

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, 17 March 2014
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 7:01 p.m. on Monday, 17 March 2014, in the district office board room, followed by the pledge to the flag. Directors in attendance were: Mr. David Cantore, Mr. Brent Hock, Mr. Justin Hummel, Mr. Joshua Klingerman, Mr. Terry Kramarz, Ms. Marianne Kreisher, Mrs. Sandra Rupp, and Mr. Thomas Tobin. Mrs. Tina Howell was absent from the meeting.

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

Others present included: Mr. Chuck Chamberlain, Mr. Ian Chamberlain, Ms. Lori Chamberlain, Mrs. Bonnie Crawford, Mr. Jonah Crawford, Mr. Noah Crawford, Ms. Dawn Coulter, Mr. JC Dodge, Mr. Ryan Gible, Mr. Michael Griffin, Ms. Mr. Jason Hartman, Nicole Hartman, Mr. Lyell Hintz, Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Ms. Candace Levan, Ms. Amy Matthews, Mr. Rich Mattern, Mrs. Susan McGarry, Mr. James Orzolek, Mr. Jacob Ryan, Mrs. Denise Stone, Ms. Michelle Timbrell, and Mr. Colin Warren.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

At this point in the meeting, Athletic Director Ryan Gible introduced the members of the boys' swim team who had participated in the state competition. He reported that the team placed fourth overall in the state.

Mrs. Bonnie Crawford then addressed the board regarding the swim team. She said that the boys' team had been district champions for eight years in a row and that they deserved to be recognized, which is why she had been upset earlier in the season when the banners were not displayed in a timely manner. She also said there was confusion about what the district pays for state competitions. She said that the district did pay for one meal per day per student, but that she thought there should be a policy for this. Dr. Curry said he would check into the matter and report back to the board.

Mr. Rich Mattern then asked the board if the midget football/cheerleading team would be able to play on the high school field this year. Mr. Hock responded that yes, they would be permitted to do so, but that field maintenance was a top priority this year, so the midget organization should have a contingency plan for any days they would not be able to play on the high school field. Dr. Curry reiterated what Mr. Hock said, in that he and Mr. Hartman had a discussion about using the Streater farm field for 2015-2016 and utilizing Panther Field for the Super Bowl and the All-Star Game. Ms. Kreisher said that the midget organization would need to know far enough in advance if they would need to reschedule or relocate a game, and not just two days before the game. Mr. Klingerman said that he guessed that toward the end of the season, the midget team would likely not be able to play on the field. Dr. Curry said he would like to be able to let the midget organization know by Wednesday at the latest if a game would need to be rescheduled or relocated for the purpose of watering the field, but that this would not always be possible when rainstorms occur on the weekend. He asked the midget organization how games are rescheduled

when there is a heavy rainstorm on a Sunday. It was reported by the group that it is not always easy to reschedule a game. Dr. Curry was also asked about use of the press box, and he responded by saying that a trained person (not a student) would be permitted to operate the scoreboard and game clock and that person would be paid by the midget organization. Dr. Curry added that there should only be one person in the press box at a time, for safety and maintenance of the brand new press box. At the end of the discussion, Mr. Hock said that anyone with further questions should contact Dr. Curry during that week.

Mrs. Denise Stone then addressed the board to express her gratitude for Mr. Tim Latsha for the recent Bloomsburg High School production of "Grease."

Mr. Gobble then went over the winter sports 2014 report, which he distributed to board members. He pointed out that there were about 25 students on the girls' junior high soccer team this spring, and that they would be playing eight games. He said that there were approximately 25-30 girls on the field hockey team, so the addition of the girls' junior high soccer program had not hurt field hockey. Mr. Tobin then asked why the district stopped having student-athletes complete surveys at the conclusion of each sports season. Dr. Curry responded that about two years ago, the board had decided to have senior athletes only do an exit review of the program.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Hummel seconded, to approve the minutes of the 18 February 2014 regular monthly meeting and the 3 March 2014 special meeting and work session. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Ms. Kreisher moved to approve the financial reports for February 2014, and Mrs. Rupp seconded the motion. The motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mr. Hummel seconded, to approve the bills payable for 19 February – 17 March 2014, ranging from check #00036049 – check #00036200, including wire transfers totaling \$268,698.70, in the amount of \$945,348.28. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE – CAPITAL PROJECT FUND

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hummel, to approve the bills payable for the Capital Project Fund from 19 February 2014 – 17 March 2014, ranging from check #00010526 – check #00010527, in the amount of \$2,364.50. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Curry first reported on the ACE and STEM programs at Bloomsburg University. He said that three Bloomsburg High School students were enrolled in the STEM engineering program for 2013-2014. He said that next school year, there would be a STEM health science program, and that he hoped that eventually there would also be STEM math and technology programs. He said that this year, no student

had to pay to participate. Dr. Curry said he would invite STEM students to speak to the board at a future work session.

Next, Dr. Curry reported on the flood wall project. He said that SEDA-Cog no longer needed the district's property to park equipment, but that it did want to develop a permanent road on it. It was the consensus of the board that in order for the deal to be fair, the district should request an upgrade to its parking lot, and that it also wanted to make sure there would not be a decrease in the amount of parking available. Mr. Tobin asked to find out how much the easement property was valued at. Dr. Curry said he would find out what the property was valued at, and invite SEDA-Cog representatives back to talk to the board again.

Dr. Curry then reported that the principal of Saint Columba School (which enrolls students in Kindergarten through eighth grade) had approached him about the school creating a PIAA co-op with Bloomsburg Area School District for Junior High Cross Country for 2014-2015. He said that because Saint Columba School only went up through eighth grade, a co-op with them would not affect Bloomsburg's PIAA category. The board gave Dr. Curry the go-ahead to pursue this co-op, and Dr. Curry said that after an agreement was drafted, he would present it to the board at a future work session.

Lastly, Dr. Curry let the board know that the Northwest Susquehanna Chapter of Credit Unions had asked if it could hand out plastic megaphones at football games. Mr. Klingerman said he was fine with this, as long as the megaphones would be available at all other outdoor sporting events, as well. He also said he thought the district should get a donation for this free advertising. It was finally suggested that Dr. Curry should have the Northwest Susquehanna Chapter of Credit Unions contact the booster club about this.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Student Representative Keira Frazier reported that the drama club's production of "Grease" had sold out on two nights, that the National Honor Society induction ceremony would be held the following week, that regional band had just concluded, that the Interact Club had just completed a food drive, and that the previous week, approximately 70 students had donated blood at the school's blood drive.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Final Adoption of Policies

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve for final adoption Policy 218.1: Weapons. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cantore, to approve for final adoption Policy 220: Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Cantore seconded, to approve for final adoption Policy 913: Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

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

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

- Bloomsburg High School Student Council members to Troy, Pennsylvania for the Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils District 7 Conference on 4 April 2014 – 5 April 2014, at a cost to the district of \$212.12; and
- Bloomsburg Middle School eighth-grade students to Washington DC on 30 May 2014, at no cost to the district.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Homebound Instruction Request

Mrs. Rupp moved to approve a homebound instruction request for a Bloomsburg High School student, effective 17 March 2014 and lasting for at least 20 school days. Ms. Kreisher seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of CMAVTS 2014-2015 Budget

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Ms. Kreisher seconded, to approve the 2014-2015 Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School budget, in the amount of \$7,242,810, with BASD's share being \$804,418. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of CSIU 2014-2015 Budget

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Klingerman seconded, to approve the 2014-2015 Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit budget, in the amount of \$1,215,129, with Bloomsburg's share being pro-rated for actual services purchased at an estimated cost of \$63,603. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of BMS Emotional Support Program

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve adding an Emotional Support Program at Bloomsburg Middle School, effective for the start of the 2014-2015 school year, at an approximate cost of \$75,000.

Dr. Curry reported that 11 students were expected to be enrolled in this program in 2014-2015.

Mr. Cantore said that he didn't think the district should add a teacher for this program and also that he thought the emotional support program should be housed in the upstairs room (where it had been located in the past), not downstairs, as the administration suggested. He said that the district should at least use the upstairs room for one year to see how well it worked, since it was already set up. Dr. Curry and Ms. Christensen said they had met with Bloomsburg Middle School Principal Marc Freeman regarding the location of the emotional support classroom, and that they thought it would be best to have it downstairs, where it would be closer to Mr. Freeman's office, in case his intervention would be required. At the end of the discussion, Dr. Curry said that he would again meet with Ms. Christensen and Mr. Freeman to discuss what room would be best for the emotional support program.

The motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Agreement with CSIU Regarding BrightBytes

Mr. Hummel made the motion, which Mr. Klingerman seconded, to approve as presented the agreement with the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit regarding BrightBytes. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Low Bidder for BHS Window Replacement Project

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to accept the low bid of Zartman Construction for the Bloomsburg High School window replacement project at a total of \$730,883 for the base and bid alternates two and three.

It was reported that the bids for this project were opened at 2:00 p.m. prevailing time on 12 March 2014 at the district office. The bids received for this project were:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Bid Alt #1</u>	<u>Bid Alt #2</u>	<u>Bid Alt #3</u>	<u>Unit</u> <u>Cost –</u> <u>Interior</u>	<u>Unit</u> <u>Cost –</u> <u>Exterior</u>
T-Ross Brothers (Montandon, PA)	\$699,000.00	\$366,000.00	\$15,900.00	\$29,500.00	\$45.00	\$215.00
Total for Base & Bid Alternates 2 & 3 = \$744,400.00						
Zartman Construction (Northumberland, PA)	\$676,000.00	\$298,182.00	\$21,000.00	\$33,883.00	\$75.17	\$265.25
Total for Base & Bid Alternates 2 & 3 = \$730,883.00						
Sunryse Construction (Stuart, FL)	\$1,210,000.00	<\$280,000.00>\$30,000.00		\$40,000.00	\$30.00	\$100.00
Total for Base & Bid Alternates 2 & 3 = \$1,000,000.00						

Mrs. Susan McGarry said that Zartman Construction would have from mid-June until mid-August to complete the project.

The motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Amended 2013-2014 Calendar

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the amended 2013-2014 district calendar to include four Act 80 Days.

Dr. Curry explained that the first step in asking for Act 80 exceptions from the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) was to have the school board approve the amended calendar, with the four Act 80 Days included therein. He said that if approved by the school board, he would then submit an application to PDE, and that PDE would let him know if the request was approved, likely in mid to late April.

At this point, Ms. Kreisher moved to amend the motion to make it read: Approve the amended 2013-2014 district calendar to include four Act 80 Days, contingent upon approval by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Mr. Tobin seconded this motion.

In the discussion that followed the motion to amend the original motion, it was decided that this new motion may not be satisfactory to PDE. Dr. Curry asked that the minutes and web site clearly reflect that if the motion to approve the amended 2013-2014 district calendar to include four Act 80 Days was approved by the school board, that the final approval was still contingent upon approval of the four Act 80 Days by PDE, and that the district would not know if PDE had approved the Act 80 Days until approximately mid to late April. This is the information that would be given to the public regarding the amended calendar:

The school board supported amending the 2013-2014 calendar to include four Act 80 Days to be used for curriculum development, SLOs, and other current PDE initiatives in which we are currently involved. If approved by PDE, the last day for students, as of today, would be June 5th and the Act 80 Days would be June 6th, 9th, 10th, and 11th. To clarify the process, Dr. Curry has made application to PDE for these Act 80 Days and until he receives confirmation (which should be mid to late April), the last student day is still June 11th. Anyone with questions is asked to direct them to Dr. Curry either by calling or e-mailing him.

After this discussion, the motion reading: Approve the amended 2013-2014 district calendar to include four Act 80 Days, contingent upon approval by the Pennsylvania Department of Education was voted down by a unanimous voice vote.

Dr. Curry said that if approved, the four Act 80 Days would be used for professional development. He also said that as of that date, seniors would need to attend school on one Saturday, and that another amended calendar would need to come to the board to request approval for this Saturday for seniors, probably at the 22 April 2014 board meeting.

At the end of the discussion, the original motion passed by a vote of six yes votes to two no votes (being Mr. Kramarz and Mr. Tobin).

Acceptance of Donations

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Kramarz, to accept the following donations to the Beaver-Main Elementary School library:

- “Boomer Goes to School,” from Christine Ulrich in memory of Terrie Bennett;
- “Boomer’s Big Day” from Sara Broadt in memory of Terrie Bennett;
- “The Day the Crayons Quit” from Suzanne Yartz and Angie Lapchak in memory of Terrie Bennett;
- “Friendship According to Humphrey” from Lori Gebhart and Tara Young in memory of Terrie Bennett;
- “I Ain’t Gonna Point No More!” from Jillette Smith in memory of Terrie Bennett;
- “Mr. Wuffles” from Barbara Fritz in memory of Terrie Bennett;
- “Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine, and a Miracle” from Jamie Thrush in memory of Terrie Bennett;
- “Scaredy Squirrel Goes Camping” from Joyce Campenni in memory of Terrie Bennett;
- “Warning: Do Not Open This Book!” from Nicole Belles in memory of Terrie Bennett;
- “Surprise Attack of Jabba the Puppet” from the Weber-Loomis family;
- “Skull in the Rock” from the Weber-Loomis family;
- “Unspoken” from the Weber-Loomis family;
- “Adelita” from the Weber-Loomis family;
- “Oliver Button is a Sissy” from the Weber-Loomis family;
- “First Big Book of the Ocean” from the Weber-Loomis family;
- “Where the Mountain Meets the Moon” from the Weber-Loomis family;
- “Manatee Scientists” from the Weber-Loomis family;
- “Helen’s Big World” from the Weber-Loomis family; and
- “Rhyming Dust Bunnies” from the Weber-Loomis family.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Approval of Athletic Coaches

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the following individuals as Spring 2014 athletic coaches:

- Sara Turner as a Volunteer Softball Coach; and
- Chelsea Lamoreaux as the Assistant Junior High Field Hockey Coach at Step 1 and a stipend of \$1,274.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Classified Staff Leaves of Absence

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the following classified staff leaves of absence:

- Memorial Elementary School Paraprofessional Valerie Whitebread, retroactive to 24 February 2014 through 31 March 2014; and
- Memorial Elementary School Custodian William Miller, from 27 June 2014 through 27 September 2014.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Reapproval of CSIU Director

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Klingerman seconded, to reapprove Justin Hummel as the Bloomsburg Area School District representative serving on the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Board of Directors, for a term of 1 July 2014 through 30 June 2017. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Professional Staff Retirement

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Kreisher, to accept the retirement of Beaver-Main Elementary School/Memorial Elementary School Physical Education Teacher Suzann Schiemer, effective at the conclusion of the first semester (93 days) of the 2014-2015 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of New Professional and Classified Staff Positions

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve adding the following positions, effective for the start of the 2014-2015 school year: One teacher for the emotional support classroom at Bloomsburg Middle School, and two classroom paraprofessionals for the emotional support classroom at Bloomsburg Middle School. The motion passed by a voice vote of seven yes votes to one no vote (being Mr. Cantore).

Acceptance of Classified Staff Resignation

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to accept the resignation of W.W. Evans Elementary School Paraprofessional Cherie Karas, effective 19 March 2014. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Professional Staff Leave of Absence Extension

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which Ms. Kreisher seconded, to approve a professional staff leave of absence extension for W.W. Evans Elementary School Teacher Robert Cromley through 19 March 2014.

The motion passed by a voice vote of five yes votes to three no votes (being Mr. Hummel, Mr. Klingerman, and Mr. Tobin).

Approval of Classified Staff

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve Erika Davis as a Memorial Elementary School Paraprofessional, at \$8.50 per hour and with benefits as per the negotiated contract, effective 18 March 2014. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Classified Staff Retirement

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to accept the retirement of Bloomsburg High School Cashier Nancy Martz, effective at the end of the 2013-2014 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

INFORMATION

It was reported that the following items would appear on the next work session agenda: Budget, Graduates of Distinction Induction Ceremony, Staff Recognition Dinner, Policy Font, GPA Issues, Scheduling of Middle School Student for High School Classes, Panther Logo, and Meals for Athletes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was announced that the next special meeting and work session would be held on Monday, 7 April 2014 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room, and that the next regular monthly meeting would be held on Tuesday, 22 April 2014 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:20 p.m., Ms. Kreisher made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Hummel seconded this motion. The motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary