

Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Special Meeting
Monday, 4 August 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, 4 August 2014, in the district office board room, followed by the pledge to the flag. Directors in attendance were: Mr. Brent Hock, Mr. Justin Hummel, Mrs. Tina Howell, Mr. Joshua Klingerman, Mr. Terry Kramarz, Ms. Marianne Kreisher, Mrs. Sandra Rupp, and Mr. Thomas Tobin.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Mr. Dan Bonomo (left at 7:15 p.m.), Dr. Cosmas Curry, Mr. Marc Freeman (left at 7:15 p.m.), Mr. Ryan Moran (left at 7:15 p.m.), Mr. Trevor Palmatier (left at 7:15 p.m.), Mr. Michael Upton, and Mr. Nick Wozniak (left at 7:08 p.m.).

Others present included: Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Ms. Deb Krupp, Ms. Barb Martz (left at 7:05 p.m.), and Mr. Jared Stetts (left at 7:05 p.m.).

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

At this point in the meeting, no one wished to address the school board.

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Directing JOC Representatives to Support the \$3-million Bond Issue at CMAVTS

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Ms. Kreisher seconded, to approve directing the two Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School Joint Operating Committee representatives to support the \$3-million bond issue at Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of First Reading of Policy 212: Reporting Pupil Progress

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve on first reading the revised Policy 212: Reporting of Pupil Progress and schedule it for final adoption at the 2 September 2014 special board meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Approval/Acceptance of Personnel Items

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve/ accept the following personnel items:

- Approve the transfer of Lisa Keller from the position of Bloomsburg Middle School Reading Specialist to the position of W.W. Evans Elementary School Teacher, effective 5 August 2014;
- Approve the change in the leave of absence request of Bloomsburg Middle School Health and Physical Education Teacher Carmela Franco from 29 August 2014 through 29 September 2014 to 9 September 2014 with an approximate return date of 21 October 2014;
- Approve the following individuals as professional substitutes:
 - Naomi Baier (Health and Physical Ed K-12, Math 7-9, and Safety Ed/Driver Ed 7-12) as a professional day-to-day substitute, effective 19 August 2014, and as a long-term middle school health and physical education substitute teacher from 9 September 2014 through 20 October 2014 at \$14.29 per hour;
 - Jack Galer (Health and Physical Ed K-12) as a professional day-to-day substitute, effective 19 August 2014; and
 - Jonathan Liem as a professional day-to-day substitute, effective 19 August 2014, and as a long-term middle school language arts substitute teacher from 29 September 2014 through 16 January 2015 at \$14.29 per hour;
- Accept the resignation of Athletic Director Ryan Gible, effective 8 August 2014;
- Approve Bloomsburg High School Principal Dan Bonomo and Bloomsburg Middle School Principal Marc Freeman as Interim Athletic Co-Directors at a stipend of \$250 per week for a period not to exceed eight weeks, effective 11 August 2014;
- Approve as presented the Winter 2014-2015 athletic coaches;
- Approve the following as classified staff:
 - Barbara Martz as the W.W. Evans Elementary School Secretary at \$8.50 per hour and with benefits as per the negotiated classified staff contract, retroactive to 28 July 2014;
 - Sandy Estrada as a Bloomsburg High School Paraprofessional (5.5 hours per day) at \$8.50 per hour and with benefits as per the negotiated classified staff contract, effective for the start of the 2014-2015 school year, pending receipt of his tuberculosis test results; and
 - Corrine Stojakovich as a classified substitute, effective upon receipt of her Act 151 Clearance and her tuberculosis test results;
- Approve Jared Stetts as a Bloomsburg High School Social Studies Teacher at Step 1 Bachelors and annual salary of \$36,276.00 and with benefits as per the negotiated professional staff contract, effective for the start of the 2014-2015 school year;
- Approve Myra Golomb as a Support Teacher for Sara Talanca for 2014-2015 at 7 units and a stipend of \$525.00;
- Accept the resignation of Bloomsburg High School Physics/Chemistry Teacher Mike Copenhaver, effective 14 August 2014; and
- Approve the leave of absence extension request for Memorial Elementary School Health Aide Debra Gelnett, with a return date of 3 November 2014.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

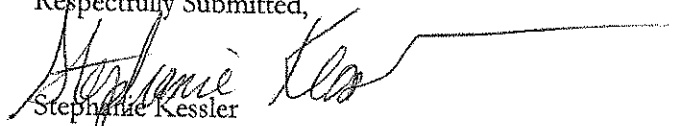
Approval of Long-Term Elementary Art Substitute Teacher

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Klingerman seconded, to approve Darlene Rairie-Thomas as a long-term elementary art substitute teacher from 15 August 2014 – 17 September 2014 at \$14.29 per hour, and to add her to the professional day-to-day substitute list effective 29 September 2014. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:06 p.m., Mr. Tobin made the motion to adjourn the special meeting and move into the work session. Mr. Klingerman seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,


Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary

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Buildings, Grounds, & Maintenance Report

Board members were given a revised copy of the 2014-2015 Buildings and Grounds Action Plan, indicating which projects had been completed. Mr. Hock said that he wanted to publicly thank Mr. Wozniak and the maintenance crew for their hard work with maintaining the district's grounds over the summer.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Bonomo reported that high school schedules were being finalized, that Community Night was scheduled for August 16, and that the school's open house was scheduled for August 20. He also reported that Bloomsburg High School was ranked #45 in the state through U.S. News.

Mr. Freeman reported that middle school schedules were completed, that sixth-grade orientation was held on July 23 and 24 and that about 75% of incoming sixth-grade students had attended it, and that the middle school's open house was scheduled for August 18.

Mr. Moran distributed to board members the newest draft of the Kindergarten and first-grade trimester report cards.

Mr. Palmatier reported that Memorial Elementary School's Kindergarten orientation would be held the following week and that back-to-school night and band night were also coming up.

Mr. Hock asked the other board members if they would like to continue to have administrators give their reports on a monthly basis, or if they would like to have them come instead on a quarterly basis. Mr. Hummel said he would like the administrators to continue attending one board meeting a month, as they should be available to answer the board's questions. Mr. Tobin said he would like to know from administrators what struggles were arising in the schools, as well as success stories in the school, rather than hearing a calendar of upcoming events.

Superintendent's Goals for 2014-2015

Dr. Curry reviewed his goals for the district for 2014-2015.

Guaranteed Admission Policy with Bloomsburg University

Dr. Curry said that he and Tom Fletcher from Bloomsburg University had recently met regarding the creation of a formal guaranteed admission policy between Bloomsburg Area School District and Bloomsburg University in such areas as engineering and nursing. He said he would hopefully have a draft copy of this agreement to share with the school board in September.

Weight Room Expansion Via Donations

Dr. Curry reported that Head Varsity Football Coach Mike Kogut and several other individuals had approached Dr. Curry about the possibility of soliciting donations in order to expand the weight room. Dr. Curry said he believed it was worth evaluating this possibility and finding out how much it would cost. The board directed Dr. Curry to get an approximate cost for this project and to share it with the school board at the next meeting.

Athletic Handbook/Athletic Director

Dr. Curry told the school board that athletic director's job responsibilities, as outlined in the athletic handbook, should include information about ensuring coaches received necessary training. Mr. Hock, Mr. Klingerman, and Mr. Tobin agreed that the job responsibilities should be clearer about stating that the athletic director should assist the maintenance supervisor with preparing athletic fields. Ms. Kreisher said she would like it to be added to the athletic director job responsibilities that the athletic director should know the guidelines for student recruitment and that he/she should be the contact person to help guide students in the right direction, and that the athletic director should be a student-athlete advocate and educate and assist coaches and students with the recruitment process. Dr. Curry ended the discussion by letting the school board know that the deadline for the position of athletic director was August 5 and that the district had received 28 applications to that point.

Economically Disadvantaged Student-Athletes

Dr. Curry referred school directors to the report included in their board packets that indicated that in 2012-2013 and 2013-2014, about 35% (each year) of economically disadvantaged students in grades 7-12 had been on at least one athletic team. Mr. Kramarz, who had requested this information, said that this was good information to have.

Half-Time Spanish Teaching Position

Dr. Curry said that he would like the board to consider turning the half-time high school Spanish teaching position into a full-time middle school/high school Spanish teaching position, effective for the 2015-2016 school year. Mr. Klingerman and Ms. Kreisher both voice their support of this.

Policy Additions/Revisions

Dr. Curry stated that he would like to make a change to Policy 137.1: Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students to add cyber school students to this policy. He said he would also like to add a list of guidelines to Policy 252: Educational Use of Personal Electronic Devices.

CMAVTS Report

Ms. Kreisher and Mr. Tobin, the Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School Joint Operating Committee members, said they had nothing new to report.

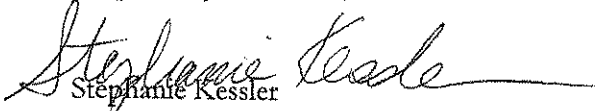
CSIU Report

Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Director Mr. Hummel also said he had nothing new to report.

Adjournment and Executive Session to Discuss Legal Matters

At 8:43 p.m., the work session was adjourned following a motion by Mr. Klingerman and a second by Ms. Kreisher and a unanimous voice vote. An executive session was held from 8:43 – 8:59 p.m. to discuss legal matters.

Respectfully Submitted,


Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary