

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, 16 March 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 7:03 p.m. on Monday, 16 March 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, Mr. Terry Kramarz, and Mrs. Sandra Rupp. Mr. Thomas Tobin and Mr. Joe Yodock were absent from the meeting.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Mr. Dan Bonomo (left at 7:43 p.m.), Dr. Cosmas Curry, and Mr. Michael Upton.

Others present included: Mr. Phil Burrell, Ms. Terri Drucker, Ms. Leah Fogelsanger, Ms. Stephanie Kessler, and Ms. Deb Zollmann.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

Mrs. Bonnie Crawford reported that at the state swimming competition, the boys' relay team from Bloomsburg won first place. Dr. Curry reported that a picture of the swim team would be hung in the high school after the students' senior year. Mrs. Crawford said that photos of the two girls' relay teams that won at states in 1998 should also be hung in the school. Dr. Curry responded that if the district was given a photo of them, it would be hung up, since they were state champions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve the minutes of the 17 February 2015 regular monthly meeting and the 2 March 2015 special meeting and work session. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Kramarz seconded, to approve the financial reports for February 2015. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Klingerman seconded, to approve the bills payable for 18 February 2015 – 16 March 2015, ranging from check #00038223 – check #00038380, including wire transfers totaling \$212,612.13, in the total amount of \$1,053,974.25.

Ms. Kreisher asked how often athletic uniforms were changed and Dr. Curry replied that they were on a four- to six-year cycle. Ms. Kreisher asked Dr. Curry if it was true that because track got new uniforms this year, varsity field hockey would not be getting new uniforms. Dr. Curry said he would check on this and get back to her.

The motion to approve the bills payable passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Curry reported that he and Mr. Upton were looking into changing the district's electricity provider to On Demand, as it could end up saving the district money. Mr. Upton added that the district's two-year contract with its current provider would soon be expiring.

Next, Dr. Curry reported that as it currently stood, seniors would be having graduation practice on Saturday, May 16 and Saturday, May 30. If another snow day occurred, Saturday, May 9 would also be a seniors-only day. Dr. Curry said that he would like the last two days of school, being June 10 and 11, to be Act 80 days. He informed the board that he would be bringing the amended 2014-2015 school calendar to the board for a vote at its 7 April 2015 special meeting.

Dr. Curry said there was still the possibility of eighth-grade students being able to take French or Spanish beginning in 2015-2016 and that once Mr. Bonomo was finished with the high school master schedule, it could be determined if the half-time Spanish teaching position would be made into a full-time position. Also, Dr. Curry said that the administration was still evaluating the possibility of changing the half-time reading specialist position at Beaver-Main Elementary School to a full-time position. He said that if this were to occur, it would be most beneficial to transfer someone already in the district into this position because of the training he/she would have already had.

Dr. Curry then reported that four high school students were signed up to participate in the STEM program with Bloomsburg University in 2015-2016, in the cohorts of engineering and health science. He reported that the deadline for students to sign up for the program was April 15.

Lastly, Dr. Curry informed the board that Daniel and Monica Klingerman had started a scholarship at Pennsylvania College of Technology, with preference given to first-year students who had graduated from Loyalsock High School or Bloomsburg High School.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Ms. Leah Fogelsanger reported that a blood drive had been held at the high school on March 12 and that 58 pints of blood had been harvested. She also reported that the Snowball Dance has been rescheduled for April 18 and was now going to be called the Spring Fling Dance. She ended her report by saying that students had recently donated pajamas and books to the Women's Center.

Mr. Bonomo then gave his monthly high school report, which he started by saying that wording had been changed into the program of studies to clarify that middle school students who took world language electives would have the credits and grades count toward their total high school credits and cumulative GPA. Dr. Curry said that all middle school students would be notified of this and that there would also be a sign-off sheet.

Mr. Bonomo then echoed what Mrs. Crawford had said about the Bloomsburg boys' relay team being the first to earn the title of state champions, and also pointed out that Noah Crawford had won the gold medal at states in the breaststroke. He encouraged board members to go to spring sporting events and

support the teams, and ended his report by saying that the Class of 1964 would soon be holding a luncheon, at which point they would be giving the high school a check for the sign to be placed outside of the school.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Final Reading of Policies

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Hummel seconded, to approve on final reading the following policies:

- 009 – District-Issued Device Responsibility List
- 224 – Care of School Property
- 252A – District-Provided Technology Resources: Student Use, Rights and Responsibilities: Student E-mail Accounts and Web and Cloud-Based Storage and Web and Cloud-Based Applications
- 252B – District-Issued Devices: Student Use, Rights, and Responsibilities
- 352 – Employee Device Security Procedures and Training (Administrative Employees)
- 404 – Employment of Professional Employees
- 405 – Employment of Substitute Professional Employees
- 452 – Employee Device Security Procedures and Training (Professional Employees)
- 504 – Employment of Classified Personnel
- 505 – Employment of Substitute and Short-Term Employees
- 517 – Disciplinary Procedures
- 552 – Employee Device Security Procedures and Training (Classified Employees)
- 607 – Tuition Income
- 893 – Remote Access, Monitoring, and Tracking of District-Issued Devices
- 916 – School Volunteers

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Middle School and High School Student Handbooks

Mr. Hummel made the motion, which Ms. Kreisher seconded, to approve as presented the 2015-2016 Bloomsburg Middle School and Bloomsburg High School student handbooks. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of First Reading of Policy

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hummel, to approve as presented on first reading the revised Policy 806: Child Abuse and schedule it for final adoption at its 20 April 2015 meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit

Mr. Hummel made the motion, which Ms. Kreisher seconded, to approve as presented the 2015-2016 Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit budget in the total amount of \$883,254.00, with Bloomsburg Area School District's share being estimated at \$58,794.00 and actual share being based on actual use of services. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of School Board Meeting Schedule Amendment

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve amending the 2015 board of directors meeting schedule as follows:

- Cancel the 6 July 2015 special meeting and work session;
- Cancel the 20 July 2015 regular monthly meeting; and
- Reschedule the July 2015 regular monthly to 13 July 2015.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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

Mr. Hummel made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Kreisher, to approve the following out-of-state/overnight field trip requests:

- Bloomsburg High School Forensics students to the Pennsylvania High School Speech League State Champions at Susquehanna University and Selinsgrove High School from 20 March 2015 – 21 March 2015 at a cost to the district of approximately \$398.00;
- A Bloomsburg High School Band student to the PMEA All-State Orchestra Festival in Hershey, Pennsylvania from 25 March 2015 – 28 March 2015 at a cost to the district of \$1,038.00;
- The Bloomsburg Middle School eighth-grade team to Washington DC on 29 May 2015 at no cost to the district;
- A Math Counts student to the State Math Competition in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania from 27 March 2015 – 28 March 2015 at a cost to the district of \$195.98; and
- Bloomsburg High School Chorus students to All-State Chorus at Hershey, Pennsylvania from 25 March 2015 – 28 March 2015 at a cost to the district of \$1,112.00.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Donations

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to accept the following donations to the Bloomsburg Area School District:

- A monetary donation of \$25.00 to Bloomsburg Middle School, made by Kristin and Todd Seeley; and
- A monetary donation of \$20.00 for the Bloomsburg Middle School mosaic art project, made by Edward and Debra Gorak.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Revised Job Descriptions

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve as presented the following revised job descriptions:

- 21st-Century School Librarian K-8;
- 21st-Century School Librarian Grades 9-12; and
- Technology Technician.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Additional Positions

Mr. Hummel made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the following additional positions, effective 1 July 2015:

- Technology Technician at an annual salary of \$25,000 plus applicable benefits; and
- Tech Club Advisor at an annual stipend of \$3,250.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of PA State Audit Corrective Action Plan for Audit Years Ending 30 June 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Hummel seconded, to approve as presented the correction action plan for the state audit of years ending 30 June 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Revisions to Programs of Study

Mr. Hummel made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve as presented revisions to the Bloomsburg High School Programs of Study, effective for the 2015-2016 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Addressing of Grievance 2014-15-01

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Klingerman made a motion to move into executive session to discuss Grievance 2014-15-01, and Mr. Hummel seconded this motion. A voice vote was then taken, with a total of four yes vote and three no votes (being Mr. Hummel, Mr. Kramarz, and Ms. Kreisher). The motion to go into executive session failed.

Dr. Curry reported that this support staff grievance had been filed because the employee believed that the punishment of having four unpaid days of leave for allegedly not doing his/her job was unfair. Dr. Curry said that this employee had been written up three years ago for the same thing and that four unpaid days of leave was the next step in progressive discipline.

Ms. Kreisher then made a motion to deny Grievance 2014-15-01, and Mr. Hummel seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Approval of Classified Staff Leaves of Absence

Mr. Hummel made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the following classified staff leave of absence requests:

- Bloomsburg Middle School Custodian Yiquan Chen, effective 15 June 2015 – 10 July 2015;
- Bloomsburg Middle School Paraprofessional Rose Strausser, retroactive to 2 March 2015 – 16 March 2015; and
- W.W. Evans Elementary School Custodian Deewaynea Van Blargan, retroactive to 10 March 2015 – 10 June 2015.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Athletic Coach Resignation

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to accept the resignation of Head Boys' and Girls' Cross Country Coach Mary Michaels, retroactive to 2 March 2015. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Professional Substitute

Mr. Hummel made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Kreisher, to approve Stefanie Bressi (Elementary PreK-4) as a professional day-to-day substitute, effective 17 March 2015. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

INFORMATION

It was announced that the following items would appear on the next work session: Budget, Subcommittees, and State Champions' Photos.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was announced that the next special meeting and work session would be held on Tuesday, 7 April 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, 20 April 2015 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:53 p.m., Ms. Kreisher moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Howell then seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary