

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, 19 October 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 7:31 p.m. on Monday, 19 October 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, Mrs. Sandra Rupp, Mr. Thomas Tobin, Mr. Joe Yodock, and Ms. Deb Zollmann.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Ms. Donna Christensen (left at 7:38 p.m.), Mr. Joe Kelly, and Mr. Mike Upton.

Others present included: Mr. Bradley Bohm, Mr. Phil Burrell, Mr. Garry Combs, Ms. Terri Drucker, Ms. Leah Fogelsanger, Mr. Edgar Garcia, Mr. Nicholas Izzo, Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Ms. Morgan Lerch, Ms. Anna Mulerone, and Mr. James Sharde.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

At this point in the meeting, no guests wished to address the board.

Ms. Christensen gave a report to the board on a study in which she had been involved along with a professor, Johan W. van der Jagt, from Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania. The study was entitled "Bakker's Balance Model of Learning to Read Investigated with 16-18 Year Old Students: A Pilot Study." The study was selected by Mid South Educational Research Association (MSERA) to be presented at its conference in Lafayette, Louisiana from 4-6 November 2015. Ms. Christensen said that she and Mr. van der Jagt were in the process of writing and publishing this study. Ms. Christensen asked the board if it would be willing to pay for her registration, travel, and lodging expenses to attend this conference and present the study. Mr. Hock congratulated Ms. Christensen on her achievement and asked the board if anyone objected to the district paying for Ms. Christensen to attend and present at this conference. No board members objected.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Klingerman seconded, to approve the minutes of the 21 September 2015 special meeting and regular monthly meeting and the 5 October 2015 special meeting and work session. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mr. Klingerman seconded, to approve the financial reports for September 2015. Mr. Upton told the board that the state budget still had not passed, and directors voiced

their concern over this. Mr. Kelly said he would draft a letter expressing their concern to be sent to Governor Wolf, as well as Representative Millard and Senator Gordner, and share it with the board before having it sent out. The motion to approve the September 2015 financial reports passed by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE

Ms. Kreisher made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the bills payable for 22 September 2015 – 19 October 2015, ranging from check #00039482 – check #00039645, including wire transfers in the amount of \$820,871.45, in the total amount of \$1,628,825.44. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE – CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Mr. Klingerman made a motion, which Ms. Kreisher seconded, to approve the bills payable for the Capital Reserve Fund for 22 September 2015 – 19 October 2015, ranging from check #00001806 – check #00001807, in the amount of \$9,390.40. Mr. Upton told the school board that the Bloomsburg University Foundation would like to create a payment in lieu of taxes for its Greenly Center, located on Main Street in Bloomsburg, which would cost the district about \$40,000 - \$50,000. He said he would share more information with the board as it became available. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Kelly told the school board that he'd had a good first day as acting superintendent. He said he'd had the chance to visit all five schools that day and that he was impressed with how well the facilities were being maintained. He said that he and Mr. Upton had reviewed the budget and financial reports that day and that the district was in a good financial position. He reminded directors that superintendent and high school principal interviews were coming up later that week and the following week.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Ms. Leah Fogelsanger reported that the varsity field hockey team had won 1-0 against Lewisburg in overtime and that the Bloomsburg team was the only undefeated team in the district and that they would be going to playoffs. She also reported that the Student Government Association (SGA) had raised \$159 to be donated to the Veterans' Memorial Fund, and that the Homecoming dance had raised \$1,500, which would be donated to leadership conferences and the scholarship fund. She ended her report by saying that SGA had scheduled a blood drive for 13 December 2015.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Final Reading of Policy

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve on final reading the revised Policy 228: Suicide Prevention. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Action Regarding Bloomsburg Area Education Support Professionals Association, PSEA/NEA Grievance 2015-2016-01

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Ms. Kreisher seconded, to reject Bloomsburg Area Education Support Professionals Association, PSEA/NEA Grievance 2015-2016-01, having determined that no provisions of the collective bargaining agreement had been violated. The motion passed by a roll call vote of eight yes votes and one no vote (being Mr. Kramarz).

Action Regarding Bloomsburg Area Education Association Grievance 2015-2016-01

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Tobin seconded, that regarding Bloomsburg Area Education Association Grievance 2015-2016-01, the administration be directed to reduce the length of suspension from three days to one day. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Acceptance of Donations

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Kramarz, to accept the following donations made to the Bloomsburg Area School District:

- The following pictures donated by Mrs. Tina Howell:
 - Two photos of W.W. Evans Elementary School – one before construction began and one right after it was complete;
 - A portrait of Mr. W.W. Evans;
 - Drawings by Donna Cease, dated 1979, of the following buildings:
 - Fernville School House;
 - Rupert School;
 - Buckhorn School;
 - Valley School;
 - Hill School; and
- A monetary donation of \$500 made by the Beaver-Main Elementary School Parent Co-op for the purchase of a water fountain for the school.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Approval of Classified Staff Transfer

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Tobin, to approve transferring Angela Burns from the position of Memorial Elementary School Paraprofessional to the position of Memorial Elementary School Secretary, effective 20 October 2015. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Classified Staff

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mr. Klingerman seconded, to approve the following individuals as classified staff:

- Tina Hrinda as a classified substitute, effective upon receipt of her tuberculosis test results;
- Jackie Smith as a Memorial Elementary School Secretary at \$8.75 per hour and with benefits as per the negotiated classified staff contract, effective upon receipt of her Federal Criminal History Background Check, PA Child Abuse History Clearance, and tuberculosis test results;
- Sherri Smith as a classified substitute, effective 20 October 2015; and
- Sara Witkowski as a Bloomsburg Middle School Paraprofessional (5.75 hours per day) at \$8.75 per hour and with benefits as per the negotiated classified staff contract, retroactive to 7 October 2015.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Long-Term Volunteers/Overnight Chaperones

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Tobin, to approve the following long-term volunteers/overnight chaperones, effective 20 October 2015: Joseph Andreacci, Stephanie Andreacci, Stacie Bond, Mandy Carl, Christopher Dillon, Joanna Dillon, Nancy Gelber, Penny Gensemer, Catherine Kopitsky, Nancy McBride, and Kathy Thomas. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Reapproval of Athletic Coach

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to reapprove Jeremy Gross as a Volunteer Wrestling Coach for the 2015-2016 season. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Bus and Van Drivers

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Kreisher, to approve the following individuals as Bloomsburg Area School District bus/van drivers for the 2015-2016 school year:

- Stephen Daily – Fishing Creek Transportation van driver;
- Dean Diehl – Fishing Creek Transportation bus driver;
- Roseann Fish – Fishing Creek Transportation van driver;
- Mark Karc – Fishing Creek Transportation van driver;
- Wendy Keefer – Fishing Creek Transportation bus driver;
- Kim Drumheller – Lone Derr van driver;
- Tina Haught – Lone Derr van driver; and
- Sharon Repp – Lone Derr van driver.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Classified Staff Leave of Absence Request

Ms. Zollmann made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the leave of absence request of W.W. Evans Elementary School Custodian Dee Van Blargan, effective 3 November 2015 until approximately 3 February 2016.

Mr. Tobin then made the motion, which Ms. Kreisher seconded, to table the motion and vote on it at the 2 November 2015 special school board meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

INFORMATION

It was reported that the annual reorganization meeting and the school board meeting schedule for 2016 would be discussed at the next work session. It was requested that elementary dismissal procedures be discussed at the next work session during the elementary principals' administrative reports.

It was reported that as of 13 October 2015, there were 1,602 students enrolled in K-12.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Hock announced that the next work session would be held on Monday, 2 November 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, 16 November 2015 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room.

Mr. Hock also reminded directors that superintendent interviews were scheduled for the next two nights and that the board would be interviewing high school principal candidates on 28 October 2015 from 6-9 p.m. in the district office.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:13 p.m., Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Zollmann, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary