

**Bloomsburg Area School District  
Board of School Directors  
Special Meeting  
Monday, 2 October 2017  
7:00 p.m.  
District Office Board Room**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance**

A special meeting of the Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, 2 October 2017 by President Marianne Kreisher 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. Joshua Klingerman Sr., Ms. Marianne Kreisher, Mrs. Gail Moore, and Mr. Leo "Joe" Yodock III. Mr. Jonathan Jones and Mr. Norman Mael were absent from the meeting.

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

Others present were: Ms. Terri Drucker, Ms. Stephanie Kessler, and Ms. Martha Kanaskie (left at 7:04 p.m.).

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

Mrs. Day introduced Ms. Martha Kanaskie, a chemistry and physics teacher at the high school. She said that Ms. Kanaskie was an advisor for the Bloomsburg High School students who entered a STEM competition at the Bloomsburg Fair. Mrs. Day said that Mid-West had won the \$10,000 prize, but that Bloomsburg students had done very well. Ms. Kanaskie said that she was so proud of the hard work the students had done, in working together and in their research.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:04 p.m., Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. At 7:09 p.m., Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hock, to adjourn the executive session and move back into public session. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**AMENDMENT TO AGENDA**

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to approve adding the following motion to the agenda: Terminate Bloomsburg Area School District Autistic Support Teacher Dennis Delorso, effective 2 October 2017. The motion to amend the agenda passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Klingerman then made the motion to terminate Bloomsburg Area School District Autistic Support Teacher Dennis Delorso, effective 2 October 2017. Mr. Yodock seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to come before the school board at this meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

Mr. Yodock made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Howell, to approve the out-of-state/overnight field trip request for W.W. Evans Elementary School third-grade students to New York City, New York on 24 May 2018 at an approximate cost to the district of \$750. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Homebound Instruction Request**

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Howell, to approve a homebound instruction request for a Bloomsburg High student, effective 3 October 2017 for a period of at least 20 school days. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Donations**

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to accept the following donations to the Bloomsburg Area School District: two bags of miscellaneous school supplies including pencils, notebooks, pens, stickers, scissors, clay, and folders made by the Bloomsburg Women's Civic Club to Memorial Elementary School; and a total of 286 books for first-grade students at Memorial Elementary School, through UGI Funding. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Revised Parent-Teacher Organizations – Fundraising**

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hock, to approve the following revised parent-teacher organizations for the 2017-2018 school year: Beaver-Main Elementary School Parent Co-op and W.W. Evans Elementary School Parent Co-op. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

## **PERSONNEL**

### **Personnel Items**

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to approve the following personnel items:

- Approve Connie Johnson as a driver through Fishing Creek Transportation for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year;
- Approve Michelle Hintz as the Bloomsburg Middle School Reading/Language Arts Chairperson for the 2017-2018 school year at 10 units and a stipend of \$750.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:13 p.m., Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to adjourn the special meeting and move into the work session. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler  
Recording Secretary

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**Administrative Reports**

Mr. Tabor said that he did not have a report for the month.

Mrs. Day reported that high school students had raised over \$1,000 for Hurricane Harvey victims at a recent football game, and that the Rotary Club had matched that donation. Mr. Klingerman asked if there was an update on the upgraded web site, and Mrs. Day said that October 13 was the “soft launch,” and that October 16 was the official launch date.

There were no questions of Mr. Palmatier’s written report.

Ms. Christensen said that the day before the Bloomsburg Fair, she had gone on a trip to the fairground with life skills students. She said she was so proud of their behavior and said it was a very positive experience not only for the students but also for herself.

Dr. Stutzman said the Panther Pack program had gotten started and that it was now available to students in kindergarten through fifth grade at Memorial Elementary School. She said that 138 students were currently participating in the program. She also asked if any board members would like to serve on the comprehensive plan committee, and Mrs. Howell volunteered to do so.

Lastly, Mr. Freeman reported that Red Ribbon Week would be celebrated at the middle school later that month, and that everyone in the school was looking forward to it.

**Athletic Coaches’ Contract**

Dr. Wheeler referred to the draft coaches’ salary schedule, which he said had been worked on since the previous fall. He explained that the proposed salary structure combined four levels into two levels, with the goal being more uniformity for coaches of different sports. Dr. Wheeler said that he was sharing the proposed changes at that meeting and asking directors to review it, reflect on it, and then ask questions. He said that after a revised coaches’ salary structure was approved, he would like to review the list of advisors.

**Superintendent’s Update**

Dr. Wheeler told directors that for this year’s Homecoming festivities, he would like to get Panther Pride t-shirts for all elementary students, who would be participating in a pep rally the day of the Homecoming game.

He then gave a flood wall update, saying that the town and SEDA-Cog were apprehensive about not having a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the school district stating that the district planned to move ahead with the flood wall project. Dr. Wheeler said he would like to have Attorney Ben Pratt

negotiate this for the district, if the board chose to move forward with this. Ms. Kreisher said the current town council members were committed to moving forward with the flood wall project and that she did not see any harm in the board doing an MOU. Mr. Yodock asked if the board would need to vote on the MOU, and Ms. Kreisher replied in the affirmative. Dr. Wheeler asked if the board would like to go with its local solicitor if it chose to move forward with the MOU, or if the board wanted to go with Attorney Pratt. Ms. Kreisher said she thought it would be best to have someone from the outside working on this. Dr. Wheeler said that if the board wished to pursue the MOU, it could be voted on at the November work session. No one objected to moving forward with drafting an MOU.

#### **Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School Report**

Mr. Yodock reported that there was not going to be a strike at the school.

#### **Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Report**

There was not CSIU report given, as Mr. Mael was not present at the meeting.

#### **Potential Athletic Co-ops**

Mr. Klingerman said that with PIAA's new structure, Bloomsburg Area School District was no longer on the cusp of moving from A to AA, so he did not see why the district would not want to consider co-oping with other districts. Ms. Kreisher said that if families residing in other districts wished to have their children participate in Bloomsburg athletics, they first needed to go to the school board of their resident district.

#### **Adjournment**

At 7:56 p.m., Mrs. Howell made the motion, which Mr. Klingerman seconded, to adjourn the work session. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler  
Recording Secretary