

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, 18 May 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, 18 May 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, Ms. Marianne Kreisher, Mrs. Sandra Rupp, and Mr. Joe Yodock. Mr. Terry Kramarz and Mr. Thomas Tobin were absent from the meeting.

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

Others present included: Mr. Phil Burrell (arrived at 7:18 p.m.), Mrs. Bonnie Crawford, Ms. Terri Drucker, Ms. Gail Horne, Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Mr. Terry Lemon, Mrs. Liesl Lewis, Ms. Dona Reichenbach, Mr. Gary Reichenbach, Mr. Melvin Stojakovich, and Ms. Deb Zollmann.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

On behalf of the Class of 1964, Ms. Gail Horne, Mr. Terry Lemon, Mr. Gary Reichenbach, and Ms. Dona Reichenbach presented a \$4,000 check to the district to be used to purchase a sign for the front of Bloomsburg High School.

Ms. Zollmann thanked the district for its suicide prevention programming.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which Ms. Kreisher seconded, to approve the minutes of the 20 April 2015 special meeting and regular monthly meeting and the 4 May 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 April 2015. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the bills payable for 21 April 2015 – 18 May 2015, ranging from check #00038536 – check #00038721, including wire transfers totaling \$239,677.47, in the total amount of \$938,981.81. 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 Ms. Kreisher, to approve the bills payable for the Capital Reserve Fund for 21 April 2015 – 18 May 2015, being check #00001792, in the amount of \$3,961.00. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Dr. Curry reported that he had been working with Lynn Cromley from the CSIU regarding a PreK grant to serve nearly 150 unserved three- to five-year-olds in Bloomsburg. He told the board that the grant would cover all costs associated with the program, with the exception of meals, which would be the district's responsibility to budget. The other stipulation would be that the Bloomsburg Area School District would need to provide space for the PreK program. Dr. Curry said that there were currently no open classrooms available, but that he would support the PreK program to see programs housed outside the district. Financial support for PreK programs has been a line item in the governor's budget that has been consistently supported from year to year, regardless of the governor and his affiliated party.

Dr. Curry then reported that he had recently met with two representatives from the Bloomsburg University Foundation to discuss how the district could work with the foundation to create alternate revenue sources, as set up by Dan Klingerman. Dr. Curry told the board that he learned that the first step was to create a vision and then a strategic plan to define the goals and objectives of what the Panther Foundation would want to accomplish outside of the traditional budget. He suggested getting together with the alternate funding subcommittee to go over this process. Mr. Klingerman also directed Dr. Curry to contact Jennifer Wilson of the Greater Williamsport Foundation for direction in this endeavor. Dr. Curry said he would be in contact with Ms. Wilson.

Dr. Curry reported that an honors biology student in Mr. Dodge's class had recently taken the CLEP test, which earned the student three human biology credits at Bloomsburg University for scoring a 69/80. Dr. Curry said that Bloomsburg University would accept a minimum score of 50, and said that this spoke to the quality of the high school's honors-level science program.

Lastly, Dr. Curry reported that he and Mr. Thomas had received a request for use of football fields from the midget football program with a schedule of all events for the fall. Dr. Curry said that Mr. Thomas was reviewing the dates to ensure there were no scheduling conflicts with Bloomsburg Area School District events, and that he would confirm dates with Mr. Dodge from the midget football program.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Final Reading of Policies

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Ms. Kreisher seconded, to approve on final the following policies: 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. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote

Removal of Policy 011 from Table

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to remove from the table the following motion: Approve on first reading and schedule for final adoption at the 18 May 2015 meeting Policy 011: Board Governance Standards/Code of Conduct. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Kreisher then 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 Policy 011: Board Governance Standards/Code of Conduct.

Ms. Kreisher told the board she thought it should vote down this motion, as she and Dr. Curry had been working on a new code of conduct to be brought to the board for approval. Dr. Curry said that this would be an item on the June 1 work session agenda for discussion, and that it would then be brought to the board and recommended for approval at the June 15 regular monthly school board meeting.

The motion to approve on first reading and schedule for final adoption at the 18 May 2015 meeting Policy 011: Board Governance Standards/Code of Conduct was then defeated by a voice vote of zero yes votes and seven no votes.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Klingerman made the motion to add to the motion to accept donations the donation for \$4,000 from the Bloomsburg High School Class of 1964 to be used to purchase a sign for the front of Bloomsburg High School. Mr. Yodock seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Klingerman then made the motion, which Ms. Kreisher seconded, to approve New Business Items A through N, those items being:

Approve as presented the lease agreement to refinance bonds between Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School Authority and the Area Vocational-Technical Board of the Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School and Benton Area School District, Berwick Area School District, Bloomsburg Area School District, Central Columbia School District, Danville Area School District, Millville Area School District, and Southern Columbia Area School District, which would save Bloomsburg Area School District approximately \$15,000;

Approve the low bid of Sokol, Inc. in the amount of \$42,685.00 for the Bloomsburg Middle School playground and Bloomsburg High School staff parking lot paving project;

Approve the following student breakfast and lunch prices for the 2015-2016 school year:

- Elementary Breakfast - \$1.05 (no change from 2014-2015);
- Secondary Breakfast - \$1.15 (no change from 2014-2015);
- Elementary Lunch - \$2.25 (up \$.05 from 2014-2015); and
- Secondary Lunch - \$2.50 (up \$.05 from 2014-2015);

Approve as presented the 2015 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution;

Approve increasing the mileage rate for field trips and athletic trips for Bloomsburg Area School District bus contractors from \$2.26 per mile in 2014-2015 to \$2.30 per mile in 2015-2016, effective 1 July 2015;

Accept the following donations:

- Photos of the Ben Franklin Training School, Bloomsburg High School, Fifth Street School, and Third Street School by Grace Jaskiewicz; and

- A monetary donation of \$4,000 from the Bloomsburg High School Class of 1964 to be used toward purchasing a sign for the outside of Bloomsburg High School;

Approve as presented the Chapter 339 Guidance Plan for 2015-2018;

Approve as presented the Beaver-Main Elementary School, W.W. Evans Elementary School, and Memorial Elementary School student handbooks for 2015-2016;

Approve as presented the PIMS Coordinator job description;

Approve establishing a U.S. Diving Club for Bloomsburg Area School District students at no cost to the district and allow the organization to use the Bloomsburg Middle School pool as it is available;

Approve on first reading and schedule for final reading at the 15 June 2015 meeting the revised Policy 252B: District-Issued Devices: Student Use, Rights, and Responsibilities;

Approve revising the dates for the AP US History trip to Washington DC from 5/13/15 – 5/14/15 (approved at 5/4/15 meeting) to 6/1/15 – 6/2/15;

Approve as presented the Tech Club Advisor job description; and

Approve as presented the contract with Ann Moorcones for 2015-2016.

The motion to approve New Business Items A-N then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:43 p.m., Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to move into executive session to discuss personnel matters. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

At 8:05 p.m., Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Ms. Kreisher seconded, to move from executive session back into public session. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Ms. Kreisher then made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve Personnel Items A through N, those items being:

Approve Marianne Kreisher as the Board Secretary from 1 July 2015 – 30 June 2016;

Reapprove Michael Upton as the Assistant Board Secretary from 1 July 2015 – 30 June 2016;

Reapprove Tina Howell as the Board Treasurer from 1 July 2015 – 30 June 2016;

Reapprove Atty. Noah Naparstek as the district's solicitor with Derr, Pursel, Luschas, and Naparstek as its firm from 1 July 2015 – 30 June 2016 with a retainer fee of \$1,100 and an hourly fee of \$125;

Approve Leo Yodock III as the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Board of Directors representative from the Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors, effective 19 May 2015 – 30 June 2017;

Approve Jeff Archey as the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Trust representative, effective 19 May 2015;

Approve Tony DeLuca and Erin Serrano as Balanced Literacy Mentors for the 2015-2016 school year, at \$22/hour, not to exceed a total of \$2,002 each;

Approve the following Fall 2015 athletic coaches:

- George Johns – Volunteer Football Coach;
- Matthew Stone – Assistant Junior High Football Coach – Step 4 – \$1,640;
- David Wood – Assistant Junior High Football Coach – Step 3 – \$1,576;
- Sam Haynes – Volunteer Junior High Football Coach;
- Steve Bressi – Head Golf Coach – Step 14 – \$3,450;
- Bill Finnerty – Head Girls' Tennis Coach – Step 11 – \$3,075;
- Phil Burrell – Volunteer Girls' Tennis Coach;
- George Lynn – Volunteer Girls' Tennis Coach;
- Chuck Baker – Head Girls' Field Hockey Coach – Step 16 – \$4,424;
- Chelsea Lamoreaux – Assistant Girls' Field Hockey Coach – Step 2 – \$1,629;
- Mike McGarry – Head Boys' Soccer Coach – Step 9 – \$3,549;
- Steve Wright – Volunteer Boys' Soccer Coach;
- Joe Glowaski – Volunteer Boys' Soccer Coach; and
- Jeff Huss – Head Varsity Cross Country – Step 2 – \$1,950;

Approve Andra Mingle as the K-12 Itinerant Behavior Support Specialist at Step 4 BS and an annual salary of \$40,932 and with benefits as per the negotiated professional staff agreement, effective for the start of the 2015-2016 school year;

Approve Kristy Beagle as a Fifth-Grade W.W. Evans Elementary School Teacher at Step 9 MS and an annual salary of \$52,465 and with benefits as per the negotiated professional staff agreement, effective for the start of the 2015-2016 school year;

Approve Liesl Lewis as a Bloomsburg Middle School Language Arts Teacher at Step 4 MS and an annual salary of \$43,457 and with benefits as per the negotiated professional staff agreement, effective for the start of the 2015-2016 school year;

Approve the following individuals as long-term volunteers/overnight chaperones, effective upon receipt of the appropriate volunteer documentation:

- Kathleen Jackman;
- Chris Long; and
- Marybeth Roberts;

Approve the leave of absence request of Beaver-Main Elementary School/W.W. Evans Elementary School Guidance Counselor Kelli Alexander, effective on or about 11 October 2015 with a return date of 2 January 2016;

Approve the following individuals as advisors for the 2015-2016 school year:

- Chuck Lacroix – Licensed Pool Pesticide Applicator - \$1,000; and
- Phil Burrell – Tech Club Advisor - \$3,250;

Approve the following individuals as classified staff, effective for the start of the 2015-2016 school year:

- Lori Neff as the Bloomsburg Middle School Library Aide at \$8.65 per hour and with benefits as per the negotiated contract, pending receipt of the appropriate new employee documentation; and

- Transfer John Kubik from the position of Professional Day-to-Day Substitute to Bloomsburg High School In-School Suspension Advisor at a rate of \$95 per day with eligibility for medical insurance; and

Approve the termination of Memorial Elementary School Paraprofessional Rhonna Stojakovich, retroactive to 13 May 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: List of Graduates, Athletic Schedule for 2015-2016, Athletic Handbook for 2015-2016, Policy 011, Half-Time Maintenance Position, Temporary Dean of Students Job Description, CNA Co-op, and Score Keepers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was announced that the next special meeting and work session would be held on Monday, 1 June 2015 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room, and that the net regular monthly meeting would be held on Monday, 15 June 2015 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room.

Dr. Curry reminded the board that interviews for the position of school director would be held on Monday, 1 June 2015 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the district office board room.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:15 p.m., Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary