

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, 18 August 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 7:00 p.m. on Monday, 18 August 2014, 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 and Mr. Michael Upton.

Others present included: Mrs. Bonnie Crawford, Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Mr. Ed Knorr, and Ms. Deb Zollman Krupp.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

Ms. Zollman Krupp addressed the board to voice concern about having heard that there are 28 students in each fifth-grade classroom at Memorial Elementary School. She also said she was concerned about why the elementary principal had resigned so suddenly and she hoped administrative evaluations were being shared with the appropriate individuals. Lastly, she said she believed the school board should have more of a vision for the district rather than just being reactive.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hummel made the motion, which Ms. Kreisher seconded, to approve the minutes of the 21 July 2014 regular monthly meeting, the 4 August 2014 special meeting and work session, and the 11 August 2014 special meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve the financial reports for July 2014. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE

Mr. Hummel made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Tobin, to approve the bills payable for 22 July 2014 – 18 August 2014, ranging from check #00036924 – check #00037158, including wire transfers totaling \$251,314.62, in the amount of \$1,519,966.00.

Mr. Tobin suggested the district could make available old laptops that it was no longer using to economically disadvantaged students in the district. Furthermore, he recommended the district check to see if either Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School students or Bloomsburg University students could help in “cleaning up” the laptops before they were given away.

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE – CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Mr. Hummel made the motion, which Mr. Kramarz seconded, to approve the bills payable for the Capital Project Fund from 22 July 2014 – 18 August 2014, ranging from check #00001786 – check #00001787, in the amount of \$154,610.56. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE – CAPITAL PROJECT FUND

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the bills payable for the Capital Project Fund from 22 July 2014 – 18 August 2014, ranging from check #00010532 – check #00010536, in the amount of \$541,920.28. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Curry reported that the district’s agreement with Bloomsburg University concerning the football using the university’s athletic facilities in case of an emergency was in the process of being completed.

Next, Dr. Curry reported that the district was examining the possibility of tapping into the town’s main water line in order to water all the athletic fields west of the high school/middle school parking lot for the timeframe of May through September, possibly in to October. Dr. Curry said he would like to know if he had the support of the board in continuing his conversation about this with SEDA-Cog and United Water representatives. Dr. Curry said he would report back to the board once more information was available.

Lastly, Dr. Curry reported that the district’s market value had decreased by 1.53% and that about 42% of the student population was considered economically disadvantaged. He then reported that the district was starting the 2014-2015 school year with 1,572 students in grades K-12.

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of JOC Member

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Hummel seconded, to approve Leo Yodock as Bloomsburg Area School District’s Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School Joint Operating Committee alternate, effective 19 August 2014. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Donation

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Howell, to accept the \$200 to be used toward prizes for the Bloomsburg Middle School Science and Technology Fair, donated by Kydex. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of First Reading of Policy 252

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve on first reading and schedule for final adoption at its 15 September 2014 meeting the revised Policy 252: Electronic Devices. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Revisions to Athletic Handbook

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve as presented the revisions to the Bloomsburg Area School District Athletic Handbook.

Ms. Kreisher pointed out that the list of job responsibilities for the athletic director did not include his/her responsibility to help students with the recruitment process. The board agreed they would like this to be added before the revised athletic handbook was approved.

A voice vote was then taken and the motion failed by a unanimous negative vote.

Approval of Superintendent's Goals for 2014-2015

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which Mr. Tobin seconded, to approve as presented the superintendent's goals for 2014-2015. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Professional Development Proposal

Ms. Kreisher moved to approve the proposal of Elizabeth Ann Moorcones for balanced literacy professional development for 2014-2015 in the amount of \$20,000. Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion, which then passed by a voice vote of seven yes votes to one no vote (being Mr. Hummel).

Approval of Facilities Use Agreement with Bloomsburg University

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mr. Kramarz seconded, to approve as presented the Facilities Use Agreement with Bloomsburg University for use of its athletic fields for Fall 2014 sports as needed. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:05 p.m., Ms. Kreisher made the motion to move into executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters. Mr. Yodock seconded this motion, which then passed by a voice vote of six yes votes to two no votes (being Mr. Hummel and Mr. Tobin). The executive session lasted until 8:23 p.m.

Addressing of Grievance 14-1

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to deny Grievance 14-1. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Easements

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve following four easements pertaining to the flood wall project:

- Easement 1 – Temporary Flood Wall Projection Easement;
- Easement 2 – Permanent Required Right-of-Way Easement;
- Easement 3 – Permanent Easement (Flood Wall Structure); and
- Easement 4 – Permanent Storm Sewer Easement.

The motion passed by a voice vote of seven yes votes to one no vote (being Mr. Yodock).

PERSONNEL

Approval of Professional Day-to-Day Substitutes

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the following individuals as professional day-to-day substitutes, effective 19 August 2014: Rachael Harris, Lauren Holmes, Christopher Kimmel (pending receipt of his tuberculosis test results), Jessica Kasarda (pending receipt of her Act 34, 114, and 151 clearances and her tuberculosis test results), Kathryn Oswald, Kyrie Snarski, Amiann VanDine (pending receipt of her tuberculosis test results), Rebecca Weikel, Paul Chapman, Stephen Fluck, Debra Gorak, Dawn Harvey, Debra Heckel, Pamela Jacks, Marti Luxardo, Gerard Mattive, Morgana Miller, John Politis, Mark Potora, and Melonie Vognetz. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Classified Staff Resignations

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to accept the classified staff resignations of Bloomsburg High School Paraprofessional Rebecca Minier, retroactive to 11 August 2014, and Bloomsburg Middle School Paraprofessional Fatma Elemam, retroactive to 10 August 2014. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Professional Staff Resignation

Mr. Hummel made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Kramarz, to accept the resignation of Bloomsburg High School Full-Time Spanish Teacher Gina Dinko, retroactive to 13 August 2014. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Long-Term Professional Substitute Resignation

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to accept the resignation of Long-Term Middle School English Substitute Teacher Jon Liem, retroactive to 8 August 2014. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Professional Staff

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve Mark Harris as a Bloomsburg High School Full-Time Spanish Teacher at Step 6B Doctorate and an annual salary of \$49,786 and with benefits as per the negotiated professional staff agreement, retroactive to 15 August 2014. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve Martha Kanaskie as a Bloomsburg High School Full-Time Physics and Chemistry Teacher at Step 12 Masters and an annual pro-rated salary of \$58,100 and with benefits as per the negotiated professional staff agreement, effective 19 August 2014. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Classified Staff Leaves of Absence

Mr. Hummel made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Kreisher, to approve a leave of absence request for Bloomsburg High School Paraprofessional Johanna Nenstiel, effective 19 August 2014 until further notice, and also accepted a leave of absence request for W.W. Evans Elementary School Paraprofessional Lori Ebright, effective 19 August 2014 until further notice. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Change to Professional Staff Leave of Absence

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve changing the request of Bloomsburg Middle School Health & Physical Education Teacher Carmela Franco's for a leave of absence from 9 September 2014 with an approximate return date of 21 October 2014 to 30 September 2014 through 11 November 2014. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Athletic Coach

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Ms. Kreisher seconded, to approve Robert Noll as the Seventh-Grade Girls' Basketball Coach for the 2014-2015 season, at Step 2 and a stipend of \$1,337.00. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Stipend for Interim Elementary Principal

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve a stipend of \$650 per week for Ryan Moran to serve as the interim principal of Beaver-Main Elementary School and W.W. Evans Elementary School until a permanent principal is hired, retroactive to 11 August 2014. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Classified Staff

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve Sherry Humphrey and Jenny Remphrey as classified substitutes, effective 19 August 2014. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Classified Staff Retirement

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Kramarz seconded, to accept the retirement of W.W. Evans Elementary School Custodian Jerry Konen, retroactive to 15 August 2014. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

INFORMATION

Mr. Hummel requested that the topic "Comprehensive Plan" appear on the next work session for discussion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was announced that the next special meeting and work session would be held on Tuesday, 2 September 2014 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room, and that the next regular monthly meeting would be held on Monday, 15 September 2014 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:44 p.m., Ms. Kreisher moved to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Howell seconded the motion. The motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary