

Bloomsburg Area School District
Policy & Academic Affairs Committee Meeting

14 January 2026

6 p.m.

Bloomsburg Area Secondary Complex Enhanced Learning Center

Chairperson Stephanie Andreacci called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board members in attendance were: Stephanie Andreacci, Sam Bidleman, and Dawn Kehs Errifaiy.

Board members absent were: Amanda Orzolek.

Administrators in attendance were: Wendy Arnold, Jonathan J. Cleaver, Cara Dunn, Mary Rose Latorre, Christine Matash, Amy Melchiorre, Guy Moses, and Michelle Prybyla.

Guests in attendance were: Emily Higgins and Will Ralston.

Policy 005 – Agreement to change language so either Board President or Vice President can chair committees

Middle School to High School Credits

Agreement to grant middle students high school credits for high school classes taken while in middle school. Credits to be applied as electives.

MS-Dove Education

Starting in 2026-2027, Dove's curriculum will be used in health classes in grades 6-8. The following year, it will be sixth grade only.

Education CTE Program

Currently a four-year program. Discussed and agreed to change to two-year program. Freshman year may not be good timing, as it may be too soon to make that decision. It also allows students options to take other electives. The classes will be the same; the timing of courses are different.

Two-Hour Delay Days for Professional Development in 2026-2027

Professional development two-hour delay days would be planned instead of early dismissal days. Concerns from parents about early dismissal childcare. Two-hour delay would give 2.5 solid hours for staff. Secondary staff would start at 7 a.m. and elementary

staff would start at 7:30 a.m. Mr. Cleaver will discuss with the Superintendent's Advisory Committee.

District-wide Field Day

Will be held May 22, with all kids dropped off at the secondary complex for the day, with breakfast and lunch being provided and then students returning to their elementary schools for dismissal. The administrative team is working through logistics. Mrs. Arnold also discussed a middle school field day before the district-wide field day, to be used as a "test" of sorts.

PVAAS Data & Administrative Action Plan

Mrs. Melchiorre shared that administration plans to work on addressing the lack of student growth. Consistency with staff and administrative (which we have now) will be a big help. It was decided that time to review data as an administrative team and also at the grade-level/department level, should occur. Setting consistent expectations and making principal time in the classrooms should be a priority (as well as giving them the time to do it). Mrs. Melchiorre was asked to present to the board differently; in addition to the colored graphs, she was asked to present the growth scores/percentages (in the growth column).

NEST Clinic

Follow-up with Sam Faulkner at CSIU on this program. They are looking to utilize our existing staff or hire a staff member to be a part of the NEST team. We are declining participation at this time. We will utilize resources as needed.

Mr. Cleaver also noted that John Kurelja sent a message to all superintendents alerting them that federal grant funding for Addiction and MH treatment is being cut by \$2 million. This will affect funding for their NEST, MTSS, and Beyond Boundaries programs. Dr. Kurelja is asking superintendents to write letters of concern/support for the funding the remain. Mrs. Andreacci asked Mr. Cleaver to share this with the Board for those who may also want to write to our legislators.

Public Comment

Will Ralson asked that we reconsider discussing the needs assessment. This will be put on next month's agenda for reconsideration/discussion.

Mr. Cleaver shared that swim lessons through the YMCA will be with fourth-grade students district-wide, and we are waiting for more follow-up from the YMCA on days/times for planning.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. following a motion by Mrs. Kehs Errifaiy, a second by Mr. Bidleman, and a unanimous voice vote.