

**Bloomsburg Area School District  
Board of School Directors  
Special Meeting  
Monday, 5 May 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, 5 May 2014, in the district office board room, followed by the pledge to the flag. Directors in attendance were: Mr. David Cantore, Mr. Brent Hock, Mrs. Tina Howell, Mr. Justin Hummel, Mr. Joshua Klingerman, Mr. Terry Kramarz, Ms. Marianne Kreisher, and Mrs. Sandra Rupp. Mr. Thomas Tobin was absent from the meeting.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Mr. Dan Bonomo, Dr. Cosmas Curry, Mr. Marc Freeman, Mr. Ryan Moran, Mr. Trevor Palmatier, Mr. Mike Upton, and Mr. Nick Wozniak.

Others present included: Ms. Jennifer Bates, Ms. Barbara Fritz, Mr. Ryan Gible, Ms. Deb Krupp, Ms. Brenda Pitonyak, and Mr. Matt Yackiel.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK**

Mr. Matt Yackiel, an 11<sup>th</sup>-grade student at Bloomsburg High School, reported to the school board on his experience with the STEM program.

Ms. Deb Krupp said she would like the school board to consider adding a fifth-grade teacher at Memorial Elementary School for the 2014-2015 school year.

Ms. Jennifer Bates, Ms. Barbara Fritz, and Ms. Brenda Pitonyak addressed the board to voice their concern over not replacing Bloomsburg High School Librarian Linda Steffen, who would be retiring at the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approval of Real Estate Tax Exemption Request**

Mr. Hummel made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve as presented the Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption request for Harold A. Wertman, dated 18 April 2014. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Acceptance of Donations**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to accept the donation of the following items to the Bloomsburg Middle School for use in the pool/pool area, from the BAY Swim Team Parent Boosters: two Aquagrip gutterhung touchpads (60" x 22"); four Kiefer storage benches (7"); and a Champion series starter system and six plungers.

Dr. Curry reported that the total donation equaled \$5,906.00. The school board directed Dr. Curry to send a thank you letter to BAY, and were very appreciative of the donations.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Change Order**

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve a \$1,650 change order for the high school window project. This additional cost is to change the material for the insulated panel in the fiberglass windows in the classrooms to one that has corrugated plastic panels instead of the composite panel, which could delaminate if it was to get moisture in it. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:25 p.m., Ms. Kreisher made the motion to move into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Mr. Kramarz seconded this motion, and the motion then passed by a voice vote of six yes votes to two no vote (being Mr. Cantore and Mr. Hummel).

At 7:57 p.m., Mr. Hummel made the motion, which Ms. Kreisher seconded, to move back into public session. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

## **PERSONNEL**

### **Approval/Acceptance of Personnel Items**

Mr. Hummel made the motion, which Ms. Kreisher seconded, to approve/accept the following personnel items:

- Approve the Fall 2014 athletic coaches as presented;
- Approve the following individuals as classified substitutes:
  - Emily Anoaia, effective upon receipt of her Act 34, 114, and 151 clearances and her tuberculosis test results;
  - Bille Jo Giger, effective upon receipt of her Act 34, 114, and 151 clearances and her tuberculosis test results; and
  - Mary Hogendobler, effective upon receipt of her Act 34 Clearance;
- Approve the following individuals as Summer 2014 Extended School Year (ESY) Teachers at a rate of \$22 per hour:
  - Melissa Bonin; and
  - Tara Batiuk;
- Approve the following professional staff transfers, effective for the start of the 2014-2015 school year:
  - Adam Kocher from the position of Itinerant K-12 Autistic Support Specialist to the position of Bloomsburg Middle School Emotional Support Teacher; and
  - Melissa DeMent from the position of Bloomsburg Middle School Sixth-Grade Learning Support Teacher to the position of Itinerant K-12 Autistic Support Specialist;

- Accept the resignation of Memorial Elementary School Custodian Tom Hughes, effective 1 June 2014, and to add him to the approved classified substitute list; and
- Approve Stephanie Himes as a professional day-to-day substitute, effective 6 May 2014.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

#### **Approval of Professional Staff Leave of Absence**

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which Ms. Kreisher seconded, to approve the leave of absence extension request for W.W. Evans Elementary School Teacher Robert Cromley, through 28 May 2014. The motion passed by a voice vote of seven yes votes to one no vote (being Ms. Kreisher).

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Howell made the motion to adjourn the special meeting and move into the work session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kreisher and then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler  
Recording Secretary

(compiled by notes from  
Dr. Curry & Mr. Upton)

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**Buildings, Grounds, & Maintenance Report**

Mr. Wozniak reported that the concrete sidewalk in front of the expressive arts wing of the high school would be removed this summer and replaced with grass. Dr. Curry reported that he would be meeting with Mr. Klingerman to review his concerns about the secondary grounds, and that any board member (at a maximum of four board members) who would like to participate in this meeting could do so by contact Dr. Curry.

**Administrative Reports**

Mr. Freeman reported on the upcoming middle school science fair, scheduled for 15 May 2014. He invited all school board members to attend. He also reported that PSSAs were being wrapped up for the year and that the school would be holding its yearly Memorial Day activities on 22 May 2014.

Mr. Moran reported that Winter Keystone reports were mailed home to parents and recognized the teachers that were serving on the ELA committee.

Mr. Bonomo distributed the end-of-year 12<sup>th</sup>-grade schedule to school directors and shared with them the eighth-grade walk-through 2014-2015 schedule. He said that AP exams were underway, and that Keystone Exams and final exams were coming up. Lastly, he reported that interested school board members should report for the commencement picture at Bloomsburg University at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Palmatier reported on the changes to the elementary handbooks for 2014-2015, including the implementation of the six-day cycle at the elementary level, new health requirements for teaching HIV/AIDS, and the inclusion of the Behavior Expectations throughout all settings of the school.

**Athletics**

Dr. Curry reviewed the changes to the athletic manual for the 2014-2015 school year. He said he would also be recommending Mr. Gibble to be reapproved as the athletic director for the 2014-2015 school year.

**Elementary Handbooks**

Mr. Palmatier reported changes to the elementary handbooks for 2014-2015. Dr. Curry said the three elementary handbooks would be voted on at the next school board meeting.

### **Lunch/Breakfast Prices for 2014-2015**

Mr. Upton reported that due to the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act, the district would need to raise its breakfast and lunch prices from 2013-2014 to 2014-2015. It was being recommended that elementary and secondary breakfasts and lunches be increased by \$.05 each. This would mean that for 2014-2015, an elementary breakfast would be \$1.05, an elementary lunch would be \$2.20, a secondary breakfast would be \$1.15, and a secondary lunch would be \$2.45. Mr. Upton said these prices would be voted on at the 19 May 2014 meeting.

### **Board Elections**

Dr. Curry reminded board members that at the 19 May 2014 meeting, elections would be held for the following positions; secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer, and solicitor.

### **Budget**

Mr. Upton reported to directors that the final 2014-2015 budget would be voted on at the 2 June 2014 special meeting, and that it was available for public inspection at the district office and on the district's web site.

### **Driver Education Car**

Dr. Curry reported that the driver education car was in the garage in need of some front-end alignment and steering work. There was a brief discussion on when to replace the current driver education vehicle or whether to consider other options as to how driver education would be presented to BHS students. Ms. Kreisher asked Dr. Curry to gather information and costs on those options and then report back to the board.

### **Policies**

Dr. Curry said that the first readings of Policy 008: Organization Chart and Policy 227: Use of Unauthorized Substances would appear on the 19 May 2014 meeting agenda as voting items.

### **Jones Center for Special Education**

Dr. Curry reported that the Jones Center would be utilizing BHS facilities on 10 and 11 June 2014 at no charge. All BASD employees may attend this two-day professional development opportunity free of charge.

### **CMAVTS Report**

Ms. Kreisher reported that the admissions policy allowing cyber charter students to attend was voted down at the last CMAVTS Joint Operating Committee meeting. She said she would bring it up again at a future meeting when full representation of all districts was in attendance.

### **CSIU Report**

Mr. Hummel reported that a group of sixth- through eighth-grade students from Southern Columbia Area School District had won the statewide Pennsylvania STEM Design Challenge.

**Adjournment**

The work session was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler  
Recording Secretary

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