

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Special Meeting
Monday, 1 June 2015
6:00 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 6:00 p.m. on Monday, 1 June 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 (arrived at 6:25 p.m.), Mrs. Sandra Rupp, Mr. Thomas Tobin, and Mr. Joe Yodock.

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

Others present included: Ms. Stephanie Haney, Mr. Troy Prutzman, Mr. Gregg Wirth, and Ms. Deb Zollmann.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

At this time, no one wished to address the board.

SCHOOL DIRECTOR CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

At this point in the meeting, the following candidates were interviewed for the vacant school director position: Ms. Stephanie Haney, Mr. Troy Prutzman, and Ms. Deb Zollmann.

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR

After three rounds of ballots were cast, Mr. Tobin made the motion to approve Ms. Deb Zollmann as a Bloomsburg Area School District School Director for a term expiring 1 December 2015. Mr. Kramarz seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Rupp then made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Kreisher, to amend the agenda to include swearing in of the new board member.

SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Ms. Zollmann was sworn in by Mr. Hock as a Bloomsburg Area School District School Director.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:35 p.m., the meeting was adjourned following a motion by Mrs. Rupp, a second by Mrs. Howell, and a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary
(from notes by Dr. Curry)

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A special meeting of the Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, 1 June 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 8:25 p.m.), Dr. Cosmas Curry, Mr. Marc Freeman (left at 9:23 p.m.), Mr. Trevor Palmatier (left at 9:23 p.m.), Mr. Joshua Tabor (left at 8:25 p.m.), and Mr. Michael Upton.

Others present included: Mrs. Bonnie Crawford, Ms. Terri Drucker, Ms. Stephanie Haney, Ms. Stephanie Kessler (left at 9:30 p.m.), and Mr. Corey Thomas.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

At this time, no one wished to address the board.

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Amendment to Agenda

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Kramarz seconded, to amend the agenda to switch the order of voting on Approval of Revised Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion Resolution and Approval of Final BASD Budget for 2015-2016. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Final BASD Budget for 2015-2016

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the final 2015-2016 Bloomsburg Area School District budget, in the amount of \$24,101,282.00. Tax rates shall be set as follows, with the continuation of existing penalties and discounts:

Real Estate	40.6 mils (up .9 mils from 2014-2015)
Act 511	
Per Capita	\$5.00

Local Services Tax	\$52.00 (Bloomsburg, Hemlock Twp, Montour Twp) \$10.00 (Beaver Twp, Catawissa Twp, Main Twp)
Real Estate Transfer	1.0%
Earned Income	1.56%
Per Capita Section 679	\$5.00

The motion passed by a voice vote of eight yes votes to one no vote (being Mr. Yodock).

Approval of Revised Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion Resolution

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve as presented the revised 2015 Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion Resolution. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Approval/Acceptance of Personnel Items

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which Mr. Tobin seconded, to approve/accept the following items:

- Reapprove Athletic Director Corey Thomas for the 2015-2016 school year, at an annual salary of \$51,000 and with benefits as outlined in his contract;
- Approve the leave of absence request of Maintenance Worker Robert Betz, effective 5 June 2015 and lasting for approximately six to eight weeks;
- Approve the leave of absence request of W.W. Evans Elementary School Teacher Kelley Dravenstott, effective on or about 19 August 2015, with a return date of 11 January 2016;
- Reapprove the following individuals as athletic coaches for the 2015-2016 season:
 - Kristin Hogue – Cheerleading Advisor – Step 2 – \$944;
 - Weight Room Supervisor – Kevin Klock – \$7.15 per hour; and
 - Weight Room Supervisor – George Johns – \$7.15 per hour;
- Approve Jeffrey Bond as a substitute bus driver for MS Bond Busing for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year, retroactive to 27 May 2015; and
- Accept the resignation of Bloomsburg Middle School Paraprofessional Corrine Stojakovich, retroactive to 27 May 2015.

At 7:16 p.m., Ms. Kreisher made the motion to move into executive session to discuss personnel matters, and Mr. Klingerman seconded this motion, which then passed by a voice vote of six yes votes to three no votes (being Mr. Kramarz, Mr. Tobin, and Ms. Zollmann). At 7:39 p.m., the board moved out of executive session and back into public session.

The motion to approve/accept the personnel items approved by a voice vote of eight yes votes to one no vote (being Mr. Kramarz).

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:40 p.m., Mr. Kramarz made the motion, which Mr. Klingerman seconded, to adjourn the special meeting and move into the work session. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary

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Buildings, Grounds, & Maintenance Report

As Mr. Wozniak was absent from the meeting, no buildings, grounds, and maintenance report was given.

Administrative Reports

Ms. Christensen reported that recently, she and the district's behavior support specialist had visited all the fifth-grade classes and made a presentation to students entitled "Being Organized for Middle School." During the presentation, all students were given a stress ball and a sheet on strategies for helping with organization and success in their transition from elementary school to the middle school.

Mr. Freeman reported that all middle school students participated in Memorial Day activities on May 19, and that 20 veterans were involved with the day's activities. He also reported that the eighth-grade class had gone on its annual trip to Washington DC on May 29. He then reported that the school's mosaic mural project was complete, and he passed around photos of the finished project.

Mr. Tabor reported that the recent fourth-grade outdoor education at Beaver-Main Elementary School had been successful and that students seemed to truly enjoy the experience.

Mr. Palmatier echoed what Mr. Tabor had said about outdoor education, and also recognized Memorial Elementary School's Parent-Teacher Organization for their help with the various field trips. He said that Mrs. Benko's fourth-grade students had recently planted flowers around the statue outside of the school and said that photos of the students undertaking this project could be seen on Memorial's facebook page.

Mr. Thomas started his report by thanking the board for reapproving him as the district's athletic director for the 2015-2016 school year. He then told the board that Dan Klingerman had donated some equipment to be used in the weight room. Next, he passed out the winter sports reports and coaches' evaluations. Mrs. Crawford said she would like to see the swimmers be more recognized for their achievements, especially seeing as they had made it to states for the past nine years. Mr. Hock asked if there any been any consideration given to starting a junior high or junior varsity cheerleading program. Mr. Thomas said he had talked to Cheerleading Advisor Kristin Hogue about this, and that she said that the girls who did not make the varsity squad were not interested in a junior varsity or winter cheerleading program. Lastly, Mr. Hock asked if Mr. Thomas had concerns for any of the winter sports or coaches, and Mr. Thomas responded that he did not.

Dr. Curry then reminded board members that the annual Staff Recognition Dinner would be held at 5 p.m. on June 3 at the high school and then distributed a letter about upcoming PSBA functions and also a CSIU board report to each director.

Director of Elementary and Secondary Education Position

Dr. Curry reported to directors that nine applications had been received for the posted position of Director of Elementary and Secondary Education, and that of those nine, only three met the requirements

listed in the advertisement, and that of those three, two were not viable candidates via curriculum discussion and the third was not yet ready for this position. Dr. Curry then said told the board that he would be proceeding with the alternate plan of having himself be the acting Director of Secondary Education and Mr. Palmatier be the acting Director of Elementary Education for the 2015-2016 school year for an additional \$50 per day. At the end of the 2015-2016 school year, Mr. Palmatier would be considered for a transfer into the permanent position of Director of Elementary and Secondary Education, which would then potentially open up his current position as Memorial Elementary School Principal. The district would then be advertising for a temporary Dean of Students for the 2015-2016 school year at Memorial Elementary School.

Job Descriptions

Dr. Curry referred directors to the job descriptions provided to them with their board packets. Mr. Tobin questioned if the district would be able to find a reliable half-time maintenance worker. Mr. Hock asked if Mr. Wozniak needed an additional full-time maintenance worker instead of a part-time one, and Dr. Curry replied that Mr. Wozniak felt that a part-time person would be adequate. Mr. Tobin voiced concern over this position being a revolving door and asked that Dr. Curry consider making the position a full-time one and bring information on this back to the board.

Policies

Dr. Curry reported that he would be asking the board to change the HIPAA policy from 816 to 826. Next, the board discussed the draft of Policy 011: Board Member Code of Conduct. It was the consensus of the board that this policy should not be added to the policy manual, so Dr. Curry said he would not even bring it to the board for approval on first reading at the next meeting.

Sixth-Grade Social Studies and Science Resources

Mr. Freeman made a presentation to the board on Discovery Education techbooks, as these resources were being considered for approval/implementation for sixth-grade social studies and science in the 2015-2016 school year. He reported that Social Studies Teacher Jen Flook wanted to try the Discovery Ed techbook for one year and then evaluate it. Mr. Freeman navigated through some pages of the web site so directors could see the material students would be working with.

List of Graduates

Dr. Curry reminded directors that graduation would be held that Friday, June 5 at 6 p.m. at Bloomsburg University, and that the photo would be taken at 5:30 p.m. at Haas Auditorium. He asked that if any directors wished to be seated on the stage for graduation that they let him know so a chair would be available for them. The list of potential graduates was included in the board packet.

Athletic Schedule for 2015-2016

Dr. Curry told directors that all sports were included in the 2015-2016 athletic schedule, with the exception of junior high football and golf, which were not yet completed. He also said that there were swim meets with Athens and Sayre that had not yet been scheduled, but would be.

Athletic Handbook for 2015-2016

Dr. Curry highlighted the changes made in the athletic handbook from 2014-2015 to 2015-2016. He pointed out that verbiage had been added regarding Act 168 and the state-mandated renewal of clearances every three years and mandated reporter training every five years.

Mr. Klingerman then said that his aunts kept the books for several sports at both home and away events and that they had always been paid for away events until the current school year. Dr. Curry, Mr. Upton, and Mr. Thomas agreed that the district should not pay individuals to keep the books for away events, as this was not required. After discussion, the board settled on the idea of paying a maximum of \$15, with approval from the athletic director, for individuals to keep the books for away games.

CNA Co-Op

Ms. Kreisher reported that students at Danville High School had the opportunity to earn their CNA certificate through a program where the district paid for the course and students reimbursed the district as the partner nursing home paid the students for their time. Dr. Curry said that while this idea had a lot of merit, he was not in favor of the district paying for such a program, and that he would gather more information on CNA co-ops and then report back to the board with his findings.

Subcommittee Reports

There were no subcommittee reports given at this meeting.

Dr. Curry asked if any board members were interested in being on a security subcommittee, and Mr. Hock and Mr. Klingerman said they were.

Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School Report

Mr. Tobin gave a report on the last Joint Operating Committee meeting.

Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Report

Mr. Yodock said that the CSIU seemed to be a well-run organization and that he was looking forward to meeting with Dr. Singer to discuss digital signage opportunities.

Other Items

Dr. Curry reported that the state audit exit meeting was scheduled for June 4. He also reported that the alternative funding committee would be meeting with Bill Lowthert from the Town of Bloomsburg on July 1 regarding the flood wall project.

Adjournment

At 10:06 p.m., Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary
(compiled with some notes
from Dr. Curry)