

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Regular Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, 18 February 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 Tuesday, 18 February 2014, in the district office board room, followed by the pledge to the flag. Directors in attendance were: Mr. David Cantore, Mr. Brent Hock, Mrs. Tina Howell, Mr. Justin Hummel, Mr. Terry Kramarz, and Mrs. Sandra Rupp. Mr. Josh Klingerman, Ms. Marianne Kreisher, and Mr. Thomas Tobin were absent from the meeting.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Ms. Donna Christensen (left at 7:22 p.m.), Dr. Cosmas Curry, Mr. Chris Groody (left at 7:22 p.m.), and Mr. Mike Upton.

Others present included: Ms. Antonina Albrecht, Mr. Colton Hock, Ms. Stephanie Kessler, and Ms. Kimberly Shetler.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

At this time, Bloomsburg High School Senior Colton Hock spoke on behalf on the Class of 2014, stating that his class did not want the graduation date to be changed from 6 June 2014. He distributed to school directors a petition, signed by all members of the Class of 2014, stating that they wanted to keep graduation on 6 June 2014. Colton also distributed to school directors a list of some seniors' reasons for not wanting the date of graduation to change.

Kimberly Shetler, a parent who has a senior at Bloomsburg High School, urged the school board to look at other options to changing the date of graduation. She said that some regional high schools in the same position at Bloomsburg were having seniors attend school on Saturdays to make up snow days.

Mr. Hock said that he and Dr. Curry had just begun talking about the issue earlier that day and that they were committed to making a decision soon. Dr. Curry said that if at all possible, he would like to see graduation held on 6 June 2014. In order for this to occur, he said that there were three upcoming Saturdays on which seniors could attend school and that the board would be voting later in the meeting on using 14 March 2014 as a make-up day. He went on to say that because of contractual issues, school could not be made up on certain upcoming vacation days. Lastly, he voiced concern over the fact that there were still eight weeks of winter left and the possibility of more severe winter weather and flooding.

Mr. Hummel reported on his recent National School Board Association (NSBA) trip to Washington DC. He said that he'd had the opportunity to talk with school board members from across the country, and that Bloomsburg Area School District was well ahead of the game with regards to other issues in public education that other districts facing. Mr. Hummel said he would give a lengthier report on his trip when all school board members were present.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Hummel made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the minutes of the 20 January 2014 regular monthly meeting and the 3 February 2014 special meeting and work session. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE

Mr. Hummel made the motion to approve the bills payable for 21 January 2014 – 18 February 2014, ranging from check #00035896 – check #00036048, including wire transfers totaling \$304,978.82, in the amount of \$974,182.36. Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE – CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Mr. Kramarz made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the bills payable for the Capital Reserve Fund from 21 January 2014 – 18 February 2014, ranging from check #00001781 – check #00001784, in the amount of \$106,445.82. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Curry started his report by saying that the issue of the Class of 2014's graduation date would be discussed at the March 3 work session.

Dr. Curry then reported that a recent superintendents' meeting held at the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU), superintendents were introduced to a group called Bright Bytes, which uses data to help administrators make decisions about student learning. Dr. Curry said that he was very interested in learning more about Bright Bytes, which the CSIU might help in underwriting. He said that he would learn more about this service, including a specific cost, and that he would then share this with the school board.

Lastly, Dr. Curry reported on the issue of the Bloomsburg High School Golf Team playing golf at The Links instead of Frosty Valley Country Club. He said that he and Golf Coach Steve Bressi had recently met with Matt Gilbert from The Links to discuss concerns about the golf team playing at The Links. What it came down to, Dr. Curry said, was that if the golf team used The Links as its home course, it would need to also go to Tee-to-Green to use its driving range. Dr. Curry said that he thought the meeting was positive, but that afterwards Mr. Gilbert rescinded his offer of free memberships to golf team members. In conclusion, Dr. Curry said that the golf team would continue to use Frosty Valley Country Club as its home course.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Final Adoption of Policies

Mr. Hummel made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve for final adoption Policy 210: Student Health Services/Use of Medications and Policy 210.1: Possession/Use of Asthma Inhalers/Epipens. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of First Reading of Policies

Mr. Cantore made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve on first reading and schedule for final adoption at its 17 March 2014 meeting Policy 218.1: Weapons. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Hummel then made the motion to approve on first reading and schedule for final adoption at its 17 March 2014 meeting Policy 220: Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials and Policy 913: Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals. Mr. Kramarz seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Homebound Instruction Request

Mr. Hummel moved to approve a homebound instruction request for a Bloomsburg High School student, retroactive to 31 January 2014 and lasting for a period of at least 20 school days. Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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

Mr. Cantore moved to approve the following out-of-state/overnight field trip requests:

- Bloomsburg High School Band students to Region IV Band at Western Wayne High School from 12 March 2014 – 14 March 2014, at a cost to the district of \$723.00; and
- Robotic Engineering Team students to Dayton, Ohio for the XTREME BOTS Spring 2014 Competition from 21 March 2014 – 23 March 2014, at a cost to the district of \$417.00.

After Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion, it passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Purchasing Water Wheel

Mr. Cantore made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve purchasing a water wheel at a cost not to exceed \$8,900 and a powered booster pump package for additional water pressure not to exceed \$3,400. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of MOU with Bloomsburg Police et al.

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which Mr. Cantore seconded, to approve as presented the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 Memorandum of Understanding between the Bloomsburg Area School District and the Bloomsburg Police Department, Hemlock Township Police Department, Main Township Police Department, Montour Township Police Department, and the Pennsylvania State Police. The motion passed by a voice vote of five yes votes and one no vote (being Mr. Hummel).

Approval of Middle School and High School Student Handbooks

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Howell, to approve as presented the 2014-2015 Bloomsburg Middle School and Bloomsburg High School student handbooks.

Mr. Cantore said that he would like the section in the handbooks pertaining to the dress code to be reviewed for the following school year.

The motion then passed by a voice vote of five yes votes and one no vote (being Mr. Cantore).

Approval of 2014-2015 Calendar

Mr. Hummel made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve as presented the 2014-2015 Bloomsburg Area School District calendar.

During discussion, Dr. Curry said that administrators were considering a Saturday graduation for June 2015 so as to not be in the same situation they were in for the current school year. He also said that there's some merit to not announcing the date of graduation until mid-April of that year, as other districts do.

Mr. Hock asked that if changes to the calendar, such as changing the date of graduation, are going to be made, that the changes be brought to the school board before principals make the announcement to students.

Following discussion, the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of 2013-2014 Calendar Amendment

Mr. Hummel made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve amending the 2013-2014 Bloomsburg Area School District calendar so that 14 March 2014 is a snow make-up day rather than a day off. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of 2014 Summer Programs

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the following Summer 2014 summer programs:

- KinderCamp
 - o Location: Memorial Elementary School
 - o Dates: June 23 – July 23 – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
 - o Time: 9:30-11:30 a.m. each day
 - o Two teachers @ approximately 44.5 hours/each (\$22/hour) = \$1,958
 - o Two paraprofessionals @ approximately 37.5 hours/each (hourly pay rate) = approximately \$640
- Bloomsburg University Reading Program
 - o Location: Memorial Elementary School
 - o Dates: June 23 – July 23 – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
 - o Time: 9:30-11:30 a.m. each day
 - o No teachers needed – BU student volunteers
 - o Reading Program Liaison - \$22/hour x approximately 76 hours = \$1,672
- Extended School Year (ESY)
 - o Location: July 21-24, July 28-31, August 11-12
 - o Time: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
 - o Three to four teachers needed @ approximately 35 hours/each (\$22/hour) = \$2,310 - \$3,080

- Three to four paraprofessionals needed @ approximately 30 hours/each (hourly pay rate) = approximately \$780 - \$1020

- High School Summer School

- Location: Bloomsburg High School
- Dates: June 13 – July 3
- Hours: Session I – 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. & Session II – 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Courses Offered: English 9, English 10, Algebra, Geometry, Social Studies, Graduation Project
- One teacher per course @ \$22/hour

