

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, 19 March 2012
7:00 p.m.
District Office Board Room**

MINUTES

Attendance

The regular monthly meeting of the Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, 19 March 2012, in the district office board room, followed by the pledge to the flag. Directors in attendance were: Mrs. Bonnie Crawford, Mrs. Bonnie Fiedler, Mrs. Marianne Fogelsanger, Mr. Brent Hock, Mr. Justin Hummel, Mr. David Klingerman Jr., Ms. Cristina Mathews, Mrs. Sandra Rupp, and Mr. Thomas Tobin.

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

Others present were: Mr. Mitchell Collins, Mr. Christopher Dillon, Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Ms. Deb Krupp, Mr. Michael Lester, Mr. Jon Littlewood, Ms. Ashley Marsicano, Mrs. Karen Radice, and Mrs. Pam Szilagyi.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hock moved to approve the minutes of the 20 February 2012 regular monthly meeting and the 5 March 2012 special meeting and work session, and Mrs. Crawford seconded this motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Approval of Financial Reports

Ms. Mathews made the motion to approve the financial reports for February 2012, and Mr. Tobin seconded this motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Bills Payable

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the bills payable for 21 February 2012 – 19 March 2012, ranging from check #00031815 – check #00031963, including wire transfers totaling \$234,760.84, in the amount of \$756,527.99. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Approval of Bills Payable (Capital Reserve Fund)

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which seconded by Mrs. Fiedler, to approve the bills payable for the Capital Reserve Fund for 21 February 2012 – 19 March 2012, ranging from check #00001714 – check #00001718, totaling \$223,033.41. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Approval of Bills Payable (Capital Project Fund)

Ms. Mathews made the motion to approve the bills payable for the Capital Project Fund for 21 February 2012 – 19 March 2012, being check #00010522, totaling \$392.00. Mrs. Fiedler seconded this motion, and the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Curry reported on the Student Success Act and Keystone Exams, and also on the state of the middle school pool and the repairs it needs.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

As the student representative was not able to attend the meeting, there was no student representative report given.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of K-5 Science Textbook Review

Mr. Hock made the motion, which Ms. Mathews seconded, to approve putting out for review at the district office the proposed K-5 McGraw-Hill science resources from 19 March 2012 – 16 April 2012, and to vote on approval of purchasing these resources, at a cost of \$92,690.73, at the 16 April 2012 board meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Grade 8 Science Textbook Review

Mrs. Fogelsanger moved to approve putting out for review at the district office the proposed eighth-grade science textbooks from 19 March 2012 – 16 April 2012, and to vote on approval of purchasing these textbooks, at a cost of \$2,138.00, at the 16 April 2012 board meeting. Mrs. Fiedler seconded this motion, and it then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of CSIU 2012-2013 Budget

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mrs. Fogelsanger seconded, to approve the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit's 2012-2013 budget in the amount of \$1,283,134.00, with Bloomsburg Area School District's share being \$139,032.00. The motion passed by a voice vote of eight yes votes and one abstention (being Mrs. Rupp).

Approval of CMAVTS 2012-2013 Budget

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiedler, to approve Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School's 2012-2013 budget in the amount of \$7,074,112.00, with Bloomsburg Area School District's share being \$796,223.00. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of First Reading of Policy 815

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which Ms. Mathews seconded, to approve on first reading the revised Policy 815: Computer and Internet Access and Use, and to schedule it for final adoption at the 16 April 2012 board meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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

Ms. Mathews made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fogelsanger, to approve the following out-of-state/overnight field trip request: Forensics to Susquehanna University from 23 March 2012 – 24 March 2012 for the PHSSL State Championships, at an approximate cost to the district of \$387.50.

During the discussion that ensued, Mrs. Fiedler asked how the forensics team going to a state tournament at Susquehanna University was different than the swim team going to a state tournament at Bucknell University. She said she would feel bad voting in favor of this motion while the swim team was not extended the same offer.

Mr. Klingerman responded that the school board could right the wrong with regards to the swimming state competition next school year, but that it shouldn't punish the forensics team.

After discussion, a voice vote was taken and the motion passed by a vote of seven yes votes to two no votes (being Mrs. Crawford and Mrs. Fiedler).

PERSONNEL

Approval of Professional Day-to-Day Substitutes

Ms. Mathews made the motion to approve Lisa Lapina as a professional day-to-day substitute, effective 20 March 2012, and Mr. Hock seconded this motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Professional Staff Leave of Absence

Mrs. Fogelsanger made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hock, to approve a leave of absence request for Bloomsburg High School Spanish Teacher Jessica Cunningham, effective on or about 10 April 2012 through the end of the 2011-2012 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Bus and Van Drivers

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve William Connor and Crystal Gallagher as van drivers through contractor Lone Derr, and George Crawford as a substitute bus driver through contractor FishingCreek Transportation, for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Business Administrator Contract

Mrs. Fogelsanger made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Tobin, to approve as presented the five-year contract for Business Administrator Michael Upton.

Mr. Hock started out the conversation by saying that he believed the contract was too open-ended. He said that he did not feel comfortable that the contract stated that after the five-year contract was up, there would be a one-year extension per one year of satisfactory service. Mr. Hock said that if the intent of the board was to keep Mr. Upton in this position until his retirement, the contract should be for seven years, not five. Mr. Hock suggested the board strike the portion of the contract that reads that there would be a one-year extension for each year of satisfactory service during the five years of the contract; instead, he

stated he would like the contract to include wording like: The contract may be renewed annually, on a year-to-year basis, after expiration of the five-year contract, at the mutual consent and agreement of both parties.

Mr. Hock then made the motion to make the amendment to the contract to strike the portion of the contract that reads that there would be a one-year extension for each year of satisfactory service during the five years of the contract; instead, he stated he would like the contract to include wording like: The contract may be renewed annually, on a year-to-year basis, after expiration of the five-year contract, at the mutual consent and agreement of both parties. Mr. Tobin seconded this motion. A voice vote followed, and the motion failed by a vote of one yes vote to eight no votes (being Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Fiedler, Mrs. Fogelsanger, Mr. Hock, Mr. Hummel, Mr. Klingerman, Ms. Mathews, and Mrs. Rupp).

During continued conversation about this item, Mr. Tobin said he was concerned with the 3% annual increase contained in the contract because he thought it was sending the wrong message to support staff and teachers, whose increases have been cut back. Ms. Mathews said she'd like to keep the contract as is, and Mr. Klingerman said he would not vote for the motion because he wanted it to first be legally reviewed.

At the end of the discussion, Mr. Tobin voted to table the motion to approve as presented the five-year contract for Business Administrator Michael Upton until the contract had undergone a legal review. Mrs. Crawford seconded this motion. The motion then passed by a voice vote of eight yes votes to one no vote (being Ms. Mathews).

Acceptance of Athletic Coach Resignation

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mrs. Fiedler seconded, to accept the resignation of Varsity Girls' Head Basketball Coach Todd Davis, effective 20 March 2012. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Administrative Transfer

Mr. Tobin moved to approve transferring Ryan Moran from the position of Memorial Elementary School Principal to the position of Director of Elementary and Secondary Education, at a yearly salary of \$83,000.00 and with benefits as per the Act 93 Agreement, effective 1 July 2012. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Fogelsanger, and was then approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Classified Substitutes

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Mathews, to approve as classified substitutes Suzanne Adamchick, effective upon receipt of her current Act 34, 114, and 151 clearances and her tuberculosis test results, and Erin Ashelman, effective upon receipt of her Act 151 clearance and her tuberculosis test results. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

INFORMATION

It was announced that the following items would appear on the next work session agenda: Budget, Electronic Devices Policies, and PSBA Platform.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was announced that the next work session and special meeting would be held on Monday, 2 April 2012, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room, and that the next regular monthly meeting would be held on Monday, 16 April 2012, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:08 p.m., Mr. Hock moved to adjourn the regular monthly meeting and move into executive session for the purpose of discussing real estate matters. Mrs. Fogelsanger seconded this motion. The motion passed by a voice vote of eight yes votes to one no vote (being Mr. Tobin).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive was held for the purpose of discussing real estate matters from 8:08 – 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary