

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, 20 February 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, 20 February 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. David Klingerman Jr., Ms. Cristina Mathews, Mrs. Sandra Rupp, and Mr. Thomas Tobin. Mr. Justin Hummel was absent and excused from the meeting. In Mr. Hummel's absence, Chairperson Hock led the meeting.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Mr. Dan Bonomo (arrived at 7:38 p.m. and left at 8:13 p.m.) & daughter, Dr. Cosmas Curry and Mr. Michael Upton.

Others present were: Mr. Charles Baker (left at 7:56 p.m.), Ms. Anne Barton (left at 7:56 p.m.), Mr. Colton Hock (left at 8:21 p.m.), Ms. Stephanie Kessler, 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. Tobin moved to approve the minutes of the 17 January 2012 regular monthly meeting and the 6 February 2012 special meeting and work session, and Mrs. Fiedler seconded this motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA

Ms. Mathews motioned to approve amending the original meeting agenda to add Item H under New Business: Approval of Swim Team Meal Reimbursement, and Item G under Personnel: Acceptance of Classified Staff Resignation. Mr. Tobin seconded this motion and it then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Approval of Financial Reports

Ms. Mathews made the motion to approve the financial reports for January 2012, and Mrs. Fiedler seconded this motion. 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 January 2012 – 20 February 2012, ranging from check #00031610 – check #00031814, including wire transfers totaling \$246,455.13, in the amount of \$977 285.45. The motion then passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Approval of Bills Payable (Capital Reserve Fund)

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the bills payable for the Capital Reserve Fund for 18 January 2012 – 20 February 2012, ranging from check #00001710 – check #00001713, totaling \$191,013.25. The motion then passed by a roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Curry reported that flood repairs had been finished in the auditorium, and that the auditorium was back in good working order. He also reported that the district should be in good financial shape if the state budget stays as is. He said that the district was in the process of holding its Title I School Improvement meetings, and also that PSSAs would take place in mid-March through the end of April.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Mr. Colton Hock reported that it's good to have the auditorium back. He also reported that among students, there has been a lot of talk about the potential Bloomsburg-Central Columbia consolidation. Lastly, he reported that high school students are currently scheduling classes for the 2012-2013 school year, and that there are good opportunities for students to take classes at Bloomsburg University.

NEW BUSINESS

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

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

- Bloomsburg High School chorus students to the Region Chorus Festival at Lackawanna Trail High School from 8 March 2012 – 10 March 2012, at no cost to the district; and
- Bloomsburg High School field hockey athletes to Cape Henlopen, Delaware to play the Delaware state champions from 28 September 2012 – 29 September 2012, at no cost to the district.

Mrs. Fogelsanger then made the motion to amend the motion to approve the field trip requests to read:

- Bloomsburg High School chorus students to the Region Chorus Festival at Lackawanna Trail High School from 8 March 2012 – 10 March 2012, at a cost to the district of \$465.00; and
- Bloomsburg High School field hockey athletes to Cape Henlopen, Delaware to play the Delaware state champions from 28 September 2012 – 29 September 2012, at no cost to the district.

Mr. Tobin seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

The amended motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Spring 2012 Sports Contract with Bloomsburg University

Mrs. Fogelsanger made the motion, which Mrs. Fiedler seconded, to approve the Spring 2012 sports contract with Bloomsburg University as presented. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Elementary & Secondary Education Job Description

Mrs. Crawford moved to approve the revised Director of Elementary & Secondary Education job description as presented. Mrs. Fiedler seconded this motion, and it then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of BASD 2012-2013 Calendar

Mrs. Fogelsanger moved to approve the Bloomsburg Area School District 2012-2013 calendar as presented, and Mrs. Fiedler seconded that motion.

Mr. Tobin said that he would be voting “no” to this motion because he thought that having students start back to school on 20 August 2012 was too early. Mr. Klingerman echoed Mr. Tobin’s concern about school starting that early, but said he would vote for the calendar, with the understanding that the board will carefully monitor the start dates in upcoming years.

A voice vote was then taken, and the motion passed by a vote of seven yes votes to one no vote (being Mr. Tobin).

Approval of BMS & BHS 2012-2013 Handbooks

Mrs. Crawford made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the 2012-2013 Bloomsburg Middle School and Bloomsburg High School student handbooks as presented.

Dr. Curry thanked Ms. Mathews for the work she’d done with Mr. Bonomo and Mr. Bressi in formatting and improving the high school’s student handbook. Dr. Curry said that her help with the handbook made it much more “readable.” Ms. Mathews outlined some of the changes that had been made to the high school student handbook.

Mrs. Crawford said she’d like the policy references mentioned in the high school handbook to also appear in the middle school handbook. Also, she said she’d like to have policy references spelled out (i.e., Act 26 of the Pennsylvania School Code, Bloomsburg Area School District Policy 218.1).

Mr. Tobin asked Dr. Curry if the handbooks were aligned with the district’s policies, and Dr. Curry replied that yes, they were.

Mrs. Fiedler said she would like the name of the district’s alma mater author to be included in the handbooks.

After discussion, the board decided it would like to see both handbooks, with all the revisions made, before voting to approve them. At this point, Mrs. Crawford moved to table the motion to approve the handbooks, and Mr. Klingerman seconded this motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Donation

Mrs. Crawford made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Mathews, to accept the donation of \$500.00 from the Bloomsburg YMCA to be used toward middle school pool repairs.

Mr. Tobin said he would be voting against this recommendation, as he thought the YMCA should use the \$500.00 to help provide membership scholarships to needy individuals in the community.

The motion passed by a voice vote of seven yes votes to one no vote (being Mr. Tobin).

Approval of Transfer of Funds

Mrs. Fogelsanger moved to approve transferring \$380,791.93 from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund. Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion, and it then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Swim Team Meal Reimbursement

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion to approve reimbursement of meals for high school swim team members who qualify and participate in the state competition in March 2012. Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed by a vote of six yes votes, one no vote (being Ms. Mathews), and one abstention (being Mrs. Crawford).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:21 p.m., Mrs. Fiedler moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Mrs. Fogelsanger seconded this motion. The motion then passed by a voice vote of seven yes votes to one no vote (being Mr. Tobin).

At 8:47 p.m., Mrs. Fiedler moved to go back into public session, and Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Approval of Professional Day-to-Day Substitutes

Mrs. Crawford made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to vote on each of the professional day-to-day substitutes separately. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Tobin moved to approve Mellissa Fought as a professional day-to-day substitute, effective upon receipt of her official transcripts, and Mrs. Crawford seconded this motion. The motion failed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Tobin moved to approve Karissa Leary as a professional day-to-day substitute, effective upon receipt of her tuberculosis test results and her official graduate transcript. After Mrs. Rupp seconded the motion, it passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion to approve David Shemaria as a professional day-to-day substitute, effective upon receipt of his official transcripts. Mrs. Crawford seconded this motion, and it then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Athletic Coach Resignation

Mrs. Fogelsanger made the motion to accept the resignation, with regrets, of Junior High Football Coach Tom Kresch Sr., effective 21 February 2012. Mrs. Fiedler seconded the motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Classified Staff Retirement

Ms. Mathews moved to accept the retirement of Memorial Elementary School Paraprofessional Kathy Kashner, effective 30 June 2012. Mrs. Crawford seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Long-Term Professional Substitute

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Ms. Mathews seconded, to approve Ashley Gregory as a Long-Term Kindergarten Substitute at Memorial Elementary School for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year, retroactive to 23 January 2012, at a rate of \$75.00/day. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Substitute Van/Bus Drivers

Ms. Mathews made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiedler, to approve Christopher Barnes and Tammie Belles as substitute van/bus drivers through FishingCreek Transportation for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year, effective 22 February 2012. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Classified Staff Leave of Absence

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Crawford, to approve a leave of absence for Bloomsburg Middle School Food Service Aide John Bendick, effective 24 February 2012 through the end of the 2011-2012 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Classified Staff Resignation

Mrs. Fogelsanger made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiedler, to accept the resignation of Memorial Elementary School Second-Shift Custodian Paul Silvetti Jr., retroactive to 16 February 2012. 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 Device Policies, Policy 815 Change, Eighth-Grade Science Textbooks, and K-5 Science Textbooks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was announced that the next work session and special meeting would be held on Monday, 5 March 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, 19 March 2012, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00 p.m., Mrs. Fogelsanger moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mrs. Crawford seconded this motion. The motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary