

**Bloomsburg Area School District  
Board of School Directors  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Monday, 17 August 2015  
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 at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, 17 August 2015, in the district office board room, followed by the pledge to the flag. Directors in attendance were: Mr. Brent Hock, Mrs. Tina Howell, Mr. Joshua Klingerman, Mr. Terry Kramarz, Ms. Marianne Kreisher (arrived at 7:05 p.m.), Mrs. Sandra Rupp, Mr. Thomas Tobin (arrived at 7:12 p.m.), Mr. Joe Yodock, and Ms. Deb Zollmann.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Dr. Cosmas Curry and Mr. Michael Upton.

Others present were: Mrs. Bonnie Crawford, Ms. Terri Drucker, and Ms. Stephanie Kessler.

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

Mrs. Crawford asked when the water was expected to return to the high school. Dr. Curry responded that the water was expected to be back that evening, and explained that during the flood wall project, a main had been hit that day.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which Mr. Klingerman seconded, to approve the minutes of the 13 July 2015 regular monthly meeting and the 3 August 2015 special meeting and work session. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Mr. Kramarz made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the financial reports for July 2015. Mr. Upton pointed out that the state budget had still not been passed. Ms. Kreisher arrived at this point in the meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE**

Mr. Kramarz made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to approve the bills payable for 14 July 2015 – 17 August 2015, ranging from check #00038881 – check #00039260, including wire transfers in the amount of \$280,013.63, in the total amount of \$2,774,801.67. Mr. Tobin arrived at this point in the meeting. The motion to approve the bills payable passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE – CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the bills payable for the Capital Reserve Fund for 14 July 2015 – 17 August 2015, ranging from check #00001798 – check #00001802, in the amount of \$204,828.08. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

## **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. Curry shared with the school board the elementary staff and secondary staff agendas for the in-service and Act 80 days being held on August 19-21. Some of the areas being covered during these days include AESOP, a sexual harassment presentation, PA/ETEP, curriculum planning and review, and technology updates and training.

Dr. Curry then shared with school directors information on the Panther Pack program, including its financial condition. He said that in Spring 2015, a total of 960 bags had been given out to students. A total of 55 students benefited from this program. For 2015-2016, Dr. Curry said that the Panther Pack program would begin in early September and would be expanded from kindergarten and first-grade students district-wide to kindergarten, first-grade, and second-grade students district-wide in 2015-2016.

Next, Dr. Curry showed the school board the Safe Schools report for 2014-2015. Of the 1,582 students enrolled in grades kindergarten through twelfth grade, there had been 50 incidents, 41 offenders, 10 incidents involving local law enforcement, two arrests, and nine assignments to alternative education.

Lastly, Dr. Curry shared the superintendent goals for 2015-2016, which were: Implement the district vision and operational plan for 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Technology and its educational use; Create and modify aspects of the school safety plan as needed; Work within the confines of the developed budget; Plan curriculum, realign curriculum, and develop assessments for K-12 the 21<sup>st</sup>-Century library program for the 2015-2016 school year; and Review and recommend new policies so as to update the policy manual in policy.

At the end of Dr. Curry’s report, Mr. Tobin said that he thought the Panther Pack program was a very worthwhile one for the district to have gotten involved with, and also noted that he thought it was asinine that the district had to report to the state a student pushing another student in the hall.

## **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT**

As there was no student representative present, no report was given.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Approval of Contract with Pennsylvania School Board Association for Superintendent Search**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve as presented the Contract for Professional Services with the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) for conducting a superintendent search, at a base fee of \$5,000. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Acceptance of Donations**

At this point in the meeting, Ms. Kreisher made the motion to amend the original motion to accept the following donations to the Bloomsburg Area School District: a 1917 Bloomsburg High School banner donated by Doug Billig in memory of his mother, Tharon Hayman Billig, and lane markers for the Bloomsburg Middle School pool, totaling \$2,009.14, donated by the BAY Parent Boosters, to include accepting the donation of a 1958-1959-1960 Bloomsburg High School jacket and a 1925 Bloomsburg High School banner donated by Joe Yodock. The motion to amend the original motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Kreisher then made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to accept the following donations to the Bloomsburg Area School District: a 1917 Bloomsburg High School banner donated by Doug Billig in memory of his mother, Tharon Hayman Billig; a 1958-1959-1960 Bloomsburg High School jacket and a 1925 Bloomsburg High School banner donated by Joe Yodock; and lane markers for the Bloomsburg Middle School pool, totaling \$2,009.14, donated by the BAY Parent Boosters. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

## **PERSONNEL**

### **Amendment to Agenda**

Ms. Tobin moved to add the following item at the end of the personnel section of the agenda: Approve the following individuals as athletic coaches for the 2015-2016 school year, pending receipt of their current Act 34, 114, and 151 clearances and other appropriate employee documentation: Nick Troychock – Junior High Cross Country Coach – Step 1 - \$912.50, and Joe Yodock – Volunteer Junior High Cross Country Coach. Mr. Klingerman seconded Mr. Tobin's motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Professional Staff**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve Melissa Bonin as a Bloomsburg High School Learning Support Teacher at Step 2 MS and an annual salary of \$39,854 and with benefits as per the negotiated professional staff contract, effective for the start of the 2015-2016 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Ms. Kreisher seconded, to approve Joshua Farr as a Bloomsburg High School Learning Support Teacher at Step 3 MS and an annual salary of \$41,656 and with benefits as per the negotiated professional staff contract, effective for the start of the 2015-2016 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Professional Substitutes**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Zollmann, to approve the following individuals as professional day-to-day substitutes, effective for the start of the 2015-2016 school year:

- Benjamin Carr (Social Studies 7-12);
- Kevin Lehman (Grades 4-6 All Subjects, Grades 7-8 Science);
- Larissa Singley (Elementary Education K-6 and Early Childhood Ed N-3);
- Mary Clinger (CSIU Guest Teacher);
- Peter Grimord (CSIU Guest Teacher – new);
- Loretta Hasey (CSIU Guest Teacher – new);
- Lori Lyons (CSIU Guest Teacher – new);
- Angela Musselman (CSIU Guest Teacher – new);
- Amy Showers (CSIU Guest Teacher – new);
- Kelly Stiner (CSIU Guest Teacher – new);

- KateLynn Strickler (CSIU Guest Teacher – new);
- Valarie Anderson (CSIU Guest Teacher – reapproval);
- Paul Chapman (CSIU Guest Teacher – reapproval);
- Stephen Fluck (CSIU Guest Teacher – reapproval);
- Debra Gorak (CSIU Guest Teacher – reapproval);
- Dawn Harvey (CSIU Guest Teacher – reapproval);
- Debra Heckel (CSIU Guest Teacher – reapproval);
- Pamela Jacks (CSIU Guest Teacher – reapproval);
- Richard B. Koch Sr. (CSIU Guest Teacher – reapproval);
- Marti Luxardo (CSIU Guest Teacher – reapproval);
- Gerard Mattive (CSIU Guest Teacher – reapproval);
- Morgana Miller (CSIU Guest Teacher – reapproval);
- John Politis (CSIU Guest Teacher – reapproval);
- Mark Potora (CSIU Guest Teacher – reapproval).

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Retraction of Classified Staff Retirement**

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Howell, to retract the retirement of Bloomsburg High School Food Service Aide Charles Horne, effective 17 August 2015, and to add him to the classified substitute list, effective 18 August 2015. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Classified Substitutes**

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the following individuals as classified substitutes: Marsha Fahringer, effective upon receipt of her Act 34, 114, and 151 clearances and her tuberculosis test results and all other mandatory documentation, and Tanya Witkowski, effective 18 August 2015. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Classified Staff Leave of Absence Request**

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which Mr. Kramarz seconded, to approve the leave of absence request of Beaver-Main Elementary School Part-Time Custodian Jessie Gebhart, retroactive to 14 July 2015 until 8 September 2015. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Athletic Coaches**

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the following individuals as athletic coaches for the 2015-2016 school year, pending receipt of their current Act 34, 114, and 151 clearances and other appropriate employee documentation: Nick Troychock – Junior High Cross Country Coach – Step 1 - \$912.50, and Joe Yodock – Volunteer Junior High Cross Country Coach. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote, with one abstention, being Mr. Yodock, who abstained because he was one of the coaches being voted on in the motion.

## **INFORMATION**

It was reported that there were currently no items to be included on the next work session agenda.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Hock announced that the next work session would be held on Tuesday, 8 September 2015 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room, and that the next regular monthly meeting would be held on Monday, 21 September 2015 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room.

## **ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:45 p.m., Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Klingerman seconded, to adjourn the public meeting and move into an executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. The executive session concluded at 8:59 p.m., following a motion by Mr. Klingerman, and second by Ms. Kreisher, and a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler  
Recording Secretary