

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, 20 March 2017
7:00 p.m.
District Office Board Room**

MINUTES

Attendance

The regular monthly 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, 20 March 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, Ms. Marianne Kreisher, Mr. Norman Mael, Mrs. Gail Moore, and Mr. Leo “Joe” Yodock III.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Mrs. Melissa Day, Mr. Gary Honabach (left at 7:30 p.m.), Mr. Justin Simpson, Mr. Michael Upton, Dr. Donald Wheeler, and Mr. Nick Wozniak (left at 7:30 p.m.).

Others present were: Mr. Phil Burrell (arrived at 7:19 p.m.), Mrs. Bonnie Crawford, Ms. Leina Fritsky, Ms. Wren Fritsky, Ms. Terri Drucker, Ms. Claire Hintz (left at 7:58 p.m.), Mrs. Michelle Hintz (left at 7:58 p.m.), Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Mr. Ethan Krupp (left at 7:58 p.m.), Mr. Foster Krupp (left at 7:58 p.m.), Ms. Brittney Smith, and Mr. Jedediah Smith.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

Mr. Ethan Krupp, Mr. Foster Krupp, Ms. Claire Hintz, and Mrs. Michelle Hintz all addressed the board to encourage them to keep graduation on June 8 if at all possible. Ms. Kreisher said the board would be talking about this issue later that night.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Howell, to approve the minutes of the following Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors’ meetings: the 21 February 2017 regular monthly meeting, and the 6 March 2017 special meeting and work session. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Moore, to approve the bills payable for 22 February 2017 – 20 March 2017, ranging from check #00042619 – check #00042757, including wire transfers in the amount of \$309,539.35, in the total amount of \$1,077,529.25.

Mr. Upton pointed out that included in the bills being recommended for payment were the fourth out of six tuition payments to Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical for the 2016-2017 school year, a payment of \$21,000 to the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit for two Bloomsburg students placed at Five Star, a bill for new LED lights in gymnasiums, and a payment of \$43,000 to New Story for one month for seven Bloomsburg students attending there.

The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

There was no student representative report given at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Memorandum of Understanding and Transportation Plan

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve as presented the Memorandum of Understanding and Transportation Plan (regarding transportation procedures to ensure the educational stability of Foster Care Youth as per the Every Student Succeeds Act) between the Bloomsburg Area School District and Columbia County Children & Youth. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

OPERATIONS REPORTS

Mr. Honabach asked if anyone had questions relative to his monthly technology report, and no one did. Mr. Klingerman did, however, ask Mr. Honabach if School Dude was helpful to the technology department, and Mr. Honabach replied that yes, it was very beneficial in helping technology staff prioritize tasks.

Mr. Wozniak told directors that the School Dude maintenance system had been working very well at the middle school and district office, where it was being piloted. He said that aside from that, the maintenance and custodial staff had been busy with snow removal from the recent snowstorm. Mr. Klingerman said that all of the schools looked great. Mr. Mael asked when adding HVAC to the Beaver-Main Elementary School cafeteria renovation project had occurred, and Mr. Hock responded that that the board had only approved designs and not the actual project yet.

Mr. Simpson passed around renderings of the high school student recognition wall and went over the proposed criteria for student all-state recognition. He said the district would pay for the students' portraits

so they were all uniform. Mr. Simpson told directors that this project would likely be voted on at either the next school board meeting or the one after that. Mr. Klingerman said he wanted to make sure the students recognized on the student recognition wall were the best of the best, and said he thought that only the top three, not the top eight, state winners in individual sports should be included. Ms. Kreisher said that there is a difference between someone who placed first and someone who placed eighth, but that to place eighth in the state is still quite an accomplishment. Mr. Hock agreed with Ms. Kreisher. Mr. Klingerman said that if the board wanted to go with the top eight in the state for individual sports, then it should include first, second, and third teams for team sports as well. Mr. Hock asked how many students were participating in all-state band that year, and Mrs. Day replied that there was one student participating – Claire Hintz. Mr. Yodock asked if the criteria for hanging a student's photo on the student recognition wall would include just students from that point forward, or if students from the past would be honored as well. Dr. Wheeler said that inevitably, students from the past would be missed, but if individuals meeting the criteria could be found, they would be honored accordingly. Ms. Dunn Haney asked if students being honored for athletic accomplishments would be in the same area as those being honored for academic accomplishments, and Mr. Simpson said that they would. Mr. Klingerman asked if maintenance and technology staff could put up three or four televisions to display students, and Mr. Honabach and Mr. Wozniak said that they could.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Wheeler started his report by saying that in the future, the district would schedule graduation at least five days after the last scheduled make-up day. Mr. Hock said he was 100% opposed to moving back the June 8 graduation date, and that after speaking with Jason Moser, the professional staff union president, that day, it seemed the professional staff would be willing to approve a memorandum of understanding with the board to have students attend school on Easter Monday and Good Friday if needed. Dr. Wheeler said the board would need to vote on a new calendar at its April 3 meeting, and that currently, it looked like seniors would need to have three sessions of Saturday school for graduation practice in order to still graduate on June 8. Ms. Kreisher said it was the desire of the board to do anything in its power to keep graduation on June 8.

