

**Bloomsburg Area School District**  
**School Board Work Session Summary**  
**9 June 2025**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Bloomsburg Area Secondary Complex Enhanced Learning Center & Zoom**

The following is a summary of the 9 June 2025 school board work session, which began at 7:00 p.m. and was led by Vice President Eve Ralston.

- School board members present were: Sam Bidleman, Eric Miller, Amanda Orzolek, and Eve Ralston.
- School board members absent were: Stephanie Andreacci, Jonathan Jones, John Khan, Joshua Klingerman Sr., and Mark Reisinger.
- School administrators present were: Wendy Arnold, Jonathan Cleaver, Cara Dunn, Gary Honabach, Stephanie Kessler, Andrea Landis, Mary Rose Latorre, Amy Melchiorre, Guy Moses, and Michelle Prybyla.
- Others present were: Phil Burrell, Misty Chapman, Candice Cotterman, Dawn Kehs Errifaiy, Lindsey Lipsky, and Bryn Moore.
- There was no public comment related to agenda items at this meeting.
- The following New Business items were read and reviewed at this work session, to be voted on at the next voting meeting:
  - Approval of the minutes from the previous school board meeting
  - Approval of the Special Education Services Agreement with Specialized Education of Pennsylvania, Inc. for students to attend Graham Academy during the 2025-2026 school year
  - Approval of the agreement with Siemens for building automation services for the 2025-2026 school year
  - Approval of the agreement with NRG Controls North, Inc. to provide HVAC mechanical services for the 2025-2026 school year
  - Approval of the agreement with JMSI Environmental Corp. for services related to the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Act (AHERA) for the 2025-2026, 2026-2027, and 2027-2028 school years
  - Approval of the following booster clubs and parent-teacher organizations for the 2025-2026 school year:
    - Band Booster Club
    - Boys' Basketball Booster Club
    - Boys' Soccer Booster Club
    - Drama and Chorus Booster Club, with revised by-laws
    - Field Hockey Booster Club

- Football Booster Club
  - Girls' Basketball Booster Club
  - Girls' Soccer Booster Club
  - Golf Booster Club
  - Memorial Elementary School PTO
  - Swimming and Diving Booster Club
  - W.W. Evans Elementary School PTO
  - Wrestling Booster Club
- Approval of the 2025 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution, as presented
- The following new business-related motion will be included as a separate motion at the next voting meeting:
  - Approval of the final 2025-2026 Bloomsburg Area School District budget in the amount of \$35,030,675 with tax rates being set as follows, with the continuation of existing penalties and discounts:

Real Estate

54.78 mills (a 1.50 mill increase from 2024-2025)

Act 511

Per Capita

\$0.00

Local Services Tax

\$52.00 (Bloomsburg, Hemlock Township, Montour Township) (\$10.00 District Portion)

\$10.00 (Beaver Township, Catawissa Township, Main Township)

Real Estate Transfer

1% (.50 % District Portion)

Earned Income

1.56% (1.06% District Portion)

Per Capita Section 679

\$0.00

- The following personnel-related motions will be included in the consent agenda at the next school board meeting:
  - Approval of the following individuals as long-term volunteers/overnight chaperones:

- Kent Reinford
  - Peter Shultz
  - Rachel Troychock
- Acceptance of the resignation of Jonathan Jones as a Bloomsburg Area School District Director, School Board Treasurer, Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Representative, and Policy and Academic Affairs Committee member, effective 19 May 2025
- Acceptance of the retirement of Technology Director Gary Honabach, effective 9 January 2026
- Approval of Jonathan Barnett as the Grade-Level Leader for fifth grade for the second semester of the 2024-2025 school year with a stipend of \$550 (half of full stipend)
- Approval of transferring Patricia Longenberger from the position of Substitute Cafeteria Staff to Beaver-Main Elementary School Cook (3.25 hours per day) at an hourly rate of \$12.50 and with benefits per the classified staff agreement, effective for the start of the 2025-2026 school year
- Acknowledgment of Bloomsburg Area Secondary Complex Social Studies Teacher Amanda Zwalkuski as a Summer/Fall 2025 Principal Intern at Bloomsburg High School with Bloomsburg High School Principal Andrea Landis
- It was reported that the following professional staff members are being granted tenure in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as they have met the criteria set forth in Pennsylvania School Code, Section 1101:
  - Makayla Snyder, Memorial Elementary School Guidance Counselor
  - Kimberly Stamm, Memorial Elementary School Teacher
- It was announced that at the 23 June 2025 school board meeting, the following school board positions will be elected/approved:
  - Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School Joint Operating Committee Alternate
  - Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Representative
  - School District Solicitor
  - School Board Secretary
  - Assistant School Board Secretary
  - School Board Treasurer
  - Policy and Academic Affairs Committee Member
- During the public comment period for open topics, Candice Cotterman addressed the board to voice concern over how an incident involving her child was handled and the lack of appropriate response time to the incident.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.