

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Regular Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, 18 April 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 Tuesday, 18 April 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, Mr. Jonathan Jones, Mr. Joshua Klingerman, Ms. Marianne Kreisher, Mrs. Gail Moore (arrived at 7:07 p.m.), and Mr. Leo “Joe” Yodock III (arrived at 7:06 p.m.). Mrs. Tina Howell and Mr. Norman Mael were absent from the meeting.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Mr. Gary Honabach (left at 8:01 p.m.), Mr. Justin Simpson, Mr. Michael Upton, and Dr. Donald Wheeler.

Others present were: Mr. Phil Burrell, Mr. Mark Hepler, Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Mr. Edward Knorr, Ms. Dawn Marr (left at 7:22 p.m.), Mr. David Marsiglio, Ms. Hannah Pascoe (left at 7:22 p.m.), and Mr. Mark Pascoe (left at 7:22 p.m.).

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

No guests wished to address the board at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to approve the minutes of the 20 March 2017 regular monthly meeting and the 3 April 2017 special meeting and work session. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to approve the financial reports for March 2017.

Mr. Yodock and Mrs. Moore arrived at this point in the meeting.

During his report, Mr. Upton pointed out that the earned income tax was up about \$100,000 from the previous year. He said that there was still no additional information regarding the real estate tax elimination, but that it was unlikely it would be in place for the next school year. He said that the Greenly Center would likely be approaching the district about setting up a payment in lieu of taxes, which Atty.

Luschas should look at. Mr. Upton pointed out that student lunch numbers were down due to the five snow days in the month of March.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE

Ms. Dunn Haney made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to approve the bills payable for 21 March 2017 – 18 April 2017, ranging from check #00042758 – check #00042895, including wire transfers in the amount of \$1,014,746.60, in the total amount of \$2,117,998.58.

Mr. Upton pointed out the wire transfer to Pittsburgh National Bank in the amount of \$695,895.12 for the fourth quarter retirement payment and the check to Conrad Seigel Actuaries in the amount of \$3,125 was for their services in completing Affordable Care Act reporting for the district. Mr. Upton also pointed out the check to GDC IT Solutions for \$6,934, which was for replacing seven notebooks and one laptop.

After Mr. Upton's report, the motion to approve the bills payable passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE – CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mrs. Moore seconded, to approve the bills payable for the Capital Reserve Fund from 21 March 2017 – 18 April 2017, ranging from check #00001820 – check #00001821, in the amount of \$14,224.00. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Dawn Marr and Hannah Pascoe gave the student representative report at this meeting. They reported that Student Council had hosted a volleyball tournament on February 23, which resulted in Bloomsburg raising \$400 for the Bloomsburg Food Cupboard and Central Columbia matching that donation of \$400. They reported that there was another successful blood drive at the high school on March 9, at which time 46 units of blood were collected. They said that that \$2,000 in scholarship money had been earned from the American Red Cross. Lastly, they reported that a Prom Spirit Week was being held during the week of April 24, with Monday being Tie-Dye Day, Tuesday being Twin Day, Wednesday being Animal Day, Thursday being Disney/Pixar Day, and Friday being Mardi Gras Day.

OPERATIONS REPORTS

Mr. Honabach asked if anyone had any questions pertaining to his written board report. Mr. Jones asked about the cost for the district's web site, and Mr. Honabach replied that it was paid through e-rate, so the district paid 40% less for it than if it was not paid through e-rate. Mr. Jones asked if any improvements would be made the web site, and Mr. Honabach said that Mrs. Day had been looking into upgrades. Mr. Jones said he would like to see a responsive design feature for cell phones, and Mr. Honabach said he would look into the possibility of implementing this change. Dr. Wheeler added that Mr. Honabach had sent out directions about the One Call text option earlier that day.

Next, Mr. Simpson distributed the 2017 Bloomsburg Football budget and reported on what would be purchased. Included in this budget were an end zone camera, coaches' head phones and batteries, white and red game pants, white and red game jerseys, Hudl Assist and the Hudle Sideline Premium Package, Tackling rings, blocking pads, Adidas 7 on 7 gear, PSU 7 v 7 and Linemen Challenge Players, and a Rogers two-man tek sled. The total for these items was \$22,294.00, Mr. Simpson said. Of that, donations would pay for \$3,750.00, the Bloomsburg High School Alumni would pay for \$8,714.50, and the Football Boosters would pay for \$9,829.50. Mr. Klingerman questioned why the boosters were paying for the jerseys, game pants, tackling rings, and blocking pads, and Mr. Simpson replied that football uniforms had been purchased the previous year, but that the current coach and Bloomsburg High School Alumni wanted to purchase new uniforms for the 2017 season. Mr. Simpson said he had met with the current football coach in creating this budget. Mr. Jones asked if another sport would be able to use the camera, and Dr. Wheeler replied that the district was currently in a transition period, and that he would like donors to realize that once a donation was made, it would become the district's property. He said there was a meeting scheduled with booster club presidents on April 30, and that this topic would be discussed then.

Mr. Simpson then asked if board members had questions about the criteria for the all-state recognition wall. Mr. Klingerman said that he'd like to include second-team all-state award recipients for football, basketball, softball, soccer, and field hockey. He also said he'd like to have all sports on the same wall with academics next to them, but that they should not be intermingled. Ms. Dunn Haney said she wanted to make sure that forensics and technology teams received proper recognition as well. Mr. Hock said he didn't want to rush into this, and that the board should make sure it had criteria for all student organizations before voting on the all-state recognition wall criteria. Mr. Simpson said he would work with Mrs. Day to make sure there were guidelines for both athletics and academics.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Wheeler said that discussion on the high school librarian position was being tabled for the time being, and Dr. Stutzman was out of town that evening. He also said that instead of discussing a Beaver-Main administrator, he was now calling it Beaver-Main supervision. He said he needed more time on these two items.

Dr. Wheeler then gave an update on the flood wall, outlining five different options available to the district. He said the district should probably go with either concept four or five, which included Panther Stadium and Panther Stadium and some athletic fields. He said he wanted to get a request for proposals together to include the flood wall, HVAC at the middle school, interior updates to the middle and high schools, stadium renovations, and upgrades to athletic fields. He said this should be able to be completed without raising taxes. Mr. Upton said he and Dr. Wheeler would be meeting with Brad Remig from PFM in May to look at refinancing options. Dr. Wheeler asked the board if it would be okay if the district started working on a request for proposals, and the board agreed that would be fine.

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Criteria for All-State Recognition

Mr. Yodock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to table this motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Bloomsburg Middle School Student Handbook

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to approve as presented the Bloomsburg Middle School Student Handbook for 2017-2018.

Ms. Dunn Haney suggested that both the first and last names of the employees listed on page one be printed. Ms. Kessler said she would ask Mr. Freeman to make this revision.

The motion to approve the student handbook, with the suggested revision, then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Auditor

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to approve Wagner, Dreese, Elsasser & Associates, P.C. as the Bloomsburg Area School District Auditor for the years ending 30 June 2017, 2018, and 2019 at a cost not to exceed \$13,000 per year, as per their proposal. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Donations

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Jones, to accept the following monetary donations made to the Bloomsburg Area School District to purchase an end zone camera, a coach's head phone set and batteries, Hudl, red game jerseys, red and white game pants, red and white game jerseys, tackling rings, blocking pads, and a Rogers 2 Man Tek Sled by the following donors: a donation of \$1,250.00 from an anonymous donor; a donation of \$8,714.50 from Bloomsburg High School Alumni; and a donation of \$6,504.50 from the Bloomsburg High School Football Boosters. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Long-Term Volunteers/Overnight Chaperones

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hock, to approve Rochelle Cox and Sarah Fritz as long-term volunteers/overnight chaperones, effective 19 April 2017. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Professional Staff Resignation

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to accept the resignation of W.W. Evans Elementary School Teacher Kelley Dravenstott, effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Professional Substitute

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Jones seconded, to approve Kendra Foust as a Professional Day-to-Day Substitute through the CSIU Education Major as a Substitute Teacher program, effective 19 April 2017. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Professional Staff Leave of Absence Request

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to approve the leave of absence request of W.W. Evans Elementary School Teacher Nicole Anderson, effective on or about 17 August 2017 with an estimated return date of 6 November 2017. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Classified Staff Retirement

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to accept the retirement of Bloomsburg High School Cook Cindy Young, effective 30 June 2017. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:19 p.m., Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to move into executive session to discuss personnel matters. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

At 9:15 p.m., Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to move back in public session. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Termination of Director of Buildings & Grounds

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to terminate Nick Wozniak from the position of Bloomsburg Area School District Director of Buildings and Grounds with a severance pay of \$6,720.00, effective 26 April 2017. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

INFORMATION

Ms. Kreisher announced that the following items would appear on the next work session agenda: Elementary and High School Student Handbooks and Budget.

Dr. Wheeler reported that as of 11 April 2017, there were 1,566 students enrolled in the district from kindergarten through 12th grade.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Kreisher announced that the next special meeting and work session was scheduled for Monday, 1 May 2017 at 7 p.m. in the district office board room, and that the next regular monthly meeting was scheduled for Monday, 15 May 2017 at 7 p.m. in the district office board room.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:22 p.m., Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Dunn Haney, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary