

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Special Meeting
Monday, 1 May 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, 1 May 2017 by President Marianne Kreisher in the district office board room, followed by the pledge to the flag. Directors in attendance were: Mrs. Tina Howell, Mr. Jonathan Jones, Mr. Joshua Klingerman Sr., Ms. Marianne Kreisher, Mr. Norman Mael, and Mrs. Gail Moore. Ms. Stephanie Dunn Haney, Mr. Brent Hock, and Mr. Leo “Joe” Yodock III were absent from the meeting.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Mr. Stephen Bressi (left at 7:26 p.m.), Mrs. Melissa Day, Mr. Marc Freeman (left at 7:26 p.m.), Mr. Justin Simpson (left at 7:26 p.m.), Dr. Amanda Stutzman, Mr. Joshua Tabor (left at 7:26 p.m.), Mr. Michael Upton, and Dr. Donald Wheeler.

Others present were: Ms. Kori Britton, Mrs. Bonnie Crawford, Ms. Terri Drucker, Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Mr. David Marsiglio, Ms. Brittney Smith, and Mr. Jedediah Smith.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

No one wished to address the board at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to be voted on at this meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:01 p.m., Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Howell, to move into executive session to discuss a student matter. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

At 7:09 p.m., Mr. Klingerman made the motion to move out of executive session and back into public session, and Mr. Jones seconded this motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

College Course Recommendation

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Jones seconded, to approve permitting Bloomsburg High School students to take college-level courses through district-approved partnerships to receive high school

elective credits and to permit students to take up to three college classes on a pass/fail basis which will not affect students' grade point averages or class ranks. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Before-School Physical Education Recommendation

Mr. Jones made the motion, which Mr. Klingerman seconded, to approve adding a before-school personal fitness course at Bloomsburg High School, effective for the 2017-2018 school year.

Mrs. Moore asked if this option would be available to all students, and Mrs. Day responded that it would. Mr. Mael asked if there was a cost to the district, and Mrs. Day replied that there would not be a cost to students to participate, and that the cost to the district would be about \$1,600.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Professional Development School with Bloomsburg University

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Moore, to approve a partnership with Bloomsburg University to offer a Professional Development School (PDS) beginning in Fall 2018. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip Requests

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which Mr. Jones seconded, to approve the following out-of-state/overnight field trip requests: Bloomsburg High School Class of 2017 to Baltimore, Maryland for a senior class trip on 6 June 2017, at no cost to the district; and Bloomsburg High School Drama and Chorus students to New York City to see a musical on 14 June 2017, at no cost to the district. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Personnel Items

Mr. Jones made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to approve/accept the following personnel items:

- Approve the following individuals as professional day-to-day substitutes through the CSIU Guest Teacher Program through the end of the 2016-2017 school year, as per Policy 405: Employment of Substitute Professional Employees:
 - Colette Heim-Frantz;
 - Danielle Morelli;
 - Matthew Perakovich;
- Approve the following individuals as long-term volunteers/overnight chaperones, effective 2 May 2017:
 - Lynn Davis;
 - Michael Owens;
 - Michael Rambo;
- Approve transferring Ami Jo Cox from the position of Bloomsburg High School Food Service Aide to the position of Bloomsburg High School Head Cook, effective for the start of the 2017-2018 school year;
- Approve transferring Memorial Elementary School Teacher Amy Bohm to the position of W.W. Evans Elementary School Teacher, effective for the start of the 2017-2018 school year.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Revised Act 93 Agreement

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve as presented the revised Act 93 Agreement. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT TO WORK SESSION

At 7:14 p.m., Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Howell, to adjourn to 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 in addition to what was included in his written report, he wanted to highlight the upcoming BOGO book fair and W.W. Evans and Beaver-Main community nights that were coming up. He also said that the parent co-op groups had planned activities to honor teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week, and told directors that the schools' spring concerts were coming up soon. Mr. Jones asked about the status of the Beaver-Main nature trail beautification project, and Mr. Tabor said that the trail looked good, but that work was not yet complete. Mr. Klingerman offered to help with this project.

Mrs. Day told directors that 15 students were signed up to take the Penn College Now class with Kirk Marshall in the 2017-2018 school year. She also reported that the next year's senior schedules would be going out the following day, and that the robotics team had taken first place at a recent competition at the Lycoming Mall.

Mr. Bressi told directors that Prom had been held the previous Friday night and that students in attendance had been well behaved.

Dr. Stutzman thanked the board for approving the Professional Development School with Bloomsburg University.

Mr. Freeman told directors that over 30 students had been inducted into the National Junior Honor Society on April 26 and that the middle school science fair would be held on May 11. He also said that Memorial Day activities would be held on May 23, and that June 14 would be the end-of-year awards assembly.

Mr. Simpson reported that he had met with a representative from Fisher & Sons regarding spreading weed spray and fertilizer, and he had recommended Eastern Lawn & Turf for the job. As there was no longer a district employee with a pesticide license, this would need to be done by an outside party for now, he said. Mr. Simpson shared the quote from Eastern Lawn & Turf with the board. The board agreed it was okay to proceed with scheduling Eastern Lawn & Turf to complete this project.

Elementary and High School Student Handbooks

Mr. Bressi told directors that the changes from the current school year's high school student handbook to the 2017-2018 handbook were minimal. He said that some working had been updated and that verbiage about conduct at athletic events had been added. Mr. Tabor said that the only changes to the elementary handbooks were including updates to the truancy law and language about epi-pens.

Budget Update

Mr. Upton gave a brief update on the 2017-2018 budget, saying that the deficit was down to \$619,000. He told directors that the final budget would be put out to the public for review in the near future, and that he would be asking the board to approve it at the 5 June 2017 meeting.

Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School Report

Mr. Jones said that because the last Joint Operating Committee meeting had been held on the same night as Bloomsburg's board meeting, he had not attended it. He said that he had not yet gotten the notes from the meeting and therefore did not have a report to give.

Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Report

Mr. Mael reported that at the last Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU) board meeting, directors were told that the organization had received a clean financial audit and a positive communication audit. He said that the overall view of the CSIU had been improving in recent years. He also reported that all students in the LPN class had passed their exam on their first try. Mrs. Moore added that the CSIU would be holding Celebrate Communicate Day on May 10.

Systematic Maintenance Plan

Mr. Mael asked what the plan was for replacing the director of buildings and grounds position, and Dr. Wheeler replied that he had been meeting with custodians and maintenance staff and preparing to come up with a plan. Mr. Mael asked if there was a timeline for filling the position, and Dr. Wheeler said that there was not one yet. Ms. Kreisher said that the district was in the process of gathering information to determine what kind of person was needed and how to properly advertise. Dr. Wheeler added that the key was to evaluate the systems and modify procedures so the district did not end up in the same spot again. Mr. Mael said he thought the district would be making a bad decision if it chose to not hire someone for the position. Mr. Klingerman said it was the general consensus of the board that the position should be replaced, but that it wanted to make sure it first knew what the position should be. Dr. Wheeler said he was in favor of having the athletic director in charge of athletic venues, and that Mr. Simpson was doing well in this capacity. He also said that having Ms. Kessler oversee the work being done helped to add an accountability check, and that he was currently looking at current strengths and gaps among current staff. Dr. Wheeler said that in mid-June or July, he should have a good idea as to what the district should be looking for.

Flood Wall Update

Ms. Kreisher reported that the study of the high school/middle school grounds had been conducted, and that there were no wetlands within the footprint of the flood wall, meaning it would be a little less expensive than previously anticipated.

Ms. Kreisher then showed a map of the proposed flood wall and said that the district should be receiving a 3-D and CAD drawing of the footprint that would likely be used in constructing the wall. She told directors that the town had yet to hear anything about the \$10.2 million grant for which it had applied.

Mr. Mael said that even if the district built a flood wall to protect its schools, in the case of major flooding, students would still not be able to get to school. He said that rather than spend money on a flood wall, he thought the district should be looking for land.

Mr. Klingerman said that the district had look at some potential properties several years ago, and that there were still three available that could work for the district. He said that now that the district had gotten to the point where it was ready to break ground on the flood wall, it would taken at least another five years to revert back to looking for land. He said it would cost about \$55 - \$60 million to build new middle and high schools. Mr. Mael said that some of that money would be reimbursed by the state, and that the district could pay for the new schools over 40 years. Mr. Mael said that in five to 10 years, another school board could decide to move the middle and high schools, and he added that in five to 10 years, he thought the current schools would be obsolete. Mr. Klingerman said he couldn't disagree with Mr. Mael, but that the board needed to figure out what approach it was going to take. Mr. Mael said he would be hard-pressed to vote on funding for a flood wall.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary