

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Special Meeting
Monday, 3 November 2014
7:00 p.m.
District Office Board Room**

MINUTES

Attendance

A special meeting of the Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, 3 November 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. Joshua Klingerman, Mr. Terry Kramarz, Ms. Marianne Kreisher, Mrs. Sandra Rupp, Mr. Thomas Tobin, and Mr. Joe Yodock.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Mr. Daniel Bonomo (left at 7:50 p.m.), Mr. Steve Bressi (left at 7:50 p.m.), Ms. Donna Christensen (left at 7:50 p.m.), Dr. Cosmas Curry, Mr. Marc Freeman (left at 7:50 p.m.), Mr. Ryan Moran (left at 7:50 p.m.), Mr. Trevor Palmatier (left at 7:50 p.m.), Mr. Mike Upton, and Mr. Nick Wozniak (left at 7:25 p.m.). Also attending were Mark Kruczek, Jason Moser, and Bonnie Crawford.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

Jason Moser addressed the board regarding the search for the open basketball coaching positions, and came to support those on the agenda. He stated, "If the board has any questions, he would be willing to answer them."

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Acceptance of Title I Grant

The board approved the BASD Administration to apply for and accept (pending approval by PDE) \$100,000.00 of reallocated Title I funds of which \$25,000.00 will be for the Bloomsburg Middle School and \$75,000.00 in partnership with the CSIU and Dellicker Strategies to plan and implement a hybrid learning program. The board asked Dr. Curry to confirm that Dellicker Strategies is a reputable company. Dr. Curry also reported that this grant ties in with the technology goals of the district.

Mrs. Rupp made the motion to approve, and Ms. Kreisher seconded and it was approved by unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Approval of Personnel Items

Mrs. Howell made the motion to approve, and Mrs. Rupp seconded the following personnel items:

- Mark Kruczek as 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Step 1 at a stipend of \$1,274.00
- Dennis Lewis as 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Step 1 at a stipend of \$1,274.00
- Suzanne Noll as a Volunteer 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach
- The leave of absence request from Beaver-Main Elementary Teacher Suzanne Yartz, from 25 November, 2014 to 23 December, 2014.
- Rosalind Bingman (K-6, Spec Ed PreK-8, ESL K-12) as a professional day-to-day substitute teacher, effective upon receipt of TB test results;
- Jacob Prescott (Soc Studies 7-12) as a professional day-to-day substitute teacher, effective upon receipt of his official transcripts;
- Kristin Hansel as CSIU Guest Teacher, effective upon receipt of updated Act 34, 114, 151 clearances and TB test results;
- Amada Yapple as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher, effective 25 November, 2014 through 23 December, 2014 (Beaver-Main Elementary); and from 16 March, 2015 through 3 May, 2015 (Memorial Elementary) at an hourly rate of \$14.29.
- Approve Jennifer Flook as a SGA Advisor, at a stipend of \$225.00, retroactive to 21 August, 2014.

The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

At 7:18 p.m., Mrs. Kreisher made the motion to adjourn the special meeting and move into the work session. Mrs. Howell seconded the motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Kofskie

Board Recording Secretary From Notes Taken by Mr. Upton and Dr. Curry

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Buildings, Grounds, & Maintenance Report

Mr. Wozniak reported that the High School Windows are to be completed by Saturday, 8 November, 2014. The maintenance crew is also working on winterizing the athletic fields.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Bressi reported on the project based assessments and distributed a packet of a PBA example.

Mr. Bonomo reported that he is working on the Program of Studies and plans to have that to the board in December, along with working on his building budget.

Mr. Freeman stated that Red Ribbon Week is taking place at the Middle School to support the anti-drug message. The History Club has 27 students and talked about Mr. Perkins taking the Exercise Science class to BU for specific training.

Mr. Palmatier reported the success of the book fair at Memorial and thanked Amelia Blackledge for her contributions for this important endeavor.

Mr. Moran reported on Title I reading nights throughout BASD.

Mrs. Christensen reported on genetic disorder training at CSIU as well as the prison program for incarcerated youth. She also reported on the life skill class and their field trip to Lewisburg for Trail for Treats.

Dr. Curry reported that the district is in the process of appealing the ruling on ACCESS funding with the Department of Public Welfare. He also reported on the success of the STEM Program at BU as four Bloomsburg students are participating in the program for either no cost or a greatly reduced cost. He concluded by stating that the police are providing traffic control after home football games, and did so all season.

In a break from routine, Mr. Hock asked Jason Moser (a teacher and audience member) to give a report on the school year from the perspective of faculty. Mr. Moser reported on a course faculty were taking as related to Keystone courses.

Recognition of Tenure

Dr. Curry reported that Ms. Teresa Drucker has met all the requirements of tenure and is hereby being recognized by the board.

Budget 2015 – 2016

Mr. Upton reported that the Act 1 base index is 1.9% and the Act 1 adjusted index is 2.4%. Using the adjusted index, the district (if needed) could increase the millage rate by .95 mills which could generate \$224,000 additional tax revenue. He also noted that salaries and benefits would equal \$15,842,090.00, a \$1.2 million increase. The reason for the increase is retirement is going from 21.4% to 25.84%, FICA remains the same at 7.65%, health insurance is increasing 6%, and approximately \$300,000.00 of salary increases to all district employees as per settled negotiated contracts.

Bus Stop Issue

The board heard testimony in response to a parent's concern from the 17 October 2014 board meeting where the parents provided a letter to the board outlining their frustration in trying to have a bus stop established at their driveway. Dr. Curry reviewed the letter point by point, outlining the district's rationale to these concerns. It was decided to not establish a stop at the requested location, taking into account the age of the student, the concerns of the bus driver for stopping twice within a very short distance, and there is very little traffic on this short straightaway. Mr. Hock stated he was thankful for the seriousness with which this matter has been taken with the administration and the board. Dr. Curry stated he would follow up with the parents via telephone with this decision.

AESOP Substitute Reporting

Dr. Curry reported that the district has evaluated a substitute finder program called AESOP. The board asked for further information and testimonials from other district users of this program.

MCDC Self-Report Initiative

Dr. Curry reported a need for the district to approve a self-reporting policy as per Federal SEC recommendations to underwriters (JMS) and issuers (BASD) of bonds. The purpose of this policy is to protect BASD from future liabilities regarding a systemic problem in the bond industry where the SEC and underwriters failed to give material guidelines to issuers. The policy confirms that BASD will consent to file all necessary budget information as indicated in the SEC's timeline, to update any past filings that are not up to date, to cooperate with any subsequent investigation by the SEC, and to provide the SEC with compliance certification.

Policy Reviews

Dr. Curry reported a need for Electronic Device Policies 352, 452, and 552 which also contains a BYOD policy for all district employees.

Middle School Parking Issue

Ms. Kreisher voiced safety concerns over parents parking in areas labeled "no parking" awaiting pick-up of their children after practices. The curb is painted yellow, and "no parking" signs are in place but the signs are in poor condition. She suggested having this road be one-way if we are going to allow cars to park there. Mr. Hock and Mr. Klingerman voiced concerns over this idea in that who is going to enforce the no parking as the issues typically happen between 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. Dr. Curry stated we will have the coach's talk to the parents and students regarding the parking and safety concerns and that new signs will be ordered.

2015 Board Meeting Schedule

Dr. Curry reviewed the 2015 Board Meeting Schedule with the school board with dates to be approved at the next meeting and properly advertised as per the Sunshine Law.

Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School Report

Mr. Tobin reported that at its last meeting, the Joint Operating Committee voted to rehire David Bacher as Principal and the vote was to not renew the Executive Director's contract at its expiration. Cyber Homeschool Policy's allowing these students to apply was also approved.

Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Report

There was no CSIU report.

Adjournment

At 8:52 p.m., Ms. Kreisher moved to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion. The motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Kofskie, Board Recording Secretary From Notes Taken by Mr. Upton and Dr. Curry