

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, 15 October 2012
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, 15 October 2012, in the district office board room, followed by the pledge to the flag. Directors in attendance were: Mrs. Bonnie Crawford, Mrs. Bonnie Fiedler, Mr. Brent Hock, Mr. Justin Hummel, Mr. David Klingerman Jr., Ms. Marianne Kreisher, Ms. Cristina Mathews, Mrs. Sandra Rupp, and Mr. Thomas Tobin.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Dr. Cosmas Curry and Mr. Michael Upton.

Others present included: Mr. Chuck Baker, Ms. Anne Barton, Ms. Mary Beth Broadt, Ms. Angela Brown, Ms. Pamela Donovan, Mr. William Finnerty, Mr. Colton Hock, Mr. George Johns, Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Mr. Kevin Klock, Ms. Kaitlyn Krasucki, St Krasucki, Mr. Steve Krasucki, Ms. Theresa Krasucki, Mrs. Deb Krupp, Dr. William Kuprevich, Ms. Jackie Kurelja, Ms. Gina Marotta, Mr. Jason Moser, Mr. Bill Perkins, Mr. Mark Patora, Mrs. Kim Rankin, Mr. Jeff Rush, Ms. Mary Sciacchetano, Ms. Steph Severn, Dr. Kevin Singer (left at 7:30 p.m.), Ms. Kathy Sokoloski, Chief Leo Sokolsoki, Mr. Matt Sokoloski, Mr. Larry Sones, Mr. Brian Stolz, Mrs. Denise Stone, Mr. Joe Tommasini, Mr. David Van Horn, and Mr. Steve Weigle.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

During this portion of the meeting, Dr. Kevin Singer, the executive director of the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU) addressed the board to inform directors that the superintendent survey results were available and that he would be electronically sending this to all CSIU superintendents. As a result of the survey, Dr. Singer said the CSIU would continue to work on improving communications with the districts, lowering the cost of special education services, and improving work on curriculum and instruction.

Also during the public comment portion of the meeting, Mrs. Deb Krupp said she would like the board to consider adding a teacher at Memorial for the current school year's fourth-grade class in order to drop class sizes from 27 students each to approximately 20-21 students each.

A number of guests addressed the school board to show their support of Mr. Bill Perkins as the district's athletic director. Among those who spoke on this position were Ms. Steph Severn, Mrs. Kim Rankin, Ms. Anne Barton, Mrs. Denise Stone, Ms. Mary Beth Broadt, Mr. Brian Stolz, Ms. Theresa Krasuki, and Mr. Jason Moser. The comments from these individuals were testaments to Mr. Perkins' dedication to the Bloomsburg Area School District and its student athletes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiedler, to approve the minutes of the following Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors' meetings: the 17 September 2012 regular monthly meeting and the 1 October 2012 special meeting and work session. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hock, to approve the financial reports for September 2012. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiedler, to approve the bills payable for 18 September 2012 – 15 October 2012, ranging from check #00033058 – check #00033210, including wire transfers totaling \$440,460.58, in the amount of \$1,019,598.49. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE – CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Mr. Tobin made the motion to approve the bills payable for the Capital Reserve Fund for 18 September 2012 – 15 October 2012, being check #00001736 and #00001737, totaling \$60,775.85. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hock and then passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Curry shared with the school board and audience members a PowerPoint presentation pertaining to the 2011-2012 PSSA results for the Bloomsburg Area School District. He reported that the district had made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), and that all individual schools met AYP with the exception of the high school. Dr. Curry also shared the district's AYP report card and distributed a comprehensive e-metric report to school directors and noted that this report was also available on the district's web site.

Dr. Curry also reported that bid specs for the middle school natatorium project would be done within the next few weeks.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Student Representative Colton Hock reported that high school students were completing CDT testing and that Homecoming Week had occurred the previous week.

OLD BUSINESS

Final Approval of Revised Policy 439

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiedler, to approve on final reading the revised Policy 439: Uncompensated Leave. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of EMA Siren System at Maintenance Building

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiedler, to approve an EMA siren system to be located at the BASD maintenance building, with all costs to be covered by the Town of Bloomsburg. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of First Reading of Revised Policy 610

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which Ms. Kreisher seconded, to approve on first reading the revised Policy 610: Purchases Subject to Bid, and to schedule its final adoption at the 19 November 2012 board meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote of eight yes votes to one no vote (being Mr. Tobin).

Approval of Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip Requests

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Kreisher, to approve the following out-of-state/overnight field trip requests:

- Bloomsburg High School Student Council students to the PASC State Conference in New Castle, Pennsylvania from 1 November 2012 – 3 November 2012, at a cost to the district of \$195.00; and
- Ski Club to Mount Snow in Vermont from 7 March 2013 – 10 March 2013, at a cost to the district of \$140.00.

Ms. Mathews then moved to separate out the two trips into different motions. Mrs. Fiedler seconded this motion and it then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Kreisher then made the motion, which Mr. Tobin seconded, to approve Bloomsburg High School Student Council students to the PASC State Conference in New Castle, Pennsylvania from 1 November 2012 – 3 November 2012, at a cost to the district of \$195.00. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Next, Mr. Tobin moved to approve the Ski Club trip to Mount Snow in Vermont from 7 March 2013 – 10 March 2013, at a cost to the district of \$140.00. Mr. Hock seconded this motion. The motion passed by a voice vote of seven yes votes to three no votes (being Mrs. Fiedler and Ms. Mathews).

Acceptance of Bid for Maintenance Trucks

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to accept the low bid of Day Chevrolet, Inc. of Monroeville, Pennsylvania for the purchase of two 2013 Chevrolet Silverado trucks at a cost of \$22,705.00 each, for a total of \$45,410.00 for two trucks, for the maintenance department. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Approval of Classified Staff Daily Pay Rate Increase

Mr. Tobin moved to approve a daily pay rate increase for Gerri Newhart, from \$85 to \$95, effective 16 October 2012. Mrs. Fiedler seconded this motion and it went on to pass by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Substitute Bus and Van Drivers

Ms. Kreisher moved to approve the following bus and van drivers for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year: Becky Bennage (FishingCreek Transportation), Kayla Eppinette (FishingCreek Transportation), William Rich (FishingCreek Transportation), Virginia Sewall (FishingCreek Transportation), and Tiffany Gross (Lone Derr). After Mrs. Fiedler seconded this motion, it passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Athletic Coach

Ms. Mathews made the motion to approve Fred Schrader as a Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach for the 2012-2013 wrestling season. Mrs. Fiedler seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Classified Staff

Mr. Tobin moved to approve Will Christensen as a four-hour-per-day personal care aide at Bloomsburg High School, effective upon receipt of his Act 114 and 151 clearances and his tuberculosis test results. After Mr. Hock seconded the motion, it passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Professional Day-to-Day Substitute

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiedler, to approve Casey Naumann as a professional day-to-day substitute, effective 16 October 2012. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Extension to Classified Staff Leave of Absence

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve extending the leave of W.W. Evans Elementary School Paraprofessional Sharon Heydenreich from 30 October 2012 to 2 January 2013. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

INFORMATION

It was announced that the following items would appear on the next work session agenda: Reorganization Meeting, BU Spring Sports Contract, Professional Substitute Pay, Budget, Arch Central Natatorium Project Contract, and Fourth- and Fifth-Grade Class Sizes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was also announced that the next work session and special meeting would take place on Monday, 5 November 2012 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Elementary School, and that the next regular monthly meeting would be held on Monday, 19 November 2012 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room.

Mr. Klingerman announced that he had just submitted his school director resignation letter, effective 3 December 2012.

SCOREBOARD ADVERTISING DISCUSSION

Dr. Curry referenced the scoreboard advertising contract (which was e-mailed to the school board the previous week) with Side Effects. The 10-year contract had been signed by Mr. Perkins on the district's behalf in May 2012. The contract stated that the district would receive 50% of the profit generated from this project, and that the district was also responsible for the upkeep of the advertising signs. Dr. Curry said he was not aware of the existence of this contract until 3 October 2012, and that he had met with Mr. Perkins, who had told him he'd done this type of advertising before, back in 2008. At that time, Mr. Perkins had also signed the contract himself, so Mr. Perkins said he did not realize that by policy, the school board should have approved the contract before it was signed. Dr. Curry said he had left a message for the Side Effects CEO to call him back regarding possibly amending the contract or terminating it. At the end of the discussion, the board asked Dr. Curry to send a letter to the district's solicitor, Noah Naparstek, for guidance in this matter.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:25 p.m., Ms. Kreisher made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Fiedler seconded this motion. The motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary