

**Bloomsburg Area School District  
Board of School Directors  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Monday, 19 May 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, 19 May 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: Mr. Steve Bressi (left at 7:28 p.m.), Dr. Cosmas Curry, Mr. Chris Groody (left at 7:28 p.m.), and Mr. Michael Upton.

Others present included: Ms. Jennifer Bates, Mrs. Bonnie Crawford, Ms. Keira Frazier (left at 8:03 p.m.), Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Ms. Deb Krupp, Mrs. Nancy McBride, Mr. Scott McBride, Mr. Michael Nailor (left at 7:20 p.m.), and Ms. Brenda Pitonyak.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK**

Ms. Jennifer Bates, Mr. Michael Nailor, and Ms. Brenda Pitonyak all voiced concern about the Bloomsburg High School librarian position being eliminated after this school year due to the current librarian's retirement. Ms. Bates and Mr. Nailor said they thought the role of the librarian should change, to incorporate more technology into the position. Mrs. Bonnie Crawford said she would like to see more rigor in the library so that students would be better prepared for college.

Mr. Bressi reported that technology and research methods were being taught to high school students in the classroom, citing Mrs. Robin Callahan's class as a prime example. He recognized Mrs. Bonnie Crawford's work in creating a graduates' bulletin board in the high school that showed what each graduate planned to do after graduation. He reported that the following week, there would be a hands-on demonstration of textology in the high school cafeteria, which would aim to show students the dangers of texting and driving. Lastly, he reported that Keystone Exams had finished that day, that baccalaureate was scheduled for June 5, and that commencement was scheduled for June 6.

Next, Mr. Groody reported that DIAL 4 screening for the following year's incoming Kindergarten students had just been completed, that the scores were in, and that the data was being reviewed in preparation for creating Kindergarten class lists for 2014-2015. He also reported that outdoor education was scheduled to be held at Beaver-Main Elementary School that week and that Kindergarten and fifth-grade graduations were coming up.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mr. Hummel seconded, to approve the minutes of the 22 April 2014 regular monthly meeting, the 24 April 2014 special meeting, and the 5 May 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 April 2014. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to approve the bills payable for 23 April 2014 – 19 May 2014, ranging from check #00036398 – check #00036564, including wire transfers totaling \$340,355.54, in the amount of \$996,382.68. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE – CAPITAL PROJECT FUND**

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Ms. Kreisher seconded, to approve the bills payable for the Capital Project Fund from 23 April 2014 – 19 May 2014, being check #00010529, in the amount of \$1,100.00. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Curry went over Policy 249: Bullying/Cyberbullying, stating that the policy needed to be reviewed every three years, as per Chapter 10. He said he was not recommending any changes at that time, and none of the school directors recommended any changes, either.

Dr. Curry then reviewed with school directors Policy 916: School Volunteers. It was determined that because the policy was comprehensive, it did not need any changes at this time.

Next, Dr. Curry reported that he had talked with an attorney regarding the main panther logo the district was using, and that the attorney would charge \$650 to research if this logo needed to be trademarked or copyrighted. Mr. Tobin asked what Dr. Curry had found on public domain, saying that using a logo from public domain would likely only cost a one-time fee of \$150-\$200 for the license. The board then directed Dr. Curry to check with Miller Flooring, the company that had incorporated the current main logo into the design of the high school gymnasium floor, to see where the source of the logo.

### **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

Ms. Frazier referred to the prom invitations given to each of the board members, stating that they were welcome to attend this year's prom. She then reported that the Pops Concert was scheduled for May 22 and that Keystone Exams had concluded. She said that this would be the last meeting she would attend, as a new representative had been named.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Approval of Elementary Handbooks**

Mr. Hummel made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve as presented the 2014-2015 elementary handbooks. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Athletic Handbook**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve as presented the 2014-2015 athletic handbook. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Lunch and Breakfast Prices**

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the following breakfast and lunch prices for the 2014-2015 school year:

- Elementary breakfast - \$1.05;
- Elementary lunch - \$2.20;
- Secondary breakfast - \$1.15; and
- Secondary lunch - \$2.45.

The motion passed by a voice vote of six yes votes to two no votes (being Mr. Hock and Ms. Kreisher).

### **Approval of First Reading of Policies**

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve on first reading and schedule for final adoption at the 16 June 2014 meeting the following policies:

- Policy 008: Organization Chart; and
- Policy 227: Use of Authorized Substances.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Facilities Use Agreement with Bloomsburg University**

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Kramarz, to approve as presented the facilities use agreement with Bloomsburg University.

In order to be clearer, Ms. Kreisher then made the motion to amend the motion to read: Approve as presented the facilities use agreement with Bloomsburg University, with the cost to be reimbursement to the Bloomsburg Area School District by the Bloomsburg Football Boosters. Mr. Kramarz seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

The amended motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Mileage Rates for Bus Trips**

Mr. Cantore made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to approve increasing the mileage rate for field trips and athletic trips for Bloomsburg Area School District bus contractors from \$2.23 per mile in 2013-2014 to \$2.26 per mile in 2014-2015, effective 1 July 2014. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution**

Mr. Hummel made the motion, which Mr. Tobin seconded, to approve as presented the 2014 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Auditor Proposal**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion to approve as presented the Audit Engagement Proposal and Quotation by Forgett & Kerstetter, P.C., for the fiscal years ending 30 June 2014, at a cost of \$12,200; 30 June 2015, at a cost of \$12,575; and 30 June 2016, at a cost of \$12,950. Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

## **PERSONNEL**

### **Reapproval of Board Secretary**

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mr. Cantore seconded, to reapprove Sandra Rupp as the Board Secretary from 1 July 2014 – 30 June 2015. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Reapproval of Assistant Secretary**

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cantore, to reapprove Michael Upton as the Assistant Board Secretary from 1 July 2014 – 30 June 2015. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Reapproval of Board Treasurer**

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to reapprove Tina Howell as the Board Treasurer from 1 July 2014 – 30 June 2015. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Reapproval of Solicitor**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Hummel seconded, to reapprove Atty. Noah Naparstek as the district's solicitor with Derr, Pursel, Luschas, and Naparstek as its firm from 1 July 2014 – 30 June 2015 with a retainer fee of \$1,100 and an hourly fee of \$125. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Reapproval of Athletic Director**

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hummel, to reapprove Ryan Gible as the BASD Athletic Director at a salary of \$22,000.00 from 1 July 2014 – 30 June 2015.

Ms. Kreisher said that she would be voting against this motion, as she thought Mr. Gible was lacking as a problem-solver and an advocate for students. She elaborated that she had seen him walk away from conflict rather than standing up for student-athletes and coaches. Mr. Klingerman said that Mr. Gible was working hard, that he really wanted the job, and was learning, and Mr. Hock said that he had seen improvement in Mr. Gible's performance. Mr. Tobin asked if Mr. Gible had received a positive evaluation for last school year, and Dr. Curry replied that he had.

After discussion, the motion passed by a voice vote of seven yes votes to one no vote (being Ms. Kreisher).

### **Acceptance of Classified Staff Retirement**

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to accept the retirement of Part-Time Memorial Elementary School Custodian Elmer Phillips, effective 29 May 2014, and to add him to the approved classified substitute list. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Acceptance of Classified Staff Resignation Retraction**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Tobin seconded, to accept the resignation retraction of Full-Time Memorial Elementary School Custodian Tom Hughes. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Acceptance of Classified Staff Resignations**

Mr. Hummel made the motion, which Ms. Kreisher seconded, to accept the following classified staff resignations:

- Memorial Elementary School Secretary Melissa Lindenfeld, with her last day of work being 27 May 2014; and
- Part-Time Beaver-Main Elementary School Custodian Eddy Petock, retroactive to 16 May 2014.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Classified Staff Transfers**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the following classified staff transfers:

- Heather Beagle from Classified Substitute to Bloomsburg Middle School Seventh-Grade Paraprofessional at \$8.50 per hour and with benefits as per the negotiated contract, effective for the start of the 2014-2015 school year;
- Wendy Zajac from Classified Substitute to Two-Hour-Per-Day Bloomsburg High School Cafeteria Staff at \$8.25 per hour and with benefits as per the negotiated contract, effective 20 May 2014;
- Tom Hughes from Full-Time Memorial Elementary School Custodian to Part-Time Memorial Elementary School Custodian at \$9.00 per hour, effective 2 June 2014; and
- Nancy McBride from Memorial Elementary School Paraprofessional to Memorial Elementary School Secretary at \$9.60 per hour and with benefits as per the negotiated contract, effective 21 May 2014.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

## **INFORMATION**

It was announced that the following items would appear on the next work session agenda: Driver Education Car, High School Librarian, Middle School Physical Education Teacher, and Board Policy Font.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

It was announced that the next special meeting and work session was scheduled for Monday, 2 June 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room, and that the next regular monthly meeting was scheduled for Monday, 16 June 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:43 p.m., Ms. Kreisher made the motion to adjourn the public meeting and move into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Mr. Klingerman seconded this motion, and the motion then passed by a voice vote of six yes votes to two no votes (being Mr. Hummel and Mr. Tobin).

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was held from 8:43 – 9:32 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler  
Recording Secretary