

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors Meeting
Monday, 18 December 2017
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 Vice President Joshua Klingerman Sr. at 7:15 p.m. on Monday, 18 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. Bryne Lewis, Mr. Norman Mael, and Mr. Leo “Joe” Yodock III. Ms. Marianne Kreisher was absent from the meeting.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Mrs. Melissa Day, Mr. David Marsiglio, and Dr. Donald Wheeler.

Others present were: Mr. Phil Burrell, Ms. Terri Drucker, Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Mr. Rob Staib, and Ms. Victoria Walter (left at 7:41 p.m.), and Mr. John Willis.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

No one wished to address the board at this time.

MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to approve the following Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors’ meetings: the 20 November 2017 regular monthly meeting and the 4 December 2017 special meetings and work session. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to approve the financial reports for November 2017. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

BILLS PAYABLE

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to approve the bills payable for 21 November 2017 – 18 December 2017, ranging from check #00044124 – check #000442754 and check #00043955, including wire transfers in the amount of \$246,182.67 in the total amount of \$827,537.01. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Bloomsburg High School student Victoria Walter reported that Student Council raised \$210 for the Bloomsburg Food Cupboard during their recent volleyball tournament, and that they were planning to hold another tournament in the spring. Ms. Walter also reported that Student Council was holding a Holiday Spirit Week, with proceeds benefitting The Women's Center. Lastly, she reported that the next blood drive, which would not be open to the public, was scheduled for 8 March 2018 and that 40 units of blood was their goal.

OPERATIONS REPORTS

There were not questions pertaining to the athletic and grounds report, food service report, or technology report.

Ms. Kessler told directors that, in addition to the information presented in her written report, she had just spoken to Mr. Ben Culver, the maintenance director for the Berwick Area School District, about the group, Pinnacle Northeast, through which they procured custodial substitutes. She said that she had spoken with Pinnacle Northeast owner Patrick Munley about purchasing substitute custodial service from his company to cover the position of first-shift custodian at Bloomsburg High School while the district's employee was on leave. Ms. Kessler said the cost to the district for this service would be about \$17 per hour, and that Mr. Munley could have someone ready to begin work during the first week of January. Ms. Kessler said she would be meeting with a classified staff union official and also Mr. Munley again later that week to further discuss this matter.

Mr. Marsiglio said that in addition to his written report, he had an update on the Beaver-Main Elementary School HVAC and kitchen upgrade project. He said that Susan McGarry from Arch Central Architects would be at the January 15 meeting to make a presentation, that advertising would begin on January 29, and that bids would be due on March 14.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Wheeler told directors that school district staff, himself included, would be meeting with representatives from McClure Company that Wednesday regarding the district's upcoming capital project.

Dr. Wheeler then referred directors to a draft of the recommendations that had been established as the result of the three recent safety-focused community forums. Mr. Hock said he liked that the recommendations included training for faculty, staff, students, and administrators, and added he thought it was important to extend this to parents as well, especially in the area of cyber safety and security. Dr. Wheeler agreed this was a good idea, adding that it was his plan to add safety-related videos to the district's web site, and continued discussion would be needed. Dr. Wheeler said that as of 2 January 2018, the district would only have one constable on site, and that there would continue to be a constable at sporting events. Dr. Wheeler said he would be coming to the board with a recommendation that would include having a separate guidance counselor at Beaver-Main Elementary School and at W.W. Evans Elementary School, which would allow for elementary counseling to be an expressive art class for students. He also said the recommendation would include replacing the blended counselor at the middle school with a guidance counselor.

OLD BUSINESS

Bloomsburg Area High School Threat Assessment Procedures

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve as presented the Bloomsburg Area High School Threat Assessment Procedures.

Mr. Hock said the community forums had gone well, but that he was concerned that the threat assessment procedures distributed to the board for approval were, although necessary, reactionary. He said the district should consider the procedures more before the board voted on them. Mr. Klingerman agreed, saying he would like the board to table the motion at least until the new year. Mrs. Day suggested she could bring the high school's discipline procedural handbook to the board, with the threat assessment procedures being a part of this, for consideration in the future. The board agreed this was a good course of action to pursue.

After discussion, Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to table the motion to approve as presented the Bloomsburg Area High School Threat Assessment Procedures. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Yodock said he wanted to make sure this remained a priority for the district, and Dr. Wheeler responded that the revised document would be brought back to the board no later than the first school board meeting in April.

NEW BUSINESS

Home School Student Participation in Band

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to approve a high school-aged home school student residing in the Bloomsburg Area School District to enroll in Bloomsburg High School part-time to take Band at the school for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year and to participate in the school musical in 2018. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Homebound Instruction Request

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to approve a homebound instruction request for a Bloomsburg High School student, effective 11 December 2017 for a period of approximately six weeks. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Professional Day-to-Day Substitute

Mr. Yodock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve Kristina Kurelja (CSIU Education Majors as Substitute Teachers program) as a professional day-to-day substitute as per Policy 405: Employment of Substitute Professional Employees, effective upon receipt of her Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Background Check, FBI Clearance, and Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Van Drivers

Mr. Yodock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve Matthew Reichard and William Reichard as van drivers through Fishing Creek Transportation for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Administrative Leave of Absence Request

Mr. Yodock made the motion, which Mr. Jones seconded, to approve the leave of absence request of Director of Elementary and Secondary Curriculum and Instruction Amanda Stutzman, effective 5 December 2017 with a return date of 8 March 2018. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Classified Staff Leave of Absence Request

Mr. Yodock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the leave of absence request of Memorial Elementary School Secretary Angela Burns, effective 16 January 2018 until 16 April 2018. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Classified Staff

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which Mr. Jones seconded, to approve the following individuals as members of the Bloomsburg High School musical pit orchestra for the 2018 musical, with their stipends being paid by the Bloomsburg High School Drama Club: Larry Cooper (reapproval from 2017-2018); Todd Egger (reapproval from 2017-2018); Steve Gilliland (reapproval from 2017-2018); Ben Kuznicki (reapproval from 2017-2018); Valerie Rheude (new for 2017-2018); Madeline Schuster (reapproval from 2017-2018); Sharon Styer (reapproval from 2017-2018); Diane Wasser (reapproval from 2017-2018); Ronald Wasser (reapproval from 2017-2018); and Amanda Ziegler (reapproval from 2017-2018). The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Operations Stipends

Mr. Hock made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to approve a Grounds Leader stipend of \$10,000 for Justin Simpson and a Maintenance Leader stipend of \$5,000 for Stephanie Kessler for the 2017-2018 school year, effective 1 July 2017. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Athletic Coach

Mr. Yodock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve Dwayne Heeter as the Ninth-Grade Boys' Basketball Coach at Step 5 and a salary of \$2,138 for the 2017-2018 season. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Support Teacher

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which Ms. Lewis seconded, to approve Brandee Faust-Long as the Support Teacher for Tara Werley at a stipend of \$525 (7 units). The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Classified Staff Transfer

Mr. Yodock made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Howell, to approve transferring Patricia Kraus from the position of Classified Substitute to the position of Bloomsburg High School Food Service Aide (3.25 hours per day), effective 19 December 2017. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

INFORMATION

At this point, there were no items scheduled for the upcoming meeting agenda.

Dr. Wheeler reported that as of 14 December 2017, there were 1,510 students enrolled in the district K-12.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Klingerman announced that the next meeting of the Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors was scheduled for Tuesday, 2 January 2018 in the district office board room.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:34 p.m., Mr. Yodock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Jones, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary