

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Special Meeting
Monday, 6 October 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, 6 October 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. Joshua Klingerman (left at 7:06 PM), Mr. Justin Hummel, Ms. Marianne Kreisher (arrived 7:07 PM), Mrs. Sandra Rupp, and Mr. Joe Yodock. Mr. Terry Kramarz and Mr. Thomas Tobin were absent from the meeting.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Mr. Steve Bressi (left at 7:46 p.m.), Ms. Donna Christensen (left at 7:46 p.m.), Dr. Cosmas Curry, Mr. Marc Freeman (left at 7:46 p.m.), Mr. Ryan Moran (left at 7:46 p.m.), Mr. Trevor Palmatier (left at 7:46p.m.), Mr. Mike Upton, and Mr. Nick Wozniak (left at 7:17 p.m.).

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

No one wished to address the board.

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Overnight Student Council Trip

Mr. Hummel made a motion to approve an overnight field trip request for High School Student Council to attend the PA Association of Student Council Conference in Altoona, PA from 6 November – 8 November, 2014 at an estimated cost to the district of \$254.23. Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion and the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Approval of Elementary Principal

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, seconded by Mr. Hummel, to approve Mr. Joshua Tabor as Beaver-Main Elementary and WW Evans Elementary Principal at an annual pro-rated salary of \$77,400.00 with benefits as per the Act 93 Agreement, effective upon release from his current employer. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Long-Term 5th Grade Teacher

Mr. Hummel made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve Tristan DeCarlo as Memorial Elementary School Long-term 5th Grade Teacher, at \$14.29 per hour, retroactive to 17 September 2014 through the end of the 2014-2015 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Computer Technician

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Howell, to approve Scott Knight as Computer Technician at a pro-rated salary of \$27,000.00 with benefits as per negotiated contract, effective 7 December, 2014; and as an hourly employee effective 7 October, 2014 through 6 December, 2014 at a rate of \$12.98 per hour. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Personnel Items

Mr. Hummel made the motion, and Mrs. Rupp seconded the following personnel items:

- Michael Confer as Odyssey of the Mind Advisor at a stipend of \$100.00;
- The leave of absence extension request for Elementary Art Teacher Jillette Smith from 29 September 2014 - 7 November 2014;
- The leave of absence request for Memorial Elementary Teacher Nicole Belles from 16 March, 2015 - 3 May, 2015;
- The leave of absence extension request for Food Service Aide Patricia Magda from 30 September, 2014 – 27 October, 2014; and the leave of absence extension request for Memorial Health Aide Debra Gelnett from 7 November, 2014 to 1 January, 2015.
- The leave of absence request for Middle School custodian Gregg McKee from 8 October, 2014 – 8 November, 2014;
- Kimberly Downs as a Support Teacher for Tristan DeCarlo for 2014-2015 at 7 units and a stipend of \$525.00;
- Nate Ronan and Jeremy Gross as a Volunteer Wrestling Coaches, effective 7 October 2014, upon receipt of clearances.
- Rose Strausser as a Bloomsburg Middle School Learning Support Paraprofessional (5.75 hours per day) at \$8.65 per hour and with benefits as per the negotiated classified staff contract, effective 7 October 2014, pending receipt of her tuberculosis test.
- Benjamin Wetzel (Music K-12) as a professional day-to-day substitute teacher, effective 7 October, 2014;
- Jean Briggs as a Classified Substitute CNA at \$10.40 per hour, retroactive to 1 October, 2014;
- Richard Koch as CSIU Guest Teacher ;
- The resignation of BHS Musical Assistant Brian Tretter;

- Adjust the units of payment for Memorial Safety Patrol with Jillette Smith receiving \$300.00 and Kristen Eby receiving \$75.00. A \$37.50 adjustment from Jillette Smith to Kristen Eby due to Jillette's request for extended leave;
- To approve a high school student for homebound instruction retroactive to 10 September, 2014 and lasting until cleared by physician.

The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

At 7:06 p.m., Mr. Hummel 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 Middle and High School gym floors have been refinished. The Middle School walls have been power washed and that the baseball field has been seeded and aerated. The remaining athletic fields will be cared for over the next month.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Bressi reported on the drug and alcohol incidents in the past ten years, and noted a reduced number of infractions.

Mr. Bonomo reported that he is preparing for Keystone Winter Wave examinations to be given in December and January, and that two students were named National Merit Scholarship recipients. The students were Maia Baker and Noah Crawford

Mr. Freeman that Red Ribbon Week is taking place at the Middle School to support the anti-drug message.

Mr. Palmatier reported that it was Bullying Prevention Month. They kicked off the celebration with an anti-bullying assembly which was attended by all students and staff.

Mr. Moran gave a detailed Power Point presentation on the Algebra I, Biology, and Literature Keystone Exam scores. He reported that BASD scored well on all of these exams, noting that our Biology scores were top in the CSIU region.

Mrs. Christensen reported on gifted education and the professional development opportunity to be provided to all gifted staff.

Dr. Curry reported that CSIU will be providing a robot free of charge to the High School for a six to eight month period to allow a homebound student access to classes while out. This gives us time to evaluate if we need to purchase a robot for permanent district use. He also reported that the board is invited on a walking tour of the floodwall project at Autoneum. He also gave an update on the balanced literacy needs of kindergarten students.

New Student Clubs

Mr. Bonomo reported on the interest and need for an Environmental Club in the High School. The club would be run by a volunteer staff member who would work with students on addressing environmental issues at the High School.

Mr. Freeman reported interest to start a Middle School History Club in place of the Middle School Newspaper Club with a split stipend to be paid to Mr. Sones and Ms. Crane who will advise it. Mr. Freeman did advertise for replacement of the Newspaper Club and no one showed any interest.

Administrative Salary Adjustments

Dr. Curry asked the board to consider and support an administrative salary adjustment for Mr. Palmatier, Ms. Christensen, and Mr. Bressi. The rationale for salary adjustment is to bring these three employees in line with what other administrators in the district are being paid based on title and years of administrative service in the district. CSIU average salaries were also evaluated for the purpose of this recommendation.

Susquehanna River/Gray Water Irrigation Project

Dr. Curry reported that to purchase a pump and 900 linear feet of pipe to water the athletic fields with river water would cost nearly \$50,000, including excavation costs. This price does not include any electric or fuel to power the pump, nor permit fees.

Mr. Hock reported that he spoke to a gentleman at the sewer authority who said if we take even one gallon of gray water to put on our fields, we would be responsible for new permit fees at a cost of around \$30,000. The board felt this was a very good idea, and that it was researched well; however, it doesn't make financial sense to commit to this project. The district will continue to water the fields with town water.

BASD Planning Committee

Mr. Hummel reported of an idea that he would like to see a group of board members, teachers, and administrators meet for the purpose of identifying needed items for school use so that people are more aware of the needs of the district and may be willing to donate to the Panther Foundation for such items. The board said it was a good idea, and Mr. Hock suggested Mr. Hummel chair this committee.

Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School Report

Mrs. Kreisher reported that at its last meeting, the Joint Operating Committee voted down the purchase of the Seesholtz property across the street and adjoining the CMAVTS property. She also reported the CMAVTS is searching for a principal.

Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Report

Mr. Hummel reported that the CSIU is going through an audit of dependents that are in the Trust, and that they are in professional staff negotiations.

Executive Session for Legal Matters

At 8:30 p.m. Mrs. Kreisher made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Howell to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing legal matters. At 8:44 pm, Mrs. Howell made the motion, seconded by Mr. Hummel, to adjourn from executive session back into open meeting.

Adjournment

At 8:45 p.m., Ms. Kreisher moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Hummel seconded this motion. The motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Kofskie

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