

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors Meeting
Monday, 5 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 Monday, 5 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 (left at 8:11 p.m.), Mr. Jonathan Jones, Mr. Joshua Klingerman Sr., Ms. Marianne Kreisher, Ms. Bryne Lewis, Mr. Norman Mael, and Mr. Leo “Joe” Yodock III (arrived at 7:24 p.m.). Mrs. Tina Howell was absent from the meeting.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Ms. Donna Christensen (left at 8:24 p.m.), Mrs. Melissa Day, Mr. Marc Freeman (left at 8:20 p.m.), Mr. David Marsiglio, Mr. Justin Simpson, Mr. Joshua Tabor, and Dr. Donald Wheeler.

Others present were: Ms. Ami Jo Cox, Mr. Phillip Cox, Ms. Terri Drucker, Ms. Lindsey Fogelsanger, Mr. Corey Getty, Ms. Stephanie Kessler, and Mrs. Donna Kreisher.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

No one wished to address the board at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Tabor started his report by recognizing the district’s guidance counselors, as the week of February 5 was National School Counselor Week. He then told directors that students at Beaver-Main Elementary School were participating in a pay-it-forward event where students would create placements and sun catchers for residents of Signature HealthCARE. He said that fifth-grade students would be taking these items to distribute to the residents on February 14.

Next, Mr. Palmatier gave his report. He said that Memorial Elementary School students had recently earned a collective 2,000 panther paws for demonstrating good behavior, and were therefore going to celebrate with an ice cream party sundae later in the month. Mr. Palmatier also told directors that students had recently been part of an assembly called Ned’s Kindness Adventure, and that students in Mrs. Fornwald’s kindergarten class and Ms. Benko’s fourth-grade class were participating in a community service project through which they were collecting items to be donated to the Animal Resource Center.

Ms. Christensen pointed out that one formerly out-of-district student had been placed back in the district, but that with new students moving in, more students may need to be placed out of district in the future.

Mr. Freeman reported that on January 23, members of the eight-grade boys’ leadership team had met with Dan Klingerman, the CEO of Liberty Group from Montoursville and a 1983 graduate of Bloomsburg

High School, about leadership and entrepreneurship. Mr. Freeman said that the eighth-grade Surface Pro 3 transition was going well and that staff was looking forward to having this technology in students' hands the following year. Lastly, Mr. Freeman said that teachers were really looking forward to the changes in the proposed capital project, and that the project would provide a positive change in culture for the district.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Wheeler distributed to directors a document outlining the components of the proposed capital project that had been collected through input from the board, administration, and the staff, coaching, and community forums. The components were broken down into three categories: things the district wanted to include in the capital project, things that were under consideration, and things that were not going to be done as part of the project. He told directors that if the district stuck to the timeline set forth by McClure, the completion date would be August 31. Dr. Wheeler explained that there were three separate projects going on: the ESCO project with McClure, the athletic fields, and the one being called "Renewing Pride" that included interior renovations to the middle/high school complex and the combined cafeteria. Dr. Wheeler reiterated that it was the goal of the district to not increase taxes for the capital project, noting that taxes would need to be increased from a programs perspective.

Mr. Mael asked why the district was rushing to do the project, adding that he thought the project was getting out of control, having heard that the cost was up to \$25 million. He said he thought the project would put future boards in a bad place and the board should slow down and assemble a committee to find out what really needed to be done. Dr. Wheeler replied that he thought everything was going well and that everything was well organized. He said it was his understanding that the board wanted him to gather information and present it to them to see if the project was feasible. He said it seemed that the board and community had a desire to play games on school district fields rather than going to Bloomsburg University, and that they wanted those fields to be really good.

Mr. Hock said he realized the board had been inundated with so many numbers, but from what he had heard, the community really wanted the athletic complex and everyone was excited about the project. He said he appreciated the openness provided by the public forums.

Dr. Wheeler said that initially, the capital project was to be a three-year project, but that in November the board had expressed its desire to just get it done and to share with them as much information as possible, including finances. He said that he was doing what he'd been asked to do – just gathering information – and that the project as outlined in the document distributed to the board that evening was the top of what the district could do, and that it would need to funnel down the project from there. He said the district started conversations with McClure about this project almost a year ago.

Mr. Klingerman said it was his understanding that if McClure was approved that night, there would be no obligation to the district, and Dr. Wheeler confirmed this, adding that McClure had been working pro bono thus far in order to help out the district.

Ms. Kreisher said she thought it was great that Dr. Wheeler was sharing so much information with the board. She said the board is not going to say yes to everything on the list, and that the board would have the opportunity to remove things from the list once the feasibility project was complete.

Dr. Wheeler said that the ESCO portion of the project is what the board would be looking at first, that fields would be next, and the middle/high school renovations would be last. He again reminded the board that the three projects did not overlap at all and were stand-alone projects.

COLUMBIA-MONTOUR AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL REPORT

There was no Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School report given at this meeting.

CENTRAL SUSQUEHANNA INTERMEDIATE UNIT REPORT

Mr. Jones reported that he had been unable to attend the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit meeting in December and that the January meeting was held off-site at an alternate education class in Sunbury.

OLD BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS

Energy Performance Contracting Services

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to approve McClure Company for energy performance contracting services for Bloomsburg Area School District's Act 163-2016 Guaranteed Energy Savings Project. 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

Acceptance of Grant

Mr. Hock made the motion, which seconded by Mr. Yodock, to accept a \$5,000 grant from Lowe's Companies, Inc. to be used to upgrade and enhance Bloomsburg High School's engineering classroom. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION ITEMS

Proposed 2018-2019 School Calendar

The proposed 2018-2019 school calendar was shared with the board for review and discussion. Ms. Kreisher said the calendar would be voted on at the February 20 meeting. Dr. Wheeler pointed out that make-up days were built in to the calendar, and that graduation would likely take place on June 7 or 8.

K-8 Assessment Plan

Mrs. Day presented information on i-Ready, an assessment program the administrative team wished to use as its K-8 assessment plan. She explained that in order to gain an accurate measure of student data, three things would be looked at: local assessment, state assessment, and a diagnostic universal screener. She said the administrative team had reviewed both i-Ready Math/i-Ready Reading and also STAR Math/STAR Reading and that it had decided to move forward with i-Ready. Mrs. Day said the administrative team liked that i-Ready would give personalized reports for students for both their teachers and parents, and that it would suggest ways to teach concepts. She said the program would also automatically do instructional grouping for teachers. Mr. Hock asked how many times per year the assessment would be

given, and Mrs. Day replied that for the present school year, it would be given no more than two times, but that in a typical school year, it would be given three times. She said that each assessment would take 30-45 minutes to complete. Mrs. Day said that all elementary and middle school teachers had reviewed a demonstration of i-Ready at the 15 January 2018 in-service, and that administrative team was recommending amending the 2017-2018 calendar to make February 23 an early dismissal day so teachers could complete training on the i-Ready program. She said that directors would be voting on amending the 2017-2018 calendar at the February 20 meeting.

Mr. Mael asked what the cost for i-Ready was, and Mrs. Day replied that it would be about \$10,100 for the remainder of the school year, at \$12 per student. Mr. Mael asked if all board members were in agreement of purchasing i-Ready, and it was the consensus that they were. Dr. Wheeler told directors that there was money in the budget for this assessment tool.

Preliminary 2018-2019 Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Budget

Directors were given a hard copy of the preliminary 2018-2019 Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU) budget, which was in addition to the one that had been e-mailed to them in their board packets. Ms. Kreisher said the board would be voting on the CSIU budget at its February 20 meeting.

Proposed Amendment to 2017-2018 School Calendar

Mrs. Day said that in order to provide the required professional development for approximately 80 members of our K-8 faculty on the use of i-Ready Diagnostic assessments, the district was requesting an early dismissal for all students on Friday, 23 February 2018 with secondary students dismissed at 12:15 p.m. and elementary students dismissed at 1:15 p.m. The proposed amended 2017-2018 school calendar was shared with directors, with the intent to have it voted on at the 20 February 2018 board meeting.

Revised Program of Studies

There were no questions regarding the draft of the 2018-2019 Bloomsburg High School Program of Studies. Ms. Kreisher told directors this would be voted on at the 20 February 2018 school board meeting.

Agreement with Columbia County Water Mitigation Authority and Town of Bloomsburg

The discussed the draft of the Terms of Agreement Between the Columbia County Water Mitigation Authority, the Town of Bloomsburg, and the Bloomsburg Area School District that they had received with their board packet. Ms. Kreisher said that the agreement had been reviewed by attorneys and that it would be ready for a vote at the next school board meeting. She said that once she had the changes to the current document, she would forward them to the entire board.

PERSONNEL – ACTION ITEMS

Classified Staff

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Lewis, to approve the following individuals as classified staff as indicated: John Obringer – 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; and Michael Kalenak Jr. as a W.W. Evans Elementary School Second-Shift Custodian at \$8.70 per hour and with benefits as outlined in the classified staff agreement, effective upon receipt of his tuberculosis test results. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Athletic Coach Resignation

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to accept the resignation of Head Girls' Soccer Coach Jonathan Joseph, effective 26 January 2018. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Athletic Coaches

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to approve the following individuals as Spring 2018 athletic coaches:

Position	Coach	Step	Salary
Head varsity baseball	Davis, Jeff	14	\$3,739.00
Assistant baseball	Coombe, Tyler	1	\$1,268.00
Assistant baseball	Carr, Timothy	1	\$1,268.00
Assistant baseball			
Head varsity softball	Lynn, Doug	2	\$2,239.00
Assistant softball	Mrozek, Todd	9	\$2,068.00
Assistant softball			
Head girls' track	Weigle, Steven	7	\$2,864.00
Head boys' track	Weigle, Steven	7	\$2,864.00
Assistant track	Moore, Bob	13	\$2,468.00
Assistant track	Orzolek, Jalon	6	\$1,768.00
Assistant track	Troychock, Nick	2	\$1,368.00
Assistant track	McGinley, William	2	\$1,368.00
Head boys' tennis <i>(already approved)</i>	Coyne, Erick	1	\$1,825.00
Assistant boys' tennis			
Head Jr high field hockey	Baker, Chuck	Step 16 (20 years)	\$4,818.00
Assistant Jr high field hockey	Moore, Gail	2	\$1,576.00
Jr high girls' soccer	Zimmerman, Stephanie	6	\$1,768.00
Jr high girls' soccer	Hogue, Erica	1	\$1,448.00
Jr high boys' soccer	McGarry, Michael	11	\$2,089.00
Jr high boys' soccer	Davis, Evan	1	\$1,448.00

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Professional Staff Leave of Absence Requests

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to approve the leave of absence request of Memorial Elementary School Fifth-Grade Teacher Kristen Eby, effective on or about 29 May 2018 with a return date of 1 October 2018. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Jones seconded, to approve the leave of absence request of Memorial Elementary School Learning Support Teacher James Booth, effective 8 January 2018 with a return date of 28 February 2018. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Long-Term Volunteers/Overnight Chaperones

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to approve the following individuals as long-term volunteers/overnight chaperones as per Policy 916: School Volunteers, effective 6 February 2018: Misty Chapman, Megan Millard, and Nichol Reinford. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Professional Day-to-Day Substitutes

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the following individuals as professional day-to-day substitutes as per Policy 405: Employment of Substitute Professional Employees, effective 6 February 2018: Angela Lindgren and Jennifer Malatesta. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Building Substitute

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve Jeremy Freeman as a Secondary Building Substitute for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year, at a rate of \$100 per day and with eligibility for medical insurance, effective 25 January 2018. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Classified Staff Transfer

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Ms. Lewis seconded, to approve transferring Bryan Gelbaugh from the position of Classified Substitute to the position of Memorial Elementary School Second-Shift Custodian at \$8.70 per hour and with benefits as outlined in the classified staff agreement, effective 6 February 2018. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL – DISCUSSION ITEMS

Tenure Report

Ms. Kreisher reported that the following professional staff members have been granted tenure, as they have met all the requirements of Section 1108 of the Pennsylvania School Code: Memorial Elementary School Fourth-Grade Teacher Jane Endress; Beaver-Main Elementary School/Memorial Elementary School Health and Physical Education Teacher Christian Golfieri; and Bloomsburg Middle School Special Education Teacher Kristen Yenchak.

INFORMATION

There were no items recommended by directors to be added to the next meeting agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Kreisher announced that the next school board meeting would be held on Tuesday, 20 February 2018 at 7 p.m. in the district office board room.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:29 p.m., Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to adjourn the public meeting and move into executive session to discuss personnel matters. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. The executive session concluded at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary