

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Special Meeting
Tuesday, 7 April 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 Tuesday, 7 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. Terry Kramarz, Ms. Marianne Kreisher, Mrs. Sandra Rupp, Mr. Thomas Tobin, and Mr. Joe Yodock. Mr. Joshua Klingerman was absent from the meeting.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Dr. Cosmas Curry, Mr. Marc Freeman (left at 8:22 p.m.), Mr. Ryan Moran (left at 8:22 p.m.), Mr. Trevor Palmatier (left at 8:22 p.m.), Mr. Michael Upton, and Mr. Nick Wozniak (left at 8:08 p.m.).

Others present were: Mrs. Bonnie Crawford, Ms. Terri Drucker, Mr. Ken Erb, Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Ms. Deb Zollmann Krupp, and Dr. Kevin Singer.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

Ms. Zollmann Krupp told the board that she appreciated the changes going on in the high school library and also praised the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit on its recent K'Nex competition.

Dr. Singer and Mr. Erb from the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU) made a presentation to the board on alternate methods for educational entities to generate revenue. Examples of how Dr. Singer helped districts raise revenue without raising taxation include holding a fly fishing event, hosting a bowl game, and having Dr. Pepper paint its logo on the rooftop of a middle school. Dr. Singer also suggested the district consider shared services in areas such as transportation and food service. Another way districts could generate revenue, Dr. Singer reported, was to communicate digitally. This digital advertising could be done through (outdoor) signage near concession stands. One screen and a controller would cost about \$2,400 total. Dr. Singer said the district could use the CSIU's server. Dr. Singer said that the district could split the up-front costs with the district 50/50 and that the district could then pay back the CSIU when revenue began to come in.

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Purchasing Social Studies Textbooks

Mr. Hummel made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve purchasing the textbook “My World History: The Early Ages” by Pearson to be used in sixth-grade social studies classes beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, at a total cost of \$9,749. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Amended 2014-2015 School Calendar

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hummel, to approve as presented the amended 2014-2015 Bloomsburg Area School District calendar. The motion passed by a voice vote of seven yes votes to one no vote (being Mr. Kramarz).

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

Mr. Hummel made the motion, which Mr. Kramarz seconded, to approve the following out-of-state/overnight field trip requests: French students to Quebec, Canada from 18 April 2015 – 22 April 2015, at a cost to the district of \$739; and Robotics team to Cleveland, Ohio for a National Robotics League Tournament from 14 May 2015 – 17 May 2015, at a cost to the district of \$664.80. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Real Estate Tax Exemption Request

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mr. Hummel seconded, to approve the request of the Pennsylvania State Veterans’ Commission for a real estate tax exemption for Eileen M. Drummond. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Donation

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Kreisher, to accept the following donation to the Bloomsburg Area School District: A monetary donation of \$2,500 to the Beaver-Main Elementary School Parent Co-op from Monsanto. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Beaver-Main Elementary School Window Project Bid

Mr. Hummel made the motion, which Ms. Kreisher seconded, to accept the low bid of Bognet, Inc. of Hazleton, Pennsylvania for the Beaver-Main Elementary School window replacement project, with a base bid of \$190,879, bid alternate 1 of \$29,997, bid alternate 2 of \$2,917, for a total cost of \$223,793. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Approval/Acceptance of Personnel Items

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

- Approve the following individuals as professional day-to-day substitutes:
 - Valarie Anderson (CSIU Guest Teacher), effective 8 April 2015 through the end of the 2014-2015 school year;
 - Craig Jones (Citizenship 7-12), effective 8 April 2015;
 - Elliot Zackoski (Grades 4-8 – all subjects 4-6, social studies 7-8; Reading Specialist PK-12), effective 8 April 2015; and
 - Ryan Lombardo (Grades PK-4), effective 8 April 2015;

- Approve the following individuals as classified substitutes:
 - Sienna Koch, effective upon receipt of her Act 34, 114, and 151 clearances and her tuberculosis test results; and
 - Kelly McMahan, effective 8 April 2015;
- Approve the following professional staff leave of absence requests:
 - Bloomsburg High School Learning Support Teacher Mary Michaels, effective on or about 19 August 2015 with a return date of 25 January 2016;
 - W.W. Evans Elementary School Teacher Jaclyn Krankoskie, effective 16 April 2015 through the end of the 2014-2015 school year;
 - Beaver-Main Elementary School Teacher Bethany Slonaker, on or about 19 August 2015 – 15 January 2016;
- Approve the following individuals as advisors for the 2014-2015 school year:
 - Andrea Heckman – BHS Musical Assistant at a stipend of \$1,125 (retroactive); and
 - Ethan Krupp – BHS Musical Assistant at a stipend of \$1,125 (paid by BHS Drama Club);
- Approve the following individuals as Extended School Year 2015 staff:
 - Teachers (\$22/hour) – Tara Batiuk, Nicole DelGotto-Harvey, and Victoria Van Fleet; and
 - Paraprofessionals (at their hourly pay rate) – Michelle Adams, Michele Edgar, Amy Fuehrer, Sue Nevius, Rose Strausser, and Valerie Whitebread; and
- Approve the leave of absence request of Cynthia Esler, retroactive to 5 March 2015 – 27 March 2015.

Ms. Kreisher made the motion to amend the original motion to remove Craig Jones and Elliot Zackoski from it. Mr. Tobin seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Kreisher then made the motion to approve Craig Jones and Elliot Zackoski and Mr. Tobin seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of four yes votes and four no votes (being Mr. Hock, Ms. Kreisher, Mr. Tobin, and Mr. Yodock).

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:04 p.m., Mr. Hummel made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Kreisher, to adjourn the special meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary

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Work Session
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Buildings, Grounds, & Maintenance Report

Mr. Wozniak reported that over the summer, the high school faculty parking lot and middle school playground were scheduled to be resurfaced.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Palmatier reported that students were preparing to take the PSSAs.

Mr. Moran reported that the district sent three teams to participate in the K'Nex competition at the CSIU that year and he said he would like to see a K'Nex competition being held internally during the next school year. He also shared with the school board the budget proposal to hold the Summer of Innovation Camp again that summer. A total of \$2,400 would be covered by a grant and the district would have to pay about \$2,838.53, he reported.

Mr. Freeman reported that the following activities would be occurring at the middle school over the next two months: BTE Theatre in the Classroom, Vo-Tech visit, activity night, Kids' Conference (May 1), and Memorial Day activities (May 19). He reported that eighth-grade students had painted 351 crosses to symbolize the 351 veterans who had died in combat in Columbia County and also that seventh-grade student Jamie Nguyen had qualified for states in Math Counts and that one Odyssey of the Mind team would be competing at states in Berwick on April 11. Lastly, he said that the staff was excited about hybrid learning.

Budget

Mr. Upton reported that he was still waiting on the governor's budget and that he did not anticipate a change in revenue. He reported that there was currently a \$741,000 deficit for 2015-2016 budget, and also reported that the Central Susquehanna Trust would be voting on a one-month moratorium on healthcare, which would be about \$180,000 for the district, the following evening. Dr. Curry said the board would be voting on the budget at the June work session.

Policies 011, 317, 417, 517, 816, & 818

Dr. Curry reported that at the next meeting, he would be recommending the school board approve on first reading 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. He explained that the district was currently going through a state audit and that the auditor had informed him that the district needed to have a policy in place regarding board governance standards and code of conduct.

Licensed Pool Pesticide Applicator Positions

Dr. Curry informed the board that he would like to bring Bob Betz and Lew Blass, both maintenance workers in the district, to the board to recommend approving them as licensed pool pesticide applicators at an annual stipend of \$2,000 each. Having them both certified, in addition to Mr. Wozniak being certified, would ensure that the pool would be properly maintained everyday (including weekends and holidays). Dr. Curry shared with directors the list of responsibilities for the position of licensed pool pesticide applicator.

School Board Subcommittees

Mr. Hock started this discussion by saying that about four or five years ago, the board had disbanded its athletic subcommittee and academic subcommittee because everything that was reviewed and discussed at the subcommittee level was rehashed at the full-board level. Mr. Hock said that despite this, he still believed there was value in having subcommittees and suggested the board consider creating subcommittees on the following topics: Alternative funding, policy review, Panther Foundation, athletic, new member orientation, and continuing education. In the discussion that followed, Mr. Hummel said he thought the board should commit funds for directors to attend PSBA events and he also said that he believed there was no need for standing committees, but that he did see value in temporary committees. Mr. Tobin pointed out that PSBA offered new board member orientation sessions each January. Mr. Hock asked Mr. Hummel and Mr. Yodock to meet with Dr. Singer and the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation to explore alternative funding sources for the district. Dr. Curry reminded the school board that if it wanted to create subcommittees, the meetings may need to be advertised. Mr. Hock asked Mr. Kramarz, Ms. Kreisher, and Mr. Tobin to look into the possibility of creating a searchable policy manual on its web site. Mr. Hock said he would start providing the board with a list of continuing education opportunities each month.

Athletic Photos

This item was not discussed, as Mr. Klingerman was absent from the meeting.

Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School Report

Mr. Tobin reported that 32 Bloomsburg Area School District students had applied to go to Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School for the 2015-2016 school year, and asked that the board have follow-up on this. Ms. Kreisher added that about 30 home school and cyber school students had applied to attend Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School for 2015-2016.

Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Report

Mr. Hummel reported that Bloomsburg Area School District was the only district in the CSIU that still offered driver education to its students instead of having the CSIU do it.

ADJOURNMENT

The work session was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary