

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, 20 April 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, 20 April 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. Justin Hummel, Mr. Joshua Klingerman, Ms. Marianne Kreisher, Mrs. Sandra Rupp, Mr. Thomas Tobin, and Mr. Joe Yodock. Mr. Terry Kramarz was absent from the meeting.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Mr. Dan Bonomo (left at 7:56 p.m.), Mr. Stephen Bressi (left at 7:56 p.m.), Ms. Donna Christensen (left at 7:56 p.m.), Dr. Cosmas Curry, Mr. Joshua Tabor (left at 7:56 p.m.), and Mr. Michael Upton.

Others present included: Mr. Phil Burrell, Mrs. Bonnie Crawford, Ms. Terri Drucker, Mrs. Jane Endress, Mr. Christopher Evans, Ms. Leah Fogelsanger (left at 7:01 p.m.), Mr. Jonathan Joseph (left at 8:04 p.m.), Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Mr. Joe Tommasini, and Ms. Deb Zollmann.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

There was no one wishing to address the board at this meeting.

Student representative Leah Fogelsanger then gave her report to the board. She reported that Student Government was preparing for its spring fund raiser, its May 22 field trip, new officer elections, and deciding and voting on the senior scholarship.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve the minutes of the 16 March 2015 special meeting and regular monthly meeting and the 7 April 2015 special meeting and work session. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the financial reports for March 2015. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Ms. Kreisher seconded, to approve the bills payable for the bills payable for 17 March 2015 – 20 April 2015, ranging from check #00038381 – check #00038535, including

wire transfers totaling \$910,332.37, in the total amount of 2,176,197.75. The motion then passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE – CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the bills payable for the Capital Reserve Fund for 17 March 2015 – 20 April 2015, ranging from check #00001790 – check #00001791, in the amount of \$2,545.94. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Dr. Curry reported about the licensed pesticide applicator advisor positions and said that after further review, he wanted swim coach Chuck LaCroix to fill this position on weekends and holidays. Dr. Curry said that Mr. LaCroix's stipend would be about \$700 - \$1,000 per year, and that maintenance worker Lew Blass would still be licensed and would maintain the pool during his regular work hours during the week, and that he would fill in for Mr. LaCroix if necessary. Mr. Blass would then submit a time sheet for any time outside of his regular work shift that he filled in for Mr. LaCroix.

Next, Dr. Curry reported that Mr. Moran was looking at a different sixth-grade social studies resource than the one the district had recently approved. He said that this other resource included online content, was updated regularly, was renewable every five years, and would cost about \$3,000 less than the one recently approved. Dr. Curry said that Mr. Moran would be presenting information on this resource at the May 4 board work session, and that administrators may be recommending that the board rescind the decision to purchase the original textbooks in order to purchase this new resource. He said that the purchase order for the recently approved texts was being held until the review of the potential alternate resource was complete.

Dr. Curry reported that June 10 and 11 had been approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) as Act 80 Days. He then shared with the board the draft agendas for those two days. Elementary staff would be receiving professional development in the areas of English/Language Arts curriculum review and technology integration. Secondary staff would be receiving professional development in the areas of the SAMR Model, curriculum revision with Guides 4 Learning, and technology integration.

Mandatory parent meetings regarding the 1:1 technology initiative for students currently in grades eight through 11 were scheduled to be held over the next few weeks, Dr. Curry then reported. He invited school directors to attend if they so desired. He said that during these meetings, there would be a review of the device sign-off forms, goals, policies, and best practices, and that the meetings would conclude with a question-and-answer forum.

Dr. Curry reported that the Chapter 339 K-12 guidance plan would be e-mailed to the school board that week, and that guidance counselors would be at the May 4 board work session to present this plan, which PDE was mandating to be renewed every three years.

Dr. Curry then gave the board an update on the library curriculum and said he would e-mail it the board for their review.

Mr. Tabor then reported that there had recently been a parent volunteer night held at Beaver-Main and W.W. Evans elementary school, and that 21 parents had attended the one at Beaver-Main and 34 parents had attended the one at W.W. Evans. He said that during these nights, school staff had helped parents complete paperwork, obtain clearances, and go through the mandated reporter training. He then reported that the science fair at Beaver-Main had gone very well, and that even though only fifth-grade students

were required to complete a project, there had been 52 projects on display. He reported that recently, the Beaver-Main parent co-op had received a \$2,500 grant from Monsanto, and that he was exploring other funding opportunities such as this one. At W.W. Evans, he said, students had recently participated in the Dinosaurs Rock assembly, thanks to the school's parent co-op. Also, Mr. and Mrs. Yuck had recently visited W.W. Evans to talk to students about safety awareness. Mr. Tabor ended his report by saying PSSA testing was going full steam.

Ms. Christensen reported that the state was reiterating the importance of transition planning for learning support high school students. She said that a transition clinic was being held later than week for juniors, and that representatives from Suncom, CMSU, and CareerLink would be there. She ended her report by passing around pictures from the recent K'Nex competition held at the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU).

Mr. Bonomo reported that the high school's honors banquet was scheduled for 6 p.m. on May 12, and he also reported that 10 high school students would be attending the 25th Annual International Conference on Virginia Woolf at Bloomsburg University on June 4. He said that these students were asked to attend based on essays they had written.

Mr. Bressi reported that Bloomsburg High School was one of only two districts in the CSIU that was conducting Project-Based Assessments (PBAs) that year. He explained that PBAs were an alternative pathway for students who don't pass their PSSA exam. He then reported that the alternative education program, housed at Central Columbia High School, would be changing from a night program to a day program beginning next school year, and that teachers would be instructing students, rather than students receiving training solely via computers.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Final Reading of Policy

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which Mr. Klingerman seconded, to approve on final reading Policy 806: Child Abuse. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of First Reading of Policies

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve on first reading and schedule for final adoption at the 18 May 2015 meeting the following policies: Policy 011: Board Governance Standards/Code of Conduct; Policy 317: Disciplinary Procedures (Administrative Employees); Policy 417: Disciplinary Procedures (Professional Employees); Policy 517: Disciplinary Procedures (Classified Employees); Policy 816: Use of Video Surveillance Cameras; and Policy 818: Contracted Services.

Stating that he thought the board needed to carefully read Policy 011: Board Governance Standards/Code of Conduct, Mr. Tobin made the motion to table approval of first reading of this policy. Mr. Hummel seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

The motion to approve on first reading and schedule for final adoption at the 18 May 2015 meeting policies 317, 417, 517, 816, and 818. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Authorizing Administration to Solicit Bids for High School Faculty Parking Lot and Middle School Playground Renovating, Resurfacing, and Repaving

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve authorizing the administration to solicit bids for Bloomsburg High School faculty parking lot and Bloomsburg Middle School playground renovating, resurfacing, and repaving. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Donations

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to accept the following donations: Half a box of tiles from Mr. and Mrs. Richard Toby, for the Bloomsburg Middle School mosaic art project; and two boxes of tiles from Heather Starr, for the Bloomsburg Middle School mosaic art project. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Approval of Revised Classified Staff Retirement Date

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve revising the retirement date of Bloomsburg High School Dish Washer Charles Horne from the last day of the 2014-2015 school year to 17 August 2015. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Athletic Coach Resignation

Mr. Hummel made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Tobin, to accept the resignation of Assistant Junior High Field Hockey Coach Chelsea Lamoreaux, effective immediately. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Athletic Coaches

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Howell, to approve the following individuals as athletic coaches: Debra Baker as the Assistant Junior High Girls' Field Hockey Coach for the Spring 2015 season at Step 16 and an annual salary of \$2,212, retroactive to 16 April 2015; and Jonathan Joseph as the Head Girls' Varsity Soccer Coach for the Fall 2015 season at Step 7 and an annual salary of \$3,299. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Internal Professional Staff Transfers

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve the following internal professional staff transfers, effective for the start of the 2015-2016 school year: Kristen Eby from Memorial Elementary School Learning Support Teacher to Memorial Elementary School Fifth-Grade Teacher; Melissa DeMent from K-12 Itinerant Autistic Support Teacher to Memorial Elementary School Life Skills Teacher; Dennis Delorso from Memorial Elementary School Learning Support Teacher to K-12 Itinerant Autistic Support Teacher; Bonnie Celmer-Batiuk from Memorial Elementary School Life Skills Teacher to Bloomsburg High School Learning Support Teacher; and Jane Endress from Beaver-Main Elementary School Half-Time Reading Specialist to Full-Time Memorial Elementary School Fourth-Grade Teacher. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Classified Staff

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which Mr. Tobin seconded, to approve Christopher Evans as a Technology Technician at an annual salary of \$23,000 and with benefits as per the attached contract, effective 1 July 2015, and to hire him as a classified substitute, not to exceed four work days per week, for the month of June 2015. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Bus Driver and Van Driver

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve Morris Houser as a substitute bus driver through Fishing Creek Transportation and Elisio Giangiolami as a van driver through Lone Derr for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year.

Approval of Professional Day-to-Day Substitutes

Mr. Hummel made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the following individuals as professional day-to-day substitutes, effective 21 April 2015: Craig Jones (Citizenship 7-12); and Elliot Zackoski (Grades 4-8 all subjects 4-6, Social Studies 7-8). The motion passed by a voice vote of seven yes votes and one no vote (being Ms. Kreisher).

Approval of Long-Term/Overnight Chaperone Volunteers

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the following individuals as long-term/overnight chaperone volunteers, pending receipt of their appropriate clearances and other volunteer paperwork: Amy Bolinsky, Kim Breiner, Cheri Fagan, Charlotte Gerasimoff, James Huff, Melinda Rhoads, Kay Rossachaj, and Amanda Weaver. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Professional Staff Leave of Absence Request

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the leave of absence request of Bloomsburg Middle School Learning Support Teacher Kristen Yenchak, effective 19 August 2015 with a return date of 5 October 2015. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

INFORMATION

It was announced that the following items would appear on the next work session agenda: Budget, Board Elections, Elementary Student Handbooks, Subcommittees of the Board Reports, Chapter 339 Report, Flood Mitigation Project, U.S. Diving Club, and Policy 011: Board Governance Standards/Codes of Conduct.

Mr. Hummel announced to the board that the 4 May 2015 meeting would be his last, as he would be moving out of state.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was announced that the next special meeting and work session would be held on Monday, 4 May 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, 18 May 2015 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:25 p.m., Ms. Kreisher made the motion to adjourn the meeting and move into an executive session to discuss personnel matters. Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion, which then passed by a voice vote of seven yes votes and one no vote (being Mr. Yodock).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held from 8:25 – 9:25 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary