

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, 15 June 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, 15 June 2015, in the district office board room, followed by the pledge to the flag. In Mr. Hock's absence, Mr. Klingerman led the meeting. Directors in attendance were: 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. Mr. Brent Hock was absent from the meeting.

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

Others present included: Mr. Phil Burrell (arrived at 7:20 p.m.), Mrs. Bonnie Crawford, Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Mr. Corey Thomas (left at 7:54 p.m.).

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

At this meeting, no visitors wished to address the board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the minutes of the 18 May 2015 special meeting and regular monthly meeting and the 1 June 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 May 2015. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the bills payable for 19 May 2015 – 15 June 2015, ranging from check #00038723 – check #00038873, including wire transfers totaling \$237,685.56, in the total amount of \$845,626.82. The motion then passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE – CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the bills payable for the Capital Reserve Fund for 19 May 2015 – 15 June 2015, ranging from check #00001793 – check #00001794, in the amount of \$1,485.00. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Dr. Curry began his report by stating that Steffanie Bowes, Jennifer Coombe, and Reanna Buehler were receiving tenure, as they had met all the requirements of Section 1108 of the Pennsylvania School Code.

Dr. Curry then reviewed progress on his goals for 2014-2015. He reported that all of his technology goals had been met and that the 1:1 device initiative was going well, and that all the proper policies, parent meetings, and staff training had taken place. He said that professional staff evaluation process training had been completed and that evaluations were being done at a rigorous level. He reported that regarding the school district's safety plan, the Memorandum of Understanding with Central Columbia School District (CCSD) for the Bloomsburg Area School District to continue educating students in the event of a natural disaster such as severe flooding was not yet finalized because of CCSD's building project, but that progress was being made. He also said that money had been put aside for the flood mitigation project. Dr. Curry said that he believed the district would be in the black for the 2014-2015 school year, and that the 2015-2016 budget had been successfully created and approved. He said that starting in 2015-2016, eighth-grade students could take either Spanish or French, and that this had been organized without increasing staff, and that the library curriculum was in the process of being realigned and that a lot of progress had been made in this area. Dr. Curry said that he had spoken to third-, fourth-, and fifth-graders about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) opportunities, as well as some middle school students and all ninth- and 10th-grade students. He reported that eight students had applied to participate in the STEM program at Bloomsburg University for 2015-2016 and that seven of those students had been accepted. Dr. Curry said that this was the most number of students of any of the 11 schools participating.

Dr. Curry then reported that the state audit had taken place from March 4 – June 4, and that the district had a very clean opinion. He said that verbal recommendations had been made regarding board retreats and having outside speakers, and that a PSBA policy review was also suggested.

Dr. Curry handed out a game worker pay spreadsheet and said this topic would be reviewed in further detail at the July meeting.

Next, Mr. Thomas reported that the gym department was very happy with bikes they received. He also said that painting in the gym had begun. He then passed out and went over the spring sports report. In the report, he pointed out that in track, there had been two state winners – Jahvel Hemphill and Rachel Brouse. During his report, he also stated that Field Hockey Coach Chuck Baker wanted to try and put together an elementary (community league) field hockey program. He ended his report by saying that he would recommend all coaches be invited back for the next school year. Mr. Klingerman asked if anyone had questions for Mr. Thomas, and there were none.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Final Reading of Policy 252B

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve on final reading Policy 252B: District-Issued Devices: Student Use, Rights, and Responsibilities. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Acceptance of Donations

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to accept the following donations: a monetary donation of \$3,000 from the Alcoa Silicon Valley Community Foundation to Bloomsburg Middle School for the Science Sustainability Program; and eleven pieces of exercise equipment (six Nautilus and five Quantum) valued at \$10,000 to Bloomsburg High School by Dan Klingerman of the Liberty Group. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of First Reading of Policy 826

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Kramarz seconded, to approve on first reading and schedule for final reading at its 13 July 2015 meeting Policy 826: Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Job Descriptions

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve as presented the following job descriptions: Temporary Dean of Students; and In-School Suspension Supervisor. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Retraction of Motion Regarding Purchase of Sixth-Grade Textbooks

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve retracting the following motion, which was approved on 7 April 2015: 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 Sixth-Grade Social Studies and Science Resources

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve purchasing the following techbooks for the 2015-2016 school year: sixth-grade science techbook by Discovery Education, at a cost of \$45/student x 150 students = \$6,750; and sixth-grade social studies techbook by Discovery Education, at a cost of \$15/student x 150 students = \$2,250. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Athletic Schedule

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve as presented the 2015-2016 athletic schedule. Ms. Kreisher requested that Schedule Star be kept updated to reflect all changes with practices and games. The motion to approve the athletic schedule then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Transfer of Funds

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mr. Kramarz seconded, to approve transferring \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund for 2014-2015. The motion passed by a voice vote of seven yes vote and one no vote (being Ms. Kreisher).

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve reallocating \$500,000 of 2014-2015 Committed Funds for the pool to the Committed Funds for the flood mitigation project. The motion passed by a voice vote of seven yes votes and one no vote (being Mr. Yodock).

Mr. Kramarz made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve committing \$500,000 from General Fund Unrestricted to General Fund Committed for the flood mitigation project. The motion passed by a voice vote of five yes votes and three no votes (being Ms. Kreisher, Mr. Yodock, and Ms. Zollmann).

Approval of Facilities Use Agreement with Bloomsburg University

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to approve as presented the Facilities Use Agreement with Bloomsburg University for use of athletic fields for Fall 2015 for field hockey, boys' soccer, girls' soccer, tennis, and cross country as needed. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Approval of Temporary Director of Elementary Education and Director of Secondary Education

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to approve Cos Curry as the temporary Director of Secondary Education and Trevor Palmatier as the temporary Director of Elementary Education at a rate of \$50 per day, effective 22 June 2015 – 30 June 2016, or until a permanent Director of Elementary and Secondary Education is approved. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Classified Staff Transfers

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve the following classified staff transfers, effective for the start of the 2015-2016 school year: Ami Jo Cox from Classified Substitute to Three-Hour-Per-Day Bloomsburg High School Food Service Aide; Judy DeFrain from Classified Substitute to Three-Hour-Per-Day Bloomsburg High School Food Service Aide; and Edith Pagan from Two-Hour-Per-Day Bloomsburg High School Food Service Aide to 3.25-Hour-Per-Day Bloomsburg High School Food Service Aide. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote

Approval of Professional Staff Transfers

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the following professional staff transfers: Noah Mantione from the position of Bloomsburg Middle School Paraprofessional/Professional Day-to-Day Substitute to the position of Long-Term Middle School Substitute Learning Support Teacher from approximately 19 August 2015 – 25 September 2015; Rachael Harris from the position of Professional Day-to-Day Substitute to the position of W.W. Evans Elementary School Long-Term First-Grade Substitute Teacher from approximately 19 August 2015 – 8 January 2016; and Elliot Zackoski from the position of Professional Day-to-Day Substitute to the position of Beaver-Main Elementary School Long-Term Fourth-Grade Teacher from approximately 19 August 2015 – 15 January 2016. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Long-Term Volunteers/Overnight Chaperones

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the following individuals as long-term volunteers/overnight chaperones: Jennifer Anderson; Margaret Bennett; Jacqueline Cleary; Christine Drysdale; Brenda Fry; Jodi Guzevich; Stephanie Haney; Tina M. Howell; Georgi-Ann Joline; Amber Klinger; Lana Mattern; Jennifer Staib; Robert Staib; and Megan Wertman. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Professional Staff Retirement

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to accept the retirement of Special Education Teacher Bonnie Celmer-Batiuk, retroactive to 12 June 2015. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Classified Staff Pay Rate Change

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Kramarz seconded, to approve changing the pay rate of Bloomsburg Middle School Library Aide Lori Neff from \$8.65 per hour to \$8.75 per hour, effective for the start of the 2015-2016 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Bus Driver

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve John Talanca as a bus driver through FishingCreek Transportation for Summer 2015. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Athletic Coaches

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Ms. Kreisher seconded, to approve the following individuals as athletic coaches for 2015-2016: Morgan McCann – Volunteer Girls' High School Soccer Coach; Brent Stewart – Volunteer Girls' High School Soccer Coach; and David Tumolo – Assistant Girls' Junior High Soccer Coach – Step 1 - \$1,274. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of STEM Camp Teachers

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Kramarz, to approve the following individuals as STEM Camp 2015 teachers, at a rate of \$22 per hour: Andrew Brown (being paid through grant); Nick Hessert (being paid through grant); and Mike Runkle (being paid by district - \$22/hour x 40 hours = \$880). The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

INFORMATION

It was announced that the following items would appear on the 13 July 2015 meeting agenda: Approval of PTOs/Boosters for 2015-2016; Superintendent's Goals for 2015-2016; and Administrative Evaluations from Faculty.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was announced that the next meeting would be held on Monday, 13 July 2015 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:15 p.m., Ms. Kreisher moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Yodock seconded this motion. The motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary