

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, 20 October 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, 20 October, 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, Mr. Joshua Klingerman, Ms. Marianne Kreisher, and Mrs. Sandra Rupp. Mr. Tobin and Mr. Yodock were absent from the meeting.

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

Others present included: Christine Cameron, Bonnie Crawford, Ken Mrozowski, Melissa Everhart, Teresa Drucker, and Terry Everhart.

AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

Mr. Hummel made a motion to amend the agenda to add item VIII. L Approval of athletic coach. Mrs. Kreisher seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

Christine Cameron addressed the school board on a bus stop issue for her son. She wants the board to address adding an additional stop for her son so he does not have to walk along Beaver Valley Road.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Klingerman seconded, to approve the minutes of the 15 September, 2014 regular monthly meeting, the 6 October 2014 special meeting and work session. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE

Mr. Hummel made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp to approve the bills payable for 16 September 2014 through 20 October, 2014, ranging from check #00037333 through check # 00037543 including wire transfers in the amount \$798,050.31, in the amount of \$1,593,960.95. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE – CAPITAL PROJECT FUND

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Kramarz seconded, to approve the bills payable for the Capital Project Fund from 16 September 2014 – 20 October 2014, for check #00010540 in the amount of \$495.00. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Curry reported that the sex education curriculum is scheduled to be taught beginning in December, and confirmed that all opt-out notices have been printed in the student handbooks, as approved last school year. Mr. Freeman will be sending an individual notice to all students reminding parents of their ability to evaluate the curriculum and resources used in sex education. Dr. Curry then asked the board if they were in support of using the Pam Stenzel Public School version videos as a resource to the curriculum. Dr. Curry reported that these video links were sent to the board in July to review and that they were up to date with newer statistical data in them than the previous video shown. The board said they were fine with the videos as long as we stick to the videos, not bringing in other people and un-associated information. It was noted we have teachers paid to teach sex ed and they are expected to stick to the approved curriculum and not just show videos.

Dr. Curry then reported that Mr. McFarland, the Athletic Director at BU, had called to let him know that if the district was interested in playing football full-time at BU, they were open to the conversation. Dr. Curry said he told Mr. McFarland that he would bring it to the board, but felt that with the efforts put into the field, we would likely stay at Panther Stadium. During the discussion, the board agreed that we want to stay at Panther Stadium, but do not want to close the door for any future discussion with BU.

Lastly, Dr. Curry gave an update on his 2014 – 2015 goals as related to technology. He indicated that through the Bright Bytes Committee and BrightBytes Survey Data, the following needs were identified based on the first two prongs titled Classroom and Access. The Classroom prong indicted the need for: 1) Professional development for staff to gain confidence in technology based integration and project based learning; 2) The need to cultivate safe online profiles that support students' goals in college and career, and to prevent cyber bullying. He noted that in January, John Halligan will be presenting a cyber-bullying program to all secondary students and all parents of the district on the day and evening of January 12, 2015; and 3) The need for more writing and an increase in higher order thinking skills via technology. Ideas to improve writing via technology that the district is evaluating include Kidblog for K-8 students and Edublogs for students in grades 9 through 12. He also noted that another area for improvement from the Bright Bytes data indicated we could do a better job in the 4-C's, which include, communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity. The second prong of the Bright Bytes data is labeled Access. Survey results from this second prong indicated that BASD is performing well in this category. To accommodate students who do not have computers, BASD will allow students to sign out computers as 5% of the student population indicated they do not have computers at home. The computer sign-out process is being developed. To assist students, the idea of partnering with businesses where students can go to access free Wi-Fi hot spots was discussed. This idea will be moved on with Dr. Curry reaching out to local businesses. The newly adopted BYOD policy will also help in increasing access for all students. Dr. Curry closed by saying that the Skills and Environmental prong of the Bright Bytes survey will be reviewed by the committee over the next four weeks, and will report back to the board.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Mrs. Kreisher gave a student report in lieu of her daughter. She reported that homecoming activities were a success and seemed to be enjoyed by all. She noted that as the first marking period is ending, so is fall sports. We have several teams that are heading into post-season play, including: girls tennis, field hockey, girls soccer, and boys soccer.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to address at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Middle School History Club

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the Bloomsburg Middle School History Club. There will be a cost of \$600 to the district for the advisors stipends. The recommendation passed by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of High School Environmental Club

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the High School Environmental Club, at no cost to the district. The recommendation passed by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Transfer of Funds

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded; to approve the transfer of \$400,000.00 from the General Fund unrestricted fund balance to the Capital Reserve Fund. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Transfer of Funds for Floodwall

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the transfer of \$650,000.00 from the unrestricted fund balance to the committed fund balance for the floodwall project. The recommendation passed by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Transfer of Fund for PSERS

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the transfer of \$350,000.00 from the unrestricted fund balance to the committed fund balance for PSERS.

Approval of Out-of State Field Trip

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the out-of-state field trip for Beaver-Main Elementary 3rd grade students to visit the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island in New York City, on 29 May, 2015, at no cost to the district. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of the First Reading of Policy 222 – Use of Tobacco, Tobacco Products, and Tobacco Alternatives

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the first reading of Policy 222 – Use of Tobacco, Tobacco Products, and Tobacco Alternatives. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Approval of Advisors

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the following advisors:

- Jean Crane and Larry Sones as co-advisors of the Middle School History Club, at a stipend of \$300.00 each.
- James Dodge as advisor to the High School Environmental Club, at no cost to the district
- Ethan Krupp as Volunteer Musical Assistant, effective 21 October, 2014
- Andrea Heckman as Volunteer Musical Assistant, effective 21, October, 2014

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Coaching Resignation

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, seconded by Mr. Hummel, to accept the resignation of Head Swimming and Diving Coach Joseph Tommasini, retroactive to 3 October, 2014. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Professional Day-to Day Substitutes

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the following individuals as professional day-to-day substitutes, for the 2014-2015 school year:

- Victoria Evans (Early Childhood Ed PreK-4),
- Miranda Moyer (Music K-12), and
- Andrew Hemsarh (Secondary Social Studies)

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Long-Term Middle School Music Substitute

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve Sarah Solomon as a long-term Music Substitute teacher, at \$14.29per hour, effective 2 December, 2014 through 27 March, 2015. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Athletic Coaches

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the following individuals as athletic coaches for 2014-2015:

- Chuck LaCroix as Head Swimming and Diving Coach, Step 8 at a stipend of \$2,164.00;
- Nick Hessert at Assistant Swimming and Diving Coach, Step 4 at a stipend of \$1,729.00;
- Melissa Everhart as Assistant Swimming Coach, Step 5 at a stipend of \$1,929.00, and
- Korin LaCroix as a Volunteer Assistant Swimming Coach

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Professional Staff Leave of Absence Request

Mr. Hummel made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Rupp to approve the leave of absence request of Memorial Life Skill Teacher Bonnie Celmer-Batiuk, beginning 27 October, 2014 and lasting through 25 January, 2015. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Administrators Pay Adjustment – Mr. Trevor Palmatier

Mr. Hummel made the motion, seconded by Mr. Kramarz, to approve a \$4,400.00 pro-rated salary increase for Mr. Palmatier, effective 21 October, 2014. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Administrators Pay Adjustment – Ms. Donna Christensen

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve a \$1,500.00 pro-rated salary increase for Ms. Christensen, effective 21 October, 2014. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Administrators Pay Adjustment – Mr. Stephen Bressi

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve a \$1,350.00 pro-rated salary increase for Mr. Bressi, effective 21 October, 2014. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Panther Board Representative

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Howell, to approve Justin Hummel as the board representative of the Panther Foundation. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Long-Term Life Skills Substitute Teacher

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve Victoria VanFleet as a long-term Memorial Elementary Life Skills Substitute Teacher, at \$14.29 per hour, effective 27 October, 2014 through 25 January, 2015. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Athletic Coach

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Howell, to approve Christopher Stanziale as Assistant JH Football coach, retroactive to 14 August, 2014, at Step 1 at a stipend of \$1,448.00. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

INFORMATION

Work session items for 3 November 2014 will include 2015-16 Budget, Parking along the curve behind BMS playground, and a bus stop issue located in the Beaver Valley. Mr. Klingerman voiced his concerns over the lack of student and staff participation in the homecoming parade, and asked to encourage more involvement of advisors in the preparation of floats and homecoming festivities. Ms. Kreisher said there was a concern for not having doors on the bathroom stalls of the ladies room at Panther Stadium. The board directed Dr. Curry to order doors for the restrooms.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:16 p.m., Mr. Hummel moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Klingerman seconded the motion. The motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael A. Upton
Assistant Board Secretary