Next, Dr. Wheeler said that the district had an approximately \$1 million deficit in its 2017-2018 budget, and told the board that the district would likely have to use some of its fund balance in order to balance its 2017-2018 budget. He said that he would be discussing revisions to the Act 93 Agreement in executive session after the public meeting concluded.

Lastly, Dr. Wheeler gave a flood wall update. Ms. Kreisher showed directors a map of a flood wall option that would include the baseball field. She said that she and Dr. Wheeler had met with the Bloomsburg Town Council the previous week about flood wall options, and Dr. Wheeler said that Ms. Kreisher had done a phenomenal job representing the district. Ms. Kreisher said that the town project would definitely happen, and that the town had made the commitment to go ahead with it, regardless of if it received enough funding from grants and the school district. Both Dr. Wheeler and Ms. Kreisher agreed that communication among all parties would go much better from that point forward.

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

Acceptance of Donations

Mr. Hock made the motion, which Mr. Klingerman seconded, to accept the following donations to the Bloomsburg Area School District: a monetary donation of \$3,400 made by Gayl Klingerman to be used to reimburse the district for the portion of the Bloomsburg High School sign for which it paid, and a donation of baseball jackets, pants, socks, and hats for the Bloomsburg High School Baseball team, made by the Bloomsburg High School Baseball Boosters. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of STEM Magnet Program Weighting

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Howell, to approve having only approved STEM Magnet Program courses receive dual core course enrollment with an honor's level weighting.

Dr. Wheeler told directors that Mrs. Day and Dr. Stutzman would be talking to department chairs to discuss permitting students to take college courses as pass/fail, and that a recommendation would be brought to the board at one of the April board meetings.

The motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Acceptance of Joint Operating Committee Representative Resignation

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to accept the resignation of Marianne Kreisher as a Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School Joint Operating Committee representative, retroactive to 6 March 2017. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Joint Operating Committee Representative

Ms. Dunn Haney made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Howell, to approve Jonathan Jones as a Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School Joint Operating Committee representative, effective 20 March 2017, with his term expiring December 2018. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Bus Driver

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Howell, to approve Evelyn Mozayeni as a school bus driver through Fishing Creek Transportation through the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Athletic Coach

Mr. Hock made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to approve Tanner Dilg as the Assistant Boys' Tennis Coach for the 2016-2017 season, at Step 1 and a salary of \$1,095. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Classified Staff Resignation

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Howell, to accept the resignation of Maintenance Worker Tyler Heidlauf, with his last day of work being 17 March 2017. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

INFORMATION

Ms. Kreisher told directors that the following items were scheduled to be discussed at the April work session: Physical Education Flexibility/Credits, High School Emotional Support Class, and Amended 2016-2017 Calendar.

Dr. Wheeler reported that as of 13 March 2017, there were 1,561 students enrolled in the district from kindergarten through 12th grade. He pointed out that there were 42 students enrolled in cyber charter schools and said that district administrators were looking into cyber school options.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Kreisher announced that the next special meeting and work session would be held on Monday, 3 April 2017 at 7 p.m. in the district office board room, and that the next regular monthly meeting would be held on Tuesday, 18 April 2017 at 7 p.m. in the district office board room.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:24 p.m., Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to adjourn the public meeting and move into executive session for the purpose of discussing the Act 93 Agreement and other personnel matters. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. The executive session ended at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary