

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors Meeting
Tuesday, 3 April 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, 3 April 2018 in the district office board room, followed by the pledge to the flag. Directors in attendance were: Mrs. Stephanie Andreacci, Ms. Stephanie Dunn Haney, Mr. Brent Hock, Mrs. Tina Howell, Mr. Jonathan Jones, Mr. Joshua Klingerman Sr., Ms. Marianne Kreisher, and Mr. Leo “Joe” Yodock III. Ms. Bryne Lewis was absent from the meeting.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Mr. Marc Freeman (left at 7:48 p.m.), Mr. David Marsiglio, Mr. Trevor Palmatier (left at 7:48 p.m.), Mr. Josh Tabor (left at 7:48 p.m.), and Dr. Donald Wheeler.

Others present included: Ms. Terri Drucker, Mrs. Jane Endress, Mrs. Jennifer Flook (left at 7:41 p.m.), Mr. Rich Fritsky (left at 7:05 p.m.), Mrs. Wren Fritsky (left at 7:05 p.m.), Mr. Amaro Galliani (left at 7:05 p.m.), Mr. Philip Hosler (left at 7:09 p.m.), Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Mr. Ed Knorr (arrived at 7:09 p.m.), Mrs. Susan McGarry (left at 7:09 p.m.), and Ms. Amanda Zwalkuski (left at 7:41 p.m.).

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

Mr. Palmatier introduced Mrs. Jane Endress, a fourth-grade teacher at Memorial Elementary School, and two students, Sierra Fritsky and Amaro Galliani. The students presented information to the board on the school’s recent Pennies for Patients campaign, through which \$3,235.42 was raised to benefit blood cancer research.

Next, Mrs. Susan McGarry distributed the results from the bid opening for general contractor, electrical contractor, plumbing contractor, and mechanical contractor for the Beaver-Main Elementary School air conditioning, generator, and kitchen upgrade project scheduled for Summer 2018. She said that the bid opening had occurred earlier that day. She said that the total for the apparent low-bid contractors was \$429,657, which was under the estimated budget of \$500,000. Mrs. McGarry told directors that there was only one bid for the general contractor, which was Hepco, but that there were multiple bids for the rest of the contracting jobs. She said that Hosler was the apparent low bidder for mechanical, Howard Company was the apparent low bidder for electrical, and Troy Mechanical was the apparent low bidder for plumbing. Mrs. McGarry told directors that she had reviewed the apparent low bidders’ bid documents and bonds and that everything was in order. Mr. Klingerman asked if the apparent low bidders were good, reputable companies, and Mrs. McGarry responded that they were, and that she had worked with at least three of them. There being no other questions, Ms. Kreisher said that directors would be voting on the contractors at the next board meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Freeman introduced middle school social studies teachers Jen Flook and Amanda Zwalkuski. He said that he was working with them to bridge some of the apparent gaps in students' geography education. Mr. Freeman said that it would be beneficial to students to move U.S. and world geography to sixth grade instead of seventh grade so that students had a good geography foundation being moving into early American history in seventh grade and then the Civil War and Reconstruction in eighth grade. Mr. Freeman said this transition would take place over a three-year period, and that the district would still be hitting the Common Core Standards.

Mr. Palmatier told directors that he was proud of the fourth-grade students at Memorial, as they had really taken ownership of the Pennies for Patients program. He then asked if there were any questions regarding the proposed 2018-2019 student handbook for Memorial Elementary School, and there were not. Lastly, Mr. Palmatier summarized changes to Memorial's master schedule for the 2018-2019 school year. He told directors that starting next school year, every content teacher would have a 40-minute planning period each day and that guidance would be an expressive arts class for students. Additionally, he said he would like to have librarian Sheila Freese teach a technology class to students in Kindergarten through second grade, and that students in grades three through five would have an extra physical education class each six-day cycle. Mr. Palmatier distributed to directors a list of proposed counselor responsibilities for the two guidance counselors at Memorial, Annie Kostiuk and Danielle Garancosky. He said that he would like to have Ms. Garancosky being the guidance counselor for students in Kindergarten through second grade, and that Mrs. Kostiuk would then be the guidance counselor for students in grades three through five. Mr. Hock said that he appreciated Mr. Palmatier's forward thinking with regards to guidance. Mr. Yodock asked Mr. Palmatier why he chose to split students between grades rather than alphabetically, and he responded that it was important for all students to have both counselors' perspectives. Ms. Kreisher asked how the iReady test had gone at Memorial, and Mr. Palmatier replied that students, especially kindergarten students, had done very well. He said he'd heard nothing but positive things about the testing and the reports generated from it. Mr. Palmatier said that he and Mr. Tabor would be getting together to talk about how to use the data to help ensure students did not fall through the cracks.

Mr. Tabor then gave the Beaver-Main Elementary School and W.W. Evans Elementary School report. He started by saying that having separate counselors at the two schools, as initially discussed in November, would enable him to modify the schools' schedules to help benefit students and teachers. He said he'd like to add another expressive arts teacher, as well. After having talked with professional staff at both buildings, a master schedule for 2018-2019 had been generated and was shared with the board that night. Mr. Tabor said that through this new master schedule, all students would have physical education twice in a six-day cycle and that teachers would have more planning time. Mr. Palmatier said that elementary teachers at all three buildings would have almost exactly the same amount of planning time with the implementation of the new master schedules. Mr. Jones voiced his support of the master schedule changes at the elementary level, and Mr. Klingerman said he appreciated that teachers would be given more planning time.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

No superintendent's report was given at this meeting.

Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School Report

Mr. Yodock reported that the school had received quite a few proposals, but that the Joint Operating Committee had not heard what they'd received yet. He said that the school's administrator would pick

about the top three proposals to present to the Joint Operating Committee, probably during the next month.

Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit

No CSIU report was given at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS

Second Reading of Policies 113 and 113.2

Mr. Yodock made the motion, which Mr. Hock seconded, to approve on second reading the following revised policies: Policy 113: Special Education and Policy 113.2: Behavior Support. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS – DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no discussion items under Old Business to come before the board at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS

Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip Request

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to approve the following out-of-state/overnight field trip request: A.P. United States History students to Baltimore, Maryland from 15 May 2018 – 16 May 2018, at an approximate cost to the district of \$970. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Investment Grade Audit/Contract

Mr. Jones made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hock, to approve entering into a Performance-Based Energy Savings Agreement with McClure Company pursuant to Pennsylvania Title 62, Part II, Chapter 37, Subchapter E, Guaranteed Energy Savings Contracts (as amended).

Dr. Wheeler told directors that in order to continue researching floors, floor replacement would be moved to Summer 2019 and that it would go through Marotta/Main.

The motion to approve the investment grade audit/contract then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Municibid Results

Mr. Jones made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Howell, to accept the bids made through the online auction site Municibid for the following items being sold by the Bloomsburg Area School District:

- 1993 Ford stake body – \$5,100.00;
- 2002 Chevrolet Silverado (with plow, salt spreader, salt spreader controller and wiring, rebuilt pump, replacement motor for pump, and three marker kits) – \$6,200.00;

- Columbia golf cart – \$1,655.99;
- Four Kubota tires – \$700.00 (pending acknowledgment of second-chance offer by high bidder).

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION ITEMS

Lawn Maintenance Proposal

The board was presented with the following information regarding the lawn maintenance proposal of Carl Fritz Sr.:

Bloomsburg Area School District has contracted with Carl A. Fritz Sr. of Benton, Pennsylvania for lawn maintenance at Beaver-Main Elementary School, W.W. Evans Elementary School, and Memorial Elementary School since the 2014-2015 school year.

The agreed-upon cost per mowing since 2014-2015, as well as the proposed cost per mowing for 2018-2019, is as follows:

	<u>Beaver-Main</u>	<u>W.W. Evans</u>	<u>Memorial</u>	<u>District Office</u>
2014-2015	\$140	\$220	\$150	N/A
2015-2016	\$140	\$220	\$150	N/A
2016-2017	\$140	\$220	\$150	N/A
2017-2018	\$150	\$230	\$160	N/A
2018-2019 (proposed)	\$160	\$240	\$170	\$45

We are recommending that beginning this spring, the mowing of the district office lawn be contracted out rather than done in house. This will enable our maintenance staff to concentrate their attention entirely on the secondary complex. This shift is consistent with the move to contracting out snow removal at the district office this year.

Prior to the 2014-2015 school year, we solicited bids for lawn mowing at the three elementary schools and were not satisfied with the service we received from the outfits that came in with the lowest bids. In 2014-2015, we decided to not go out for bid for lawn mowing and go back to utilizing Mr. Fritz as we were happy with the quality of his work.

We would like to request that the board approve the proposal of Mr. Fritz for lawn mowing at the three elementary schools and the district office from April 2018 – April 2019 at the 16 April 2018 board meeting.

Mr. Klingerman asked if the district had considered going out for bid for lawn maintenance services, and Ms. Kessler replied that Carl Fritz Sr. had been mowing the elementary school lawns for a number of years until several years ago when the district did go out for bid for these services. She said that the school board and administration were very unsatisfied with the services of the low bidders, so for the 2014-2015

school year, the district returned to having Mr. Fritz provide lawn maintenance service for its elementary schools. She said that Mr. Fritz's service was more than satisfactory, and that it was the recommendation that the district approve him again for the next year.

PERSONNEL – ACTION ITEMS

Long-Term Volunteers/Overnight Chaperones

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Andreacci, to approve the following individuals as long-term volunteers/overnight chaperones as per Policy 916: School Volunteers: Meghan Garofalo and Kristi James. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Professional Staff Transfer

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to approve transferring Bloomsburg Middle School/Bloomsburg High School Mathematics Teacher Teresa Drucker to the position of Bloomsburg Middle School Mathematics Teacher, effective for the start of the 2018-2019 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Van Driver

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Andreacci, to approve Jane LeVan as a van driver through Fishing Creek Transportation through the end of the 2017-2018 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL – DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no discussion items under Personnel to come before the board at this meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Kreisher announced that the next school board meeting was scheduled for Monday, 16 April 2018 at 7 p.m. in the district office board room.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:58 p.m., Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Andreacci, to adjourn the meeting. The motion 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. *