

Mr. Klingerman then made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to remove the motion to approve the following trip from the original motion and table it: Class of 2018 students to New York City, New York for their senior class trip on 18 May 2018 at an approximate cost to the district of \$765. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

The motion to approve the original motion, minus the trip to New York City, then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Athletic Coaches

Mr. Yodock made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Howell, to approve the following athletic coaches for the 2017-2018 school year: Brandee Faust as a Volunteer Elementary Boys' Basketball Coach, and Mike Scherer as a Volunteer Elementary Boys' Basketball Coach. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Professional Day-to-Day Substitutes

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the following individuals as professional day-to-day substitutes for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year as per Policy 405: Employment of Substitute Professional Employees: Ryan Kaslavage through the CSIU Education Majors as Substitute Teachers program, effective upon receipt of his Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check, FBI Clearance, and Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance; and Lauren Pavone through the Education Majors as Substitute Teachers program, effective 5 December 2017. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Professional Staff Leave of Absence Request

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to approve the leave of absence request of Bloomsburg Middle School Music Teacher Keith Kostiuk, effective 2 January 2018 through 26 January 2018. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT TO WORK SESSION

At 8:46 p.m., Mr. Yodock moved to adjourn the special meeting and move into the work session. Mr. Klingerman seconded this motion, and it then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary

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Community Forum Update

Dr. Wheeler reported that the first of three community forums to discuss improvements to the district's safety and security had occurred at the high school on 30 November 2017. He said that over 30 individuals, including parents, board members, constables, and administrators, had attended the forum. Dr. Wheeler said that the focus of this forum was to discuss the security of the district's facilities. The next two forums, he said, were scheduled for November 30 and December 7.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Freeman began his report by thanking staff in the middle school life skills class for organizing the annual Thanksgiving feast. He then reported that student-led conferences held the previous month had been successful, and that it was a great reflective process for middle school students. Mr. Freeman reported that the eighth-grade boys' leadership team was collecting items for Toys for Tots and that their goal was to fill two boxes of toys. Lastly, he reported that the seventh- and eighth-grade chorus concert would be held on December 5, the seventh- and eighth-grade band concert would be held on December 10, and the sixth-grade chorus and band concert would be held on December 12.

Mr. Tabor reported that W.W. Evans Elementary School had held its first Veterans' Day program in several years. He said that 19 veterans had attended the school that day and that there had been a short assembly, followed by fifth-grade students hosting a breakfast for the veterans. He said this was a very positive experience and that it would be done again. He said that students were looking forward to seeing Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble's production of "A Christmas Carol," and that Bloomsburg High School graduate and author Lindsay Casteel would be visiting kindergarten and first-grade classes that month to talk about publishing the book "The Constellation Station."

Mrs. Day said that in lieu of a report, she would be sharing with directors a draft threat assessment procedural document that outlined steps to be taken in the event of a threat at the high school. She said she had worked with a number of individuals in developing the procedures.

Flood Wall Update

Ms. Kreisher reported that she and Dr. Wheeler had attended the flood wall meeting with the Town of Bloomsburg the previous week, and that the town was ready to move forward with the project. She said that the memorandum of understanding that set forth the responsibility of each party was currently being reviewed by Atty. Ben Pratt. Ms. Kreisher said that ground breaking for the project should begin at the end of spring or beginning of summer, and that the flood wall would be completed on school property first. She also pointed out that the location of the flood wall had been changed, and that this would allow for the district to expand as necessary. She said that the sports complex and flood wall projects could occur simultaneously, and that Fall 2018 sports would need to be moved from school district property to allow for this to happen. With the proposed levee system, she said, the district would only have one gate

to close in the case of an impending flood. Ms. Kreisher said the goal would be to have the flood wall completed in November or December 2018, adding that the entire project needed to be done in two years. Dr. Wheeler said he would like to seek a proposal from McClure Company to be the project manager. He also said he would like to have the library/cafeteria project completed in Summer 2019.

Operations Stipends

Dr. Wheeler distributed to directors his proposal regarding operations stipends. He said that he would be recommending a stipend for a grounds leader and a maintenance leader for the 2017-2018 school year at the December 18 meeting.

Formation of Committees of the Board

Ms. Kreisher asked for board member volunteers to serve on the Committee to Review School Board Policy and the Committee to Revise Act 93 and Superintendent Evaluation Protocols. She said that anyone interested in serving on either committee should let her know.

School Director Training Opportunities

Ms. Kreisher announced to directors that there were several workshops being offered for school board members through the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, and that anyone interested in attending any of them should contact her.

Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School Report

A Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School report was made.

Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Report

No CSIU report was given.

Adjournment

The work session was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary

(with some notes from
Mr. David Marsiglio)

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