

**Bloomsburg Area School District  
Board of School Directors  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Monday, 16 January 2017  
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, 16 January 2017 in the district office board room, followed by the pledge to the flag. Directors in attendance were: Ms. Stephanie Dunn Haney, Mr. Brent Hock, Mrs. Tina Howell, Mr. Jonathan Jones, Mr. Joshua Klingerman, Ms. Marianne Kreisher, Mr. Norman Mael, Mrs. Gail Moore (arrived at 8:12 p.m.) and Mr. Leo “Joe” Yodock III.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Mr. Justin Simpson (left at 7:51 p.m.), Mr. Gary Honabach (left at 7:51 p.m.), Mr. Michael Upton, Dr. Donald Wheeler, Mr. Nick Wozniak (left at 7:51 p.m.).

Others present were: Ms. Denise Baney, Mr. Phil Baney, Ms. Kyla Burns, Mr. Phil Burrell (arrived at 7:14 p.m.), Ms. Terri Drucker, Ms. Leah Fogelsanger (left at 7:06 p.m.), Ms. Gabriela Howell (left at 7:06 p.m.), and Ms. Stephanie Kessler.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK**

At this point in the meeting, high school students Leah Fogelsanger and Gabriela Howell read a proclamation regarding January being School Director Recognition Month. Following that, they presented each board member with a certificate of appreciation. They then gave their student representative report. They told directors that Student Council had 45 donors with 38 viable units of blood from their American Red Cross blood drive on October 28, and that the next blood drive was scheduled for March 9. Next, they reported that Student Council had raised over \$1,200 from vendors at its annual craft fair, which had occurred on November 12. They told directors that Student Council had participated in Tree Fest and had donated unsold ornaments from prior fundraisers, that they had hosted a Holiday Spirit Week during the week of December 14, and that they had extended their hat and glove drive to benefit the Women’s Center through the end of January.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hock, to approve the minutes of the following Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors’ meetings: 19 December 2016 regular monthly meeting and 3 January 2017 special meeting and work session. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote, with the exception of Mr. Klingerman, who abstained because he was not at the 3 January 2017 meeting.

## **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve the financial reports for December 2016.

During discussion about the financial reports, Ms. Kreisher said that Columbia-Montour AVTS used e-rate, and Mr. Upton replied that the district did use e-rate and therefore received discounted prices on such technology items as the district's web site and Internet access. Mr. Upton pointed out that there was no activity on the high school sidewalk project yet because the district was waiting for direction on the potential flood wall project.

After discussion, the motion to approve the financial reports for December 2016 passed by a unanimous voice vote.

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE**

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to approve the bills payable for 20 December 2016 – 16 January 2017, ranging from check #00042286 – check #00042432, including wire transfers in the amount of \$300,475.38, in the total amount of \$1,691,997.85.

During his report on the bills payable, Mr. Upton pointed out several bills being recommended for payment, including a payment to Central Columbia School District for the STEP (alternative education) program for which Bloomsburg and Central Columbia school districts split the cost, the third of six payments for the school year for Bloomsburg's students at Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School, and a fuel mileage adjustment to Fishing Creek Transportation because this contractor keeps buses locally and the buses then travel to the bus barn in Orangeville to refuel once or twice a week. Mr. Upton also pointed out a payment to Millville Area School District for the four students Bloomsburg was sending its elementary autistic support classroom and a payment to New Story for the six Bloomsburg students currently attending there. He pointed out the bill for use of the School Dude program, which presently was used for technology requests, but which would be used for maintenance requests as well as of 1 July 2017.

After discussion, the motion to approve the bills payable passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

## **OPERATIONS/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Mr. Honabach noted that since his written report had been sent to directors, the number of School Dude requests for the 2016-2017 school year had risen to 1,868. He asked if anyone had questions for him, and Mr. Jones asked if he could send directors a copy of the PATI report. Mr. Honabach said he would provide this report to directors.

There were no questions regarding Mr. Wozniak's written report to the board.

Next, Mr. Simpson gave his athletic report, focusing on the progress of the fitness center at the high school and the athletic hall.

Mr. Simpson showed directors a diagram of the layout of the proposed fitness center. He said that all sports and gym classes would have access to the new fitness center, and that the new equipment would be in the school's colors of red and white. He said the plan had been reviewed with several people, and that

he had met with physical education teachers and coaches and that they were happy to see the improvements. Mr. Yodock asked how much the renovations to the fitness center would cost, and Mr. Simpson said he was still working on this, but that he thought the board would be happy with the figures.

Mr. Simpson then told directors that he had already met with coaches and booster club members regarding the athletic hall, and that he would be meeting parents that Sunday. He passed around pictures of the current space at the high school and the plans on how to change that area. He said he'd been working with the high school art teacher in designing the concepts for changing the space available for athletic portraits. During his presentation, Mr. Simpson said the proposed changes included possibly adding a hall of fame, relocating the vending machine so it's not visible immediately upon entering the school, creating an electronic display that could show home and opposing teams' rosters for that day's events, adding "Bloomsburg Panthers" to the area above the breezeway doors, and adding a locker room concept that would be painted on a wall with each locker having two sports depicted in it. Mr. Simpson said that after the last stakeholders' meeting that Sunday, he would come up with final designs to bring to the school board. Mr. Hock commended Mr. Simpson for this undertaking and said that the board wanted to make sure the district established clear criteria for students to get their portraits hung on the athletic wall. Mr. Klingerman agreed, saying that the district needed to make sure it had clear guidelines moving forward. Mr. Hock asked if the Old Panther Group had been contacted about this project, and Dr. Wheeler answered that he had spoken to a member of the group. Mr. Hock said that the Old Panther Group had volunteered to help with the price of resizing all-state pictures.

Regarding Mrs. Day's recommendation to add a new club to the high school, Mr. Hock said he was concerned about its name, being Students for Social Action. He said he thought that name would put some people on the offense and others on defense. Dr. Wheeler said he would take this concern to Mrs. Day and Mrs. Robin Callahan (who would be the volunteer advisor for the organization), who would then be making a presentation to the board at its February 6 meeting.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Wheeler distributed to directors his state of the district report, saying that during that night's meeting, he would be discussing the district's facilities. He started by stating he did not think the district should move forward with the flood wall project until the town had the project approved. He said that, along with the flood wall, the district would need to look at renovating Panther Stadium to add artificial turf and make it so that more sports could play there. He said that new tile and paint in the middle and high schools was needed, and that these would cost about \$7 - \$10 million. He also said that air conditioning needed to be added to both Beaver-Main Elementary School and Bloomsburg Middle School, and that this was a significant equity issue. (Mrs. Moore arrived at this point in the meeting.) Mr. Mael asked if there was a cost estimate for adding air conditioning to the middle school, and Mr. Upton said that while there was nothing official, the cost would likely be about \$2 - \$3 million. Dr. Wheeler said he would like the district to go out for a Request for Proposals for adding air conditioning at the middle school within the next three to six months. He said that the order of facilities projects would be the flood wall, heating/ventilation/air conditioning, and then Panther Stadium. Dr. Wheeler said he would like to have the fitness center completed that spring so that work could begin on the athletic hall in the summer.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Approval of School-Based Access Program Cost Settlement Agreement**

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hock, to approve as presented the School-Based Access Program Cost Settlement Agreement. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which Mr. Klingerman seconded, to approve the out-of-state/overnight field trip request for Bloomsburg High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students to attend the FBLA State Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania from 3 April 2017 – 5 April 2017, at a cost to the district of \$705.00. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Bloomsburg High School Program of Studies**

Mr. Hock made the motion, which Mr. Klingerman seconded, to approve as presented the 2017-2018 Bloomsburg High School Program of Studies. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Acceptance of Donation**

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Howell, to accept English Teacher Robin Callahan's classes as part of the Community Reads Event sponsored by the Bloomsburg Public Library. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Homebound Instruction Request**

Mr. Hock made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve the homebound instruction request for a Memorial Elementary School student, effective on or about 17 January 2017 with an end date of 10 April 2017. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

## **PERSONNEL**

### **Approval of Classified Staff**

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Jones seconded, to approve the following classified staff:

- Stephanie Geise as a Memorial Elementary School Personal Care Aide (6.5 hours per day) at \$8.85 per hour and with benefits as per the negotiated classified staff agreement;
- The following individuals as members of the Bloomsburg High School musical pit orchestra for the 2017 musical, with their stipends being paid by the Bloomsburg High School Drama Club:
  - Margaret Abbot (reapproval);
  - Judith Burke (reapproval);
  - Mark Burke (reapproval);
  - Bonnie Crawford (reapproval);
  - Todd Egger (reapproval);
  - Ben Kuzinski (reapproval);
  - Sharon Styer (reapproval);
  - Diane Wasser (reapproval);
  - Ron Wasser (reapproval);
  - Nathanael Zeek (new);
- The following individuals as drama club staff for the Bloomsburg High School 2017 musical, with their stipends being paid by the Bloomsburg High School Drama Club:

- Brian Tretter – set design (reapproval);
- Kay Martin – sewing costumes (reapproval).

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Professional Day-to-Day Substitutes**

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve the following individuals as professional day-to-day substitutes, as per Policy 405: Employment of Professional Substitute Employees:

- Gregory Filohoski – through CSIU Guest Teacher Program, through 31 July 2017;
- Anna Neuhard – through CSIU Guest Teacher Program, through 31 July 2017;
- Serena Stackhouse – through CSIU Guest Teacher Program, through 31 July 2017;
- Brianna Hendrickson – through CSIU Education Major as Substitute Teacher Program, not to exceed 20 working days through the end of the 2016-2017 school year;
- Morgan Fulmer – through CSIU Education Major as Substitute Teacher Program, not to exceed 20 working days through the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **INFORMATION**

Ms. Kreisher announced that the following items were scheduled to appear on the next work session agenda: Calendar 2017-2018, Summer Programs 2017, Tenure Report, Graduates of Distinction Induction Ceremony, and Staff Recognition Dinner. She added that she would like to have Mr. Matt Zoppetti attend this meeting to make a presentation to the board on his proposed rehabilitation center project.

Dr. Wheeler reported to the board that as of 12 January 2017, there were 1,552 students enrolled in the district, from kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. He noted that cyber school enrollment was up to 40 students.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Kreisher announced that the next special meeting and work session were scheduled for Monday, 6 February 2017 at 7 p.m. in the district office board room, and that the next regular monthly meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, 21 February 2017 at 7 p.m. in the district office board room.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:34 p.m., Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler  
Recording Secretary