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Transfer of Funds from Unrestricted Fund Balance to Committed Fund Balance for PSERS and Flood Wall

Mr. Kramarz made the motion, which Mr. Hummel seconded, to approve transferring \$1,000,000 from the unrestricted fund balance to the committed fund balance for the flood wall protection project and to recommit \$500,000 of committed swimming pool renovation funds to PSERS. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Approval of Spring Athletic Coaches

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cantore, to approve as indicated the Spring 2014 athletic coaches:

Spring	Head varsity baseball *already approved*	Keith Thrush	1	\$2,114.00
	Assistant baseball	Chris Malatesta	1	\$1,268.00
	Assistant baseball *already approved*	Richard Klingerman	6	\$1,768.00
	Assistant baseball *already approved*	Josh Stewart	3	\$1,468.00
	Volunteer baseball	Matt Stone		
	Head varsity softball	Brian Wawroski	3	\$2,364.00
	Assistant softball	Mary Jo Yocum	2	\$1,368.00
	Assistant softball	Todd Mrozek	5	\$1,668.00
	Volunteer softball	Karl Luxardo		
	Volunteer softball	Brad Benscoter		
	Head boys track	Earl "Bing" Pursel	4	\$2,489.00
	Head girls track	Steve Weigle	3	\$2,364.00
	Assistant track	Jalon Orzolek	2	\$1,368.00
	Assistant track	Mary Michaels	2	\$1,368.00
	Assistant track	Bob Moore	9	\$2,068.00
	Assistant track - 1/2-time position	Chris Sokoloski	3	\$734.00
	Volunteer track	Dan Lawton		

	Volunteer track	Mike Schlauch		
	Volunteer track	Marc Francola		
	Volunteer track	Chris Stanziale		
	Volunteer track	Avery Keefer		
	Volunteer track	Rikki Feerrar		
	Volunteer track	Tom Hughes		
	Head boys tennis	Bill Finnerty	9	\$2,825.00
	Volunteer boys tennis	Lauren Mayse		
	Volunteer boys tennis	Matt Sokoloski		
	Volunteer boys tennis	Phil Burrell		
	Volunteer boys tennis	George Lynn		
	Head Jr high field hockey	Chuck Baker	16 (16 yrs)	\$4,424.00
	Assistant Jr high field hockey			
	Volunteer jr high girls' soccer	Angela Brown		
	Volunteer jr high girls' soccer	David Van Horn		
	Spring weight room supervisor	Kevin Klock		\$7.25/hr

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Professional Day-to-Day Substitute

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cantore, to approve the following individuals as professional day-to-day substitutes, effective 19 February 2014:

- Casey Coombe – Elementary Ed, Special Ed, & English 7-12;
- Danielle Hackenberg – Elementary Ed & Special Ed;
- Desiree Hartzel – Elementary Ed & Special Ed;
- Serena Horan – Grades PreK-4;
- Kallie Liendo – Citizenship 7-12, pending receipt of her PA Teaching Certificate;
- Megan Titter – Early Childhood Ed & Elementary Ed;
- Christa Wynn – Grades PreK-4 Regular Ed & grades PreK-8 Special Ed.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Classified Staff

Mr. Cantore made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve Samantha Sobolesky as a Memorial Elementary School Personal Care Aide, at \$8.50 per hour and with benefits as per the negotiated contract, effective upon receipt of her Act 34, 114, and 151 clearances and her tuberculosis test results. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Substitute Bus Driver

Mr. Cantore made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve Garrett Lowe as a substitute bus driver through FishingCreek Transportation for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Classified Substitute

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cantore, to approve Stephanie Vogt as a classified substitute, effective 19 February 2014. 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, Administrative Professional Development, Certified PA Evaluator – County Position Funded by BASD, Graduation Date, and Protocol for After-School Activities When School is Closed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was announced that the next special meeting and work session would be held on Monday, 3 March 2014, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room, that the annual stakeholders' meeting would be held on Monday, 10 March 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, 17 March 2014, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:13 p.m., Mrs. Howell moved to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion. The motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary