

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Special Meeting
Monday, 5 October 2015
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, 5 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, Ms. Marianne Kreisher, Mrs. Sandra Rupp, Mr. Thomas Tobin, Mr. Joe Yodock, and Ms. Deb Zollmann. Mr. Josh Klingerman and Mr. Terry Kramarz were absent from the meeting.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Mr. Dan Bonomo, Dr. Cosmas Curry, Mr. Marc Freeman, Mr. Gary Honabach, Mr. Trevor Palmatier, Mr. Josh Tabor, and Mr. Michael Upton.

Others present were: Mr. Stephen Boone, Mr. Phil Burrell, Mr. Todd Davis, Mr. Jim Dodge, Ms. Terri Drucker, Ms. Leah Fogelsanger, Ms. Martha Kanaskie, Mr. Joe Kelly, Mr. Michael Lester, and Ms. Dyan Murphy.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

At this time, no visitors wished to address the school board.

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Change Order for Beaver-Main Elementary School Window Project

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Tobin seconded, to approve a change order for the Beaver-Main Elementary School window project to Bognet, Inc. in the amount of \$1,499.40 for additional time to remove the steel behind the old window frames. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Comprehensive Plan Committee

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Tobin seconded, to approve the following individuals as members of the Bloomsburg Area School District Comprehensive Plan Committee:

Administrative Representatives

1. Mr. Trevor Palmatier
2. Mr. Josh Tabor

Business Representatives

1. Mr. Jim Kofskie
2. Mrs. Susan McGarry

Community Representatives

1. Mr. Fred Gaffney
2. Mr. Eric Haines

Parent Representatives

1. Mrs. Dawne Erwin
2. Mrs. Joelle Leh

School Board Representatives

1. Mr. Joe Yodock
2. Ms. Deb Zollmann

Dr. Curry said that the district was waiting for eight teachers to be named to the committee, and that once identified, their names would be brought to the board for approval.

The motion to approve the comprehensive plan committee then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Approval/Acceptance of Personnel Items

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve/accept the following personnel items:

- Approve the following individuals as long-term volunteers/overnight chaperones:
 - Allison Chamberis;
 - Jennifer Dunlap;
 - Michelle Houser;
 - Theresa Klinger;
 - Lesley Lewis;
 - Tracy May;
 - Jennifer Robertson;
 - Mallory Smith; and
 - Michal Temple;
- Accept the following classified staff resignations:
 - Bloomsburg Middle School/Memorial Elementary School Secretary Billie Jo Giger, effective 7 October 2015;
 - Memorial Elementary School Secretary Amy Weaver, effective 5 October 2015;
 - Memorial Elementary School Secretary Nancy McBride, effective 7 October 2015; and
 - Bloomsburg Middle School Paraprofessional Noah Mantione, retroactive to 4 October 2015;
- Approve transferring Michele Hunter from the position of Memorial Elementary School Personal Care Aide (6.5 hours per day) to the position of Bloomsburg High School Paraprofessional (5.75 hours per day), retroactive to 22 September 2015;
- Approve Sue Sitler as a Memorial Elementary School Personal Care Aide (6.5 hours per day) at \$8.75 per hour and with benefits offered as per the negotiated support staff contract, retroactive to 22 September 2015;

- Approve Jennifer Flook and Stephanie Hock as Bloomsburg Middle School Student Government Co-Advisors at three units each and a stipend of \$225 each and Tina Howell as a Volunteer Bloomsburg Middle School Student Government Advisor, all effective for the 2015-2016 school year;
- Approve as presented the winter athletic coaches for the 2015-2016 season; and
- Approve the following individuals as professional day-to-day substitutes, effective 6 October 2015:
 - Matthew Hertz (Health and Physical Education PK-12);
 - Aaron Troisi (Social Studies 7-12 and English 7-12); and
 - Nathaniel Watkins (English 7-12).

The motion passed by a voice vote of five yes votes and two abstentions (being Mr. Hock, whose wife was included in the motion, and Mrs. Howell, who was included in the motion).

Approval of Bus/Van Driver

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Tobin seconded, to approve Michael Rubendall as a bus/van driver for Fishing Creek Transportation, effective 5 October 2015. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:06 p.m., Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to adjourn to work session. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary
(compiled by notes from
Mr. Upton)

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Buildings, Grounds, and Maintenance Report

Mr. Wozniak reported that work was continuing on getting an irrigation system.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Freeman reported that work on the gym was being completed and that the middle school would soon be participating in Red Ribbon Week during the week of October 26.

Mr. Palmatier reported that at Memorial Elementary School, staff and students were focusing on bullying prevention and that they would also be participating in Red Ribbon Week.

Mr. Tabor reported that both Beaver-Main and W.W. Evans elementary schools participated in World Bullying Prevention Day during school that day. He also reported that W.W. Evans Elementary School would be holding its first-ever Multi-Thon on October 16. He then acknowledged Jennifer Mertz, the new reading specialist at Beaver-Main Elementary School, and Kristy Beagle, a new elementary teacher at W.W. Evans Elementary School, and commended them for the positive impact they were having on students.

Student representative Leah Fogelsanger reported on Bloomsburg High School's upcoming Homecoming events.

Mr. Honabach reported that he, Mr. Palmatier, Mr. Burrell, and Mrs. Honabach had recently attended a Microsoft conference and that Microsoft wanted to do some free on-site training as well. He also reported that regarding the one-to-one technology initiative, computers should be ready by that Thursday and that bags for them should be arriving the following week. He said that he and his team were working on content filtering.

Budget

Mr. Upton shared with directors five-to-ten-year budget projections and also the list of five-year maintenance projects.

New High School Courses for 2016-2017

Mr. Dodge, Ms. Kanaskie, Mr. Burrell, and Ms. Murphy presented information to the school board on the following courses that would be offered to high school students in 2016-2017: academic physics, anatomy and physiology, anthropology, and social studies in action.

Land Procurement/Flood Mitigation

Mr. Stephen Boone from Borton Lawson made a presentation to directors on the study the firm had completed regarding flood mitigation for the high school/middle school. He said that it was not recommended the district move forward with flood-proofing these facilities, but that it instead go with a permanent flood wall to protect the maintenance building, middle school, and high school. He said that a

2,900-foot wall would cost approximately \$4 million and that if the district hooked in with the community flood wall, it would be an approximately 1,800-foot wall and would cost approximately \$1.6-million, or \$2.0 million with the contingency. This would have a two-year construction timeframe. Mr. Tobin said the district should move forward with the flood wall.

Administrative Searches

It was reported that there were 13 applicants for the position of Bloomsburg High School principal and that there were currently 17 applicants for the position of superintendent.

Adjournment

At 8:42 p.m., Ms. Kreisher made the motion to adjourn the work session and Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion. The motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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