

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, 15 May 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 7:02 p.m. on Monday, 15 May 2017 in the district office board room, followed by the pledge to the flag. Directors in attendance were: Mr. Brent Hock, Mrs. Tina Howell, Mr. Jonathan Jones, Mr. Joshua Klingerman (arrived at 7:22 p.m.), Ms. Marianne Kreisher, Mr. Norman Mael (arrived at 7:05 p.m.), Mrs. Gail Moore, and Mr. Leo “Joe” Yodock. Ms. Stephanie Dunn Haney was absent from the meeting.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Mrs. Melissa Day, Mr. Gary Honabach (left at 8:04 p.m.), Mr. Justin Simpson (arrived at 7:13 p.m.), Dr. Amanda Stutzman, Mr. Joshua Tabor (left at 8:15 p.m.), Mr. Michael Upton, and Dr. Donald Wheeler.

Others present were: Ms. Kori Britton, Mrs. Bonnie Crawford, Mr. Barry Davis (left at 8:15 p.m.), Ms. Rebecca Drucker, Ms. Terri Drucker, Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Mr. Kirk Marshall and members of the Robotics Team (left at 7:24 p.m.), Mr. David Marsiglio, Mr. Joe McCarthy, and Mr. Jed Smith.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

Mrs. Bonnie Crawford asked where the public could access the all-state criteria, and Dr. Wheeler responded that this topic would be discussed later in the meeting.

Mrs. Day introduced Mr. Kirk Marshall, an industrial technology teacher in the high school and the district’s Technology Students Association Advisor. Mr. Marshall and several members of the robotics team displayed a robot used in a recent competition. Mr. Marshall thanked the board for its support over the past 15 years.

MEETING MINUTES

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which Mrs. Moore seconded, to approve the minutes of the 18 April 2017 regular monthly meeting and the 1 May 2017 special meeting and work session. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Hock made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to approve the financial reports for April 2017.

Mr. Upton pointed out the district had received an additional \$29,000 for Title I and II funding and also that the cafeteria fund was showing a \$32,000 favorable balance. He said it was looking as though some of the cafeteria restrictions might be lifted at the federal level. Mr. Klingerman arrived at this point in the meeting.

Once Mr. Upton completed his report, the motion to approve the April 2017 financial reports passed by a unanimous voice vote.

BILLS PAYABLE

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to approve the bills payable for 19 April 2017 – 15 May 2017, ranging from check #00042907 – check #00043048, including wire transfers in the amount of \$334,425.63, in the total amount of \$1,232,257.82.

Mr. Upton pointed out that there was a double payment in the current month's bills payable for the athletic trainer, as the district had received the previous month's invoice from Geisinger late in the month. He pointed out that the same thing had happened with the payment to Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School.

The motion to approve the bills payable passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

BILLS PAYABLE – CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hock, to approve the bills payable for the Capital Reserve Fund for 19 April 2017 – 15 May 2017, being check #00001822, in the amount of \$36,889.00. Mr. Upton explained that this check for equipment for the fitness center in the high school. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Elementary and High School Student Handbooks

Mr. Hock made the motion, which Mr. Klingerman seconded, to approve as presented the Beaver-Main Elementary School, W.W. Evans Elementary School, Memorial Elementary School, and Bloomsburg High School student handbooks for 2017-2018. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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 \$150.00 from the Bloomsburg Fire Department to Bloomsburg Middle School Chorus for signing at their carnival; and a donation of special occasion uniforms to the Boys' Varsity and Junior Varsity Basketball Program, made by the Boys' Basketball Boosters. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip Request

Mr. Hock made the motion, which Mr. Klingerman seconded, to approve the out-of-state/overnight field trip request for the Bloomsburg Robotics Team to go to California University of Pennsylvania to compete in the National Robotics League Tournament from 18 May 2017 – 21 May 2017, at a cost to the district of \$539.60. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

First Reading of Policies 246 and 808

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mrs. Moore seconded, to approve on first reading and schedule for final reading at the 19 June 2017 meeting Policy 246: Student Wellness and Policy 808: Food Services.

Mr. Hock said he had a concern about approving these policies, as some of the nutrition restrictions might soon be lifted. Dr. Wheeler said he would do some research on this and share what he found out with the board.

The motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

End-of-Course Skills Test

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Moore, to reapprove the district's participation in the End of Course Skills Testing for the 2017-2018 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Breakfast and Lunch Prices for 2017-2018

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to approve the following student breakfast and lunch prices for the 2017-2018 school year: Elementary Breakfast - \$1.05 (no change from 2016-2017); Secondary Breakfast - \$1.15 (no change from 2016-2017); Elementary Lunch - \$2.35 (up \$.05 from 2016-2017); and Secondary Lunch - \$2.60 (up \$.05 from 2016-2017).

Ms. Kreisher asked if lunch prices were increasing because they needed to, and Mr. Upton responded that they were increasing as mandated in the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act, adding that the district was raising the costs by \$.05 each, the minimum amount required by federal law.

The motion passed by a voice vote of seven yes votes and one no vote (being Mr. Hock).

Field and Athletic Trip Mileage Rate for 2017-2018

Mr. Yodock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve increasing the mileage rate for field trips and athletic trips for Bloomsburg Area School District bus contractors from \$2.36 per mile in 2016-2017 to \$2.41 per mile in 2017-2018, effective 1 July 2017. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Budget Transfers

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to approve authorizing the business administrator to make the necessary budget transfers for the 2016-2017 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to approve transferring \$200,000.00 from the general fund unassigned to the capital reserve fund. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Criteria for All-State Recognition

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to approve removing from the table the motion to approve as presented the criteria for all-state recognition. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Next, Mr. Hock made the motion, which Mr. Jones seconded, to approve as presented the new criteria for all-state recognition.

Mrs. Day said that she had met with advisors of such organizations as FBLA and journalism and that she had found there were considerable inequities among these groups concerning the level of competition in each. She said that for now, she would like to move forward with recognizing athletics, band, and chorus, knowing that the level of rigor was there, and that other organizations could be added in the future. Mr. Simpson said that as per the current recommended criteria, only first-team all-state winners would have their photos on the wall, and that second-team all-state would have their names on plaques. Mr. Klingerman said that he thought the athletic wall and academic wall should be next to each other but not intermingled, and asked if this was going to happen. Mr. Simpson said that presently, the main goal was to get something in place and that the location had not yet been defined. Ms. Kreisher asked how many second-team winners there were just for the current year, and Mrs. Day replied that she would need to get this number and then get back to the board. Mr. Klingerman said he had concerns about going backwards to find previous students who should be recognized, and Dr. Wheeler suggested a civics club could help the district locate such people.

The motion to approve the new criteria for all-state recognition then passed by a voice vote of seven yes votes and one no vote (being Mr. Klingerman).

PERSONNEL

School Board Secretary

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to reapprove Stephanie Dunn Haney as the School Board Secretary from 1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Assistant School Board Secretary

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve David Marsiglio as the Assistant School Board Secretary from 1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

School directors were given a copy of the written student representative's report, which was not presented orally as a student representative was not present at the meeting.

OPERATIONS/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Dr. Stutzman introduced Ms. Sara Turner, who was in the audience, and said that she would make a great addition to the district.

Mrs. Day said that she did not have anything to report on in addition to her written report.

Mr. Honabach said that he had given a presentation on the district's one-to-one initiative at a Tech Talk conference. Mr. Hock asked Mr. Honabach if he thought Bloomsburg was ahead of the curve with one-to-one, and Mr. Honabach replied in the affirmative. Mr. Yodock asked how he felt about the district using Surface Pros, and Mr. Honabach replied that he still believed the district made the right decision. Mr. Klingerman said he thought the district needed to purchase an insurance policy and said he would like to discuss this further at an upcoming board meeting.

Mr. Simpson said that he did not have anything else to add to his written report. Mr. Hock asked how field maintenance was going, and Mr. Simpson replied "very well."

Mr. Tabor said he did not have anything to add to his written report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Wheeler started his report by sharing with the board the fact that Marcella Bacon, a Bloomsburg student attending Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School, had passed on after a four-wheeler accident over the weekend. He said that the district's thoughts were with her family and friends.

Dr. Wheeler then asked directors if they wished to begin the high school sidewalk replacement project that summer, or if they wanted to wait and complete this project as part of a potential capital project. Mr. Hock said he would hate for the district to complete the project and then have to move it later, and Mr. Klingerman agreed with this sentiment. Ms. Kreisher said that the front of the high school looked atrocious and that fixing the sidewalk now would greatly improve the aesthetics of the building. Mr. Upton said that the contractor for the sidewalk project had stopped by the district office the previous week, saying that if the district did not have it completed that summer, he wanted to be reimbursed for the two bonds he'd received. Ms. Kreisher asked Mr. Upton to find out how much the district would owe the contractor for the bonds if it wished to not complete the project at the current time, and that the school board could then decide how to proceed.

Next, Dr. Wheeler told directors that he'd developed a general framework for recommended shifts in the coaching contract. He asked directors if it would be alright to present the revised proposed salary schedule to them in late June or July, and it was the consensus of the board that this was acceptable.

Dr. Wheeler then told directors that he was working on the potential reorganization of the district's buildings, grounds, and custodial services, and that he would provide the board with an overview of this at its next meeting.

Dr. Wheeler told directors that there were currently 69 people signed up to attend the district's staff recognition dinner at the Pine Barn Inn on 30 May 2017.

Lastly, Dr. Wheeler proposed the idea of Saint Columba School partnering with the district for middle school athletics. Dr. Wheeler said that this partnership would not affect the district's PIAA classification. Mr. Joe McCarthy told directors that Saint Columba School currently had 15 students enrolled in grades

seven and eight, and that only four or five of them were Bloomsburg Area School District residents and would therefore be eligible to participate in the district's middle school athletics programs. Ms. Kreisher asked Mr. McCarthy if Saint Columba had agreements with other districts, and he replied that it had agreements with both Berwick and Southern Columbia. Mrs. Moore asked if it would be up to the parents to provide transportation to practices, and Mr. McCarthy replied that it would. Dr. Wheeler told directors that this would be a voting item at the next board meeting.

PERSONNEL (continued)

School Board Treasurer

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to reapprove Tina Howell as the Board Treasurer from 1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

School Board Solicitor

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to reapprove Atty. Noah Naparstek as the district's solicitor with Derr, Pursel, Luschas, and Naparstek as its firm from 1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018 with a retainer fee of \$1,100 and an hourly fee of \$125. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Professional Staff Transfer

MR. Hock made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to approve transferring Amanda Humphreys from the position of Memorial Elementary School Learning Support Teacher to the position of Memorial Elementary School First-Grade Teacher, effective for the start of the 2017-2018 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Classified Staff Transfer

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to approve transferring Judy DeFrain from the position of Memorial Elementary School Food Service Aide (4 hours per day) to the position of Bloomsburg High School Cook (6.5 hours per day), effective for the start of the 2017-2018 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Classified Staff Resignations

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to accept the following classified staff resignations: Memorial Elementary School Paraprofessional Loretta Peters, with her last day of work being 12 May 2017; Memorial Elementary School Paraprofessional Susan Sitler, with her last day of work being 19 May 2017; Bloomsburg High School Second-Shift Custodian Ron Boyer, effective 19 May 2017. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Classified Staff

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to approve Barry Davis as a Second-Shift Custodian at Beaver-Main Elementary School at \$8.60 per hour and with benefits as per the negotiated classified staff agreement, effective 17 May 2017. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Fall Athletic Coaches

Mr. Yodock made the motion, which Mrs. Moore seconded, to approve the following individuals as coaches for the Fall 2017season:

Head Varsity/JV Football	Seabrook, Kevin	3	\$3,152.00
Assistant Varsity/JV Football	Wood, Dave	5	\$2,138.00
Assistant Varsity/JV Football	Weigle, Steve	4	\$2,038.00
Assistant Varsity/JV Football	Stone, Matt	6	\$2,238.00
Volunteer Varsity/JV Football	Frye, Stacy		
Volunteer Varsity/JV Football	Coombe, Tyler		
Volunteer Varsity/JV Football	Miller, Matt		
Volunteer Varsity/JV Football	Coulter, Marcus		
Volunteer Football	Bond, Jeff		
Volunteer Football	Johns, George		
Assistant Junior High Football	Howell, Chris	2	\$1,512.00
Assistant Junior High Football	Bond, Matt	1	\$1,448.00
Volunteer Junior High Football	Stone, Anthony		
Volunteer Junior High Football	Haynes, Sam		
Head Golf	Bressi, Steve	16	\$3,700.00
Head Girls' Tennis			
Assistant Girls' Tennis			
Head Cross Country	Huss, Jeff	4	\$2,200.00
Assistant Cross Country			
Junior High Cross Country	Troychock, Nick	3	\$1,037.50
Head Varsity Field Hockey	Baker, Chuck	16 (20 yrs)	\$4,424.00
Assistant Varsity Field Hockey			
Volunteer Varsity Field Hockey	Moore, Gail		
Head Boys' Soccer	McGarry, Mike	11	\$3,799.00
Assistant Boys' Soccer	Heidlauf, Tyler	2	\$1,629.00
Head Girls' Soccer	Joseph, Jon	9	\$3,539.00
Assistant Girls' Soccer	Zimmerman, Stephanie	6	\$2,029.00
Volunteer Girls' Soccer	McCann, Morgan		
Weight Room Supervisor (2017- 2018)	Johns, George	N/A	\$7.25/hr

Cheerleading Advisor	Fisher, Kristin	4	\$1,094.00
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The motion to approve the Fall 2017 coaches approve by a voice vote of six yes votes, one no vote (being Mr. Klingerman), and one abstention (being Mrs. Howell, who abstained because he her husband was being voted on to be paid coach).

Professional Staff Leave of Absence Request

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to approve the leave of absence request of Memorial Elementary School Kindergarten Teacher Jennifer Coombe, effective for the start of the 2017-2018 school year with an estimated return date of 20 November 2017. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Classified Staff Leave of Absence Requests

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Jones seconded, to approve the following classified staff leave of absence requests: Memorial Elementary School Health Aide Debra Gelnett, retroactive to 24 April 2017 through 12 May 2017; and Memorial Elementary School Custodian William Miller, retroactive to 17 April 2017 until 8 May 2017. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Van Driver

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to approve Laura De Vito as a substitute van driver through Fishing Creek Transportation through the end of the 2016-2017 school year, effective 16 May 2017. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Long-Term Volunteer/Overnight Chaperone

Mr. Klingerman made a motion, which Mr. Jones seconded, to approve Felicia Hunsinger as a long-term volunteer/overnight chaperone, effective 16 May 2017. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Professional Staff

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hock, to approve Sara Turner as a Bloomsburg High School Social Studies Teacher at Step 3 Bachelors and an annual salary of \$40,780 and with benefits as per the negotiated professional staff agreement, effective for the start of the 2017-2018 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Informational Item: CSIU Ballot for Election of CSIU Directors

Ms. Kessler distributed to board members a ballot to vote for Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU) directors. Once completed, board members passed them back to her so they could be sent to the CSIU.

INFORMATION

Ms. Kreisher announced that the following items would appear on the next work session agenda: Athletic Handbook, Athletic Schedule, and List of Graduates. It was requested that food service options and cyber security insurance be discussed at a future work session, as well.

Dr. Wheeler reported that as of 11 May 2017, there were 1,568 students enrolled in the district from kindergarten through 12th grade.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Kreisher announced that the next special meeting and work session would be held on Monday, 5 June 2017 beginning at 7 p.m. in the district office board room, and that the next regular monthly meeting would be held on Monday, 19 June 2017 beginning at 7 p.m. in the district office board room.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:30 p.m., Mr. Hock made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Yodock seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary