

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors Meeting
Tuesday, 20 February 2018
7:00 p.m.
District Office Board Room**

MINUTES

Attendance

This meeting of the Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors was called to order by President Marianne Kreisher at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 20 February 2018 in the district office board room, followed by the pledge to the flag. Directors in attendance were: Ms. Stephanie Dunn Haney, Mr. Brent Hock, Mrs. Tina Howell, Mr. Jonathan Jones, Mr. Joshua Klingerman Sr., Ms. Marianne Kreisher, Ms. Bryne Lewis, Mr. Norman Mael, and Mr. Leo “Joe” Yodock III.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Mrs. Melissa Day, Mrs. Melissa Everhart (left at 9:03 p.m.), Mr. Gary Honabach (left at 9:03 p.m.), Mr. David Marsiglio, Mr. Justin Simpson (left at 9:03 p.m.), and Dr. Donald Wheeler

Others present were: Ms. Stephanie Andreacci, Mr. Zeke Bennett (left at 7:45 p.m.), Ms. Brittany Bennett (left at 7:45 p.m.), Mr. Phil Burrell, Ms. Jean Crane, Mr. Michael Grochalski, Mr. Shayne Homan, Ms. Stephanie Kessler, and Ms. Katelyn Piestrak.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

Mr. Shayne Homan and Mr. Michael Grochalski from McClure Company made a presentation to the board on the Energy Savings Company (ESCO) portion of the district’s proposed capital project.

During the discussion that followed the presentation, Mr. Jones said he would like to see a cost comparison of getting rails for the middle school bleachers versus not getting rails for them. Mr. Klingerman asked if it was still the plan to grind down the high school terrazzo and then recolor it, and Mr. Grochalski said that they were still trying to determine if this could be done. Mr. Mael said he was skeptical about the energy savings aspect of the program. Mr. Homan replied that by law, the ESCO needed to contractually guarantee the savings and that it would have to make up the guaranteed savings if needed. Mr. Yodock asked if there was a liability issue with having a pool cover on the pool when it was not in use, and Mr. Homan said he would need to look into that. Mr. Hock asked if Mr. Homan if he thought the project could be done between June 8 and August 15 [Dr. Wheeler made the correction that August 31 was the project deadline], and Mr. Homan said the building would operational when teachers returned, but there would still be work to do to get the system fully operational. He said there would need to be a lot of coordination with the custodial staff.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT

Ms. Brittany Bennett reported that the high school’s next blood drive was scheduled for 8 March 2018, and that the event would not be open to the public. She said that the goal was 40 units of blood. Next, Ms. Bennett reported that Student Council would be awarding scholarships to senior officers that May in the amounts of \$200 - \$500, and added that the American Red Cross was anticipating donating \$2,000 for

scholarships that year. Ms. Bennett reported that Student Council was hoping to host another volleyball tournament before the end of the school year in order to benefit a local charity, and that the organization anticipated holding a field trip in April or May for eligible members.

MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve the minutes of the 15 January 2018 and the 5 February 2018 meetings of the Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Yodock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to approve the financial reports for January 2018. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

BILLS PAYABLE

Mr. Hock made the motion, which Ms. Lewis seconded, to approve the bills payable for 15 January 2018 – 20 February 2018, ranging from check #00044284 – check #00044414, including wire transfers in the amount of \$323,830.99, in the total amount of \$1,329,171.06. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

BILLS PAYABLE – CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to approve the bills payable for the capital reserve fund for 15 January 2018 – 20 February 2018, being check #00002000, in the total amount of \$660.00. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

OPERATIONS REPORTS

Mr. Simpson reported to the board that the girls' and boys' basketball teams had both qualified for post-season, that four students would be attending wrestling sectionals that weekend, and that swimming district would be held on February 27 and 28.

Mr. Marsiglio said that he did not have anything to add to his written business administrator's report.

Mrs. Everhart reported that every three years, the cafeteria was reviewed by the state to ensure compliance with the national school program, and that the next review would be occurring later that month. She said that the district would be reinstating a wellness committee that would focus on a variety of health-related topics. She said the required committee composition was very specific and included health and physical education teachers, students, health and physical education teachers, administrators, and one school board member representative. Mrs. Howell volunteered to serve in this role.

Ms. Kessler highlighted several parts of her report, including the fact that the district would be requesting the board approve selling several pieces of maintenance equipment (two trucks, a golf cart, and tires) at the next board meeting, that advertising for bids for the Beaver-Main Elementary School air conditioning,

generator, and kitchen upgrade project had begun, and that professional development opportunities, including an online training program for custodial and maintenance staff, called Hillyard University, were being explored. She also reported that the maintenance staff was continuing to dispose of items in the warehouse and scrap metal as they were able. She said that she had been working with first-shift custodians to transition the district to a system where supplies would be ordered for each building on a monthly basis, thus eliminating the need for a central warehouse location.

Mr. Honabach asked directors if they had any questions on his technology report, and they did not.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Wheeler distributed to directors an overview of potential field alignments and also a breakdown of proposed capital project costs. He said that over the next six weeks, he would be recommending a budget that would not increase taxes because of the proposed capital project. He said that he would be focusing on how the decision would affect students, adding that he had presented information on the proposed capital project to all students and also to the high school student leadership council since the last school board meeting. Dr. Wheeler said the ESCO project would cost about \$8 million, that the athletics and grounds project would cost about \$6.89 million, and that the cafeteria and academics project would cost about \$4.64 million. He said that calculating the contingency at 20 percent, the total cost of the project was about \$23,424,000. Taking into account reductions (ESCO guaranteed savings, removing the team building from the project, and taking out 15 percent for contingency costs), the adjusted project cost was about \$20,818,000. Mr. Mael questioned what would be wrong with going out for a referendum to raise taxes for the project, saying that free money was better than borrowing money for a lengthy period of time.

OLD BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS

Professional Staff Job Description Revisions

Mr. Hock made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve as presented on second reading the following revised professional job descriptions:

- Elementary Guidance Counselor;
- Secondary Guidance Counselor;
- School Nurse;
- School Psychologist;
- Teacher.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Second Reading of Policy 006

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hock, to approve as presented on second reading the revised Policy 006: Meetings. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

School Calendar – 2018-2019

Mr. Jones made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve as presented the Bloomsburg Area School District calendar for the 2018-2019 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

School Calendar Amendment – 2017-2018

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve as presented the amended Bloomsburg Area School District 2017-2018 calendar. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Bloomsburg High School Program of Studies

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which Ms. Lewis seconded, to approve as presented the Bloomsburg Area High School Program of Studies for 2018-2019. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Budget – 2018-2019

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve as presented the preliminary Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Budget for 2018-2019 in the total amount of \$861,060, with Bloomsburg Area School District's share being estimated at \$60,792 and the actual share being based on actual use of services. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Agreement with the Columbia County Water Mitigation Authority and the Town of Bloomsburg

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to approve as presented the Terms of Agreement Between the Columbia County Water Mitigation Authority, the Town of Bloomsburg, and the Bloomsburg Area School District. Mr. Yodock asked Ms. Kreisher if she was happy with the agreement, and Ms. Kreisher responded that she thought it was a fair agreement. Board members thanked Ms. Kreisher for her help with this agreement. The motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS – DISCUSSION ITEMS

Committee Members

Ms. Kreisher told directors that presently, Ms. Lewis had been approved to serve on the Committee of the Board to Review School Board Policy and that Mr. Klingerman and herself had been approved to serve on the Committee to Revise Act 93 and Superintendent Evaluation Protocols, and that both of these committees should have three directors on them but that each could not have more than four. Mr. Hock, Mr. Jones, and Ms. Dunn Haney volunteered to serve on the policy committee, and Ms. Dunn Haney and Mrs. Howell volunteered to serve on the administrative evaluation protocols committee. Ms. Kreisher asked if anyone was interested on serving on the support staff negotiations committee, and Mr. Hock, Mr. Klingerman, Mr. Yodock, and Mr. Jones volunteered to do so. Ms. Kreisher asked if anyone was interested in being the school board member to serve on the district's wellness committee, and Mrs. Howell volunteered to serve on this committee. Lastly, Ms. Kreisher asked what direction the board wished to go with regard to an athletic committee, which had been brought up at several recent board meetings. Mr. Hock said that when he was first on the board, there had been an athletic committee, but that it had been dissolved because everything discussed at the committee meetings was then rehashed at the full board meetings. Dr. Wheeler suggested that instead of an athletic committee, there could be a committee to help with branding the school district. Directors ended up arriving at establishing a fund raising committee, and Mr. Klingerman, Mr. Yodock, Ms. Lewis, and Mr. Jones volunteered to serve on it. Ms. Kreisher said that the board would be voting on these committees at its next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS

Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip Request

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to approve as presented the following out-of-state/overnight field trip request: qualifying Bloomsburg High School Chorus students to Honesdale High School from 28 February 2018 – 2 April 2018 for Region Chorus at an approximate cost to the district of \$1,181. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Facilities Use Agreement with Bloomsburg University

Mr. Hock made the motion, which Mr. Klingerman seconded, to approve as presented the facilities use agreement with Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania for Bloomsburg Area School District athletic events to be held at the university for the Spring 2018 season. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Homebound Instruction Request

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve a homebound instruction request for a Bloomsburg High School student from approximate 20 February 2018 for a period of at least 20 school days. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION ITEMS

Graduates of Distinction Induction Ceremony

Ms. Kreisher reported that the 2018 Graduates of Distinction inductee would be Ms. Veronica Smiley Grazer. She said the induction ceremony would occur on Monday, 9 April 2018 at 1:45 p.m. at Bloomsburg High School, and that all school directors were invited to attend.

PERSONNEL

Professional Day-to-Day Substitutes

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to approve the following individuals as professional day-to-day substitutes as per Policy 405: Employment of Substitute Professional Employees:

- Samantha Roberts (through the CSIU Guest Teacher Program) for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year, effective upon receipt of her Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check, FBI Clearance, and Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance;
- Reina Alberto (through the CSIU Education Majors as Substitute Teachers Program) for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year, effective upon receipt of her Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check, FBI Clearance, and Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance;
- Taylor Little (through the CSIU Guest Teacher Program) for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year, effective upon receipt of her Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check, FBI Clearance, and Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance;

- Carly Clifford (through the CSIU Guest Teacher Program) for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year, effective upon receipt of her Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check, FBI Clearance, and Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Long-Term Volunteers/Overnight Chaperones

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Jones seconded, to approve the following individuals as long-term volunteers/overnight chaperones as per Policy 916: School Volunteers: Ernesto Perez and Tristan Pierce. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Athletic Coach

Mr. Yodock made the motion, which Mr. Hock seconded, to approve Mason Fausnaught as a Bloomsburg High School Assistant Baseball Coach for the 2017-2018 season, at Step 1 and a salary of \$1,268, effective upon receipt of his Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check, FBI Clearance, and Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Classified Staff Resignation

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Lewis, to accept the resignation of Payroll Clerk Elia Zdanavage, with her last day of work being 23 February 2018. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Classified Staff Retirement

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to accept the retirement of Memorial Elementary School Head Cook Anne Bradshaw, effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Classified Staff

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Ms. Lewis seconded, to the following individuals as classified staff:

- Stephen Clickard – member of the Bloomsburg High School musical pit orchestra for the 2018 musical, with his stipend being paid by the Bloomsburg High School Drama Club;
- Teresa Crane member of the Bloomsburg High School musical pit orchestra for the 2018 musical, with her stipend being paid by the Bloomsburg High School Drama Club;
- Justin Hollenberg – member of the Bloomsburg High School musical pit orchestra for the 2018 musical, with his stipend being paid by the Bloomsburg High School Drama Club.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Professional Staff Retirement

Mr. Hock made the motion, which Mr. Klingerman seconded, to accept the retirement of Bloomsburg Middle School Math Teacher Teresa Hughes, effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

School Director Resignation

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to accept the resignation of Bloomsburg Area School District Director Norman Mael, effective 21 February 2018. The motion passed by a voice vote of eight yes votes and one abstention (being Mr. Mael).

INFORMATION

Dr. Wheeler reported that as of 15 February 2018, there were 1,513 students enrolled in the district K-12.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Kreisher announced that the next school board meeting would be held on Monday, 5 March 2018 at 7 p.m. in the district office board room.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:12 p.m., Mr. Hock made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Jones seconded this motion. The motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary

* All documents referenced in the minutes are retained electronically at the district office. *