

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, 16 November 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 7:03 p.m. on Monday, 16 November 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 (arrived at 7:14 p.m.), Ms. Marianne Kreisher, Mrs. Sandra Rupp, Mr. Thomas Tobin, Mr. Joe Yodock, and Ms. Deb Zollmann.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Mr. Daniel Bonomo (left at 7:40 p.m.), Mr. Stephen Bressi (left at 7:40 p.m.), Mr. Phil Burrell (arrived at 7:18 p.m.), Mr. Joe Kelly, and Mr. Mike Upton.

Others present were: Mrs. Bonnie Crawford, Mrs. Stephanie Dunn Haney, and Ms. Stephanie Kessler.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve the minutes of the 19 October 2015 regular monthly meeting and the 2 November 2015 special meeting and work session. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Ms. Kreisher seconded, to approve the financial reports for October 2015.

Mr. Kramarz arrived at this point in the meeting.

During discussion of the financial reports, Mr. Upton informed directors that the local auditors would likely be giving their report at the next board meeting. He also pointed out that the number of student lunches being purchased was down again. Directors agreed that they would like a report on the food being served to students and also the national regulations. When it was suggested that the district could stop adhering to the federal school lunch guidelines, Mr. Upton said that the district would then be forfeiting over \$400,000 a year in federal funding.

After discussion, the motion to approve the financial reports passed by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE

Mr. Tobin made a motion, which was seconded by Ms. Kreisher, to approve the bills payable for 20 October 2015 – 16 November 2015, ranging from check #00039483 – check #00039799, including wire transfers in the amount of \$333,136.61, in the total amount of \$810,866.00. The motion passed by a roll vote of eight yes votes to one no vote (being Mr. Tobin).

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE – CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to approve the bills payable for the Capital Reserve Fund for 20 October 2015 – 16 November 2015, being check #00001808, in the amount of \$4,567.00. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Kelly recognized Mr. Kramarz, Mrs. Rupp, and Mr. Tobin for their years of service as directors on the school board and presented them with plaques. He noted that Mrs. Rupp had served two four-year terms as a school director and that Mr. Tobin had served three four-year terms.

Next, Mr. Kelly reminded the board that all district employees would need to have their updated Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check, FBI Clearance, and Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance submitted to the district office no later than 31 December 2015. He said that any employee not complying with this state mandate would not be able to work in the district past 31 December 2015 until he/she received all three updated clearances. He reported that there was a substantial number of permanent employees and also substitute employees who did not yet have all of their updated clearances on file.

Mr. Kelly then reported that he and Mr. Upton had contacted town authorities to schedule a meeting regarding the flood mitigation plan. Next, he reported that the first district-wide comprehensive plan committee meeting held been held the previous week, with Mr. Palmatier spear-heading the project. Mr. Kelly said that the January meeting would be postponed so that building administrators could participate in planning.

He ended his report by reminding directors that the annual board reorganization meeting would be held on 7 December 2015 and said that he would send directions as to how the meeting should proceed prior to then.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Bressi congratulated Bloomsburg High School Freshman Morgan Sohosky, who had placed 11th at states. He said that he would not be surprised if within the next few years she was a state champion. He also reported that the golf banquet would be held that Thursday night and asked that any board members wishing to attend let him know.

Next, Mr. Bressi told the school board that as of the prior week, all high school students had received their Surface Pros. He said that things were going well with regards to the Surface Pros and that students were being pretty responsible with them.

He ended his report by saying that over the past month and a half, the school had successfully completed an earthquake drill, armed intruder drill (with the police department), and a full evacuation to the stadium accountability drill. He also said that he had spoken with the newly approved high school principal, Melissa Day, to welcome her to the district.

Mr. Bonomo then told the board that Mr. Kelly had a draft version of the newly revised high school program of studies and also the textbook for a new anthropology class that would be starting the next school year, and that any directors wishing to review these materials could do so. Mr. Bonomo said that during the next school year, Spanish Teacher Mark Harris, who had a degree in anthropology, would be offering an anthropology class to high school students. He also said that in the more than 10 years that he and Mr. Bressi had been administrators in the high school, 33 electives had been added.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

As the student representative was not present, there was no student representative's report given.

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of 2016 School Board Meeting Dates

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Zollmann, to approve as presented the list of 2016 school board meeting dates:

Meeting Schedule

21 December 2015	Board Meeting
4 January 2016	Special Meeting/Work Session
18 January 2016	Board Meeting
1 February 2016	Special Meeting/Work Session
16 February 2016 (Tuesday)	Board Meeting
7 March 2016	Special Meeting/Work Session
21 March 2016	Board Meeting
4 April 2016	Special Meeting/Work Session
18 April 2016	Board Meeting
2 May 2016	Special Meeting/Work Session
16 May 2016	Board Meeting
6 June 2016	Special Meeting/Work Session
20 June 2016	Board Meeting
18 July 2016	Board Meeting
1 August 2016	Special Meeting/Work Session
15 August 2016	Board Meeting
6 September 2016 (Tuesday)	Special Meeting/Work Session
19 September 2016	Board Meeting
3 October 2016	Special Meeting/Work Session
17 October 2016	Board Meeting
7 November 2016	Special Meeting/Work Session

21 November 2016
5 December 2016

Board Meeting
Reorganization Meeting/Special Meeting/Work
Session

All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held in the district office board room.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Donation

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Ms. Zollmann seconded, to accept a monetary donation of \$250 by Sekisui Polymer Innovations, LLC for the Bloomsburg Middle School Science and Technology Fair. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip Request

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Kramarz, to approve the out-of-state/overnight field trip request for the Robotic Engineering Team to go to Detroit, Michigan for students to participate in an educational trade show from 1 December 2015 – 4 December 2015, at a cost to the district of \$255. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Acceptance of Athletic Coach Resignation

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Howell, to accept the resignation of Elementary Boys' Basketball Coach Mark Potora, retroactive to 4 November 2015. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Transfer of Maintenance Worker from Part-Time Status to Full-Time Status

Mr. Kramarz made the motion, which Ms. Kreisher seconded, to approve transferring Hector Pagan from the position of Part-Time Maintenance Worker to the position of Full-Time Maintenance Worker, effective 17 November 2015. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Classified Staff

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Kreisher, to approve the following individuals as classified staff: Loretta Peters as a Memorial Elementary School Reading Paraprofessional (5.75 hours per day) at \$8.75 per hour and with benefits as per the negotiated support staff contract, effective upon receipt of her FBI Clearance; and Stephanie Arnold as a classified substitute, effective upon receipt of her Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check, FBI Clearance, Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance, and her tuberculosis test results. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Long-Term Volunteers/Overnight Chaperones

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Howell, to approve the following individuals as long-term volunteers/overnight chaperones: Brandy Fenstermacher, David Hill, Mary Hill, and Connie Pegg. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Athletic Coach

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve Elliot Zackoski as a Volunteer Wrestling Coach for the 2015-2016 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Classified Staff Transfer

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Howell, to approve transferring Michele Kuhar from the position of Classified Substitute to the position of Memorial Elementary School Reading Paraprofessional (5.75 hours per day) at \$8.75 per hour and with benefits as per the negotiated support staff contract, effective 18 November 2015. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

INFORMATION

It was reported that the following items would appear on the next work session agenda: Junior High Boys' Soccer, and Revisions to Policy 227: Unauthorized Substances and Policy 302: Employment of Superintendent. Mr. Upton said that he would have a budget update for the next work session. Directors decided they would like to have a food service report at the 21 December 2015 meeting. Ms. Zollmann said that she thought that when the gifted teacher was out, there needed to be a substitute so that students with GIEPs still received services. Mr. Kelly said the board could be given a report on substitutes at a future work session.

It was reported that as of 11 November 2015, there were 1,596 students enrolled in K-12.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Hock announced that the annual reorganization meeting/work session would be held on Monday, 7 December 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 December 2015 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room.

Mr. Hock asked that all directors consider attending the Pennsylvania School Boards Association's new board member orientation. He then thanked Mr. Kramarz, Mrs. Rupp, and Mr. Tobin for their service as board members.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:53 p.m., Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Kreisher to adjourn the meeting and move into an executive session to discuss personnel, litigation, and real property matters. The motion passed by a voice vote of eight yes votes to one no vote (being Mr. Tobin).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held beginning at 7:54 p.m. to discuss personnel, litigation, and real property matters. At 8:27 p.m., Mr. Kramarz moved to adjourn the executive session, Ms. Kreisher seconded this motion, and the motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary