

**Bloomsburg Area School District  
Board of School Directors  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Monday, 16 September 2013  
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 September 2013, 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, Ms. Marianne Kreisher (arrived at 7:01 p.m.), Mr. Norman Mael, Mrs. Sandra Rupp, Mr. William Snavelly, and Mr. Thomas Tobin.

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

Others present were: Ms. Cheri Balmer (left at 7:38 p.m.) and Ms. Stephanie Kessler.

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

There were no guests wishing to address the board at this time.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which Mrs. Crawford seconded, to approve the minutes of the 19 August 2013 regular monthly meeting and the 3 September 2013 special meeting and work session. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Kreisher arrived at this point in the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mrs. Fiedler seconded, to approve the financial reports for August 2013. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE**

**Approval of Bills Payable**

Mr. Hock moved to amend the motion to change the total amount of bills payable to \$783,661.06, and Ms. Kreisher seconded this motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Crawford then made the motion, which Mrs. Fiedler seconded, to approve the bills payable for 20 August 2013 – 16 September 2013, ranging from check #00034965 – check #00035143, including wire transfers totaling \$258,272.87, in the amended amount of \$783,661.06. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

#### **Approval of Bills Payable – Capital Reserve Fund**

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mrs. Fiedler seconded, to approve the bills payable for the Capital Reserve Fund for 20 August 2013 – 16 September 2013, ranging from check #00001765 – check #00001770, totaling \$198,988.18. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

#### **Authorization of Administration to Solicit Bids for High School Window Replacement Project**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion to authorize the administration to work with an architect to prepare bid documents for the high school window replacement project, to include classrooms, the gymnasium, boiler room, and wrestling room, and to then solicit public bids. Ms. Kreisher seconded this motion.

Mr. Tobin then made the motion, which Mrs. Fiedler seconded, to amend the motion to read: Authorize the administration to work with ArchCentral Architects to prepare documents, in the amount of \$14,190.00, for the high school window replacement project, to include classrooms, the gymnasium, boiler room, and wrestling room, and to then solicit public bids. This motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

The motion to approve the amended original motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

#### **Approval of Entering into an Agreement with Appalachia to Conduct Security Assessment of the District's Network**

Mr. Hock made the motion to approve entering into an agreement with Appalachia Technologies LLC to conduct a security assessment of the Bloomsburg Area School District network. Mrs. Fiedler seconded this motion.

Mr. Tobin then made the motion to amend the original motion to read: Approve entering into an agreement with Appalachia Technologies LLC, in the amount of \$9,800.00, to conduct a security assessment of the Bloomsburg Area School District network. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

The amended original motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

#### **Approval of 2013-2014 District-Wide Goals**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Fiedler seconded, to approve Dr. Curry's 2013-2014 district-wide goals, as presented. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

#### **Approval of Overseas Spanish Trip**

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Kreisher, to approve as presented a Bloomsburg High School trip for students to go to Spain in June 2014, at no cost to the district. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of SEDA-COG Agreements**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve as presented the Columbia County Flood Control Project Right-of-Entry for Survey and Exploration agreements. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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

Mr. Hock made the motion, which Mrs. Fiedler seconded, to approve a homebound instruction request for a W.W. Evans Elementary School student retroactive to 8 September 2013 and lasting for a period of at least 20 school days. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

## **PERSONNEL**

### **Approval of BASD School Board Representative to Panther Foundation**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which Mrs. Crawford seconded, to approve Brent Hock as the Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors representative to the Panther Foundation. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval to Change Advisor Position to Coaching Position**

Mr. Hock moved to approve changing the position of Bloomsburg Middle School Intramural Cross Country Advisor (at 6 units and a \$450 annual stipend) to the position of Bloomsburg Middle School Cross Country Coach with a stipend as per the revised Coaching Salary Schedule, effective for the 2014-2015 school year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Fiedler and then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Professional Substitutes**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the following individuals as professional substitutes:

- Sandra Mowery as a professional day-to-day substitute, effective 17 September 2013; and
- Megan Shields as a long-term professional substitute, effective from approximately 11 October 2013 to 1 January 2014 at W.W. Evans Elementary School, and from 2 January 2014 to 28 March 2014 at Beaver-Main Elementary School, and to add her to the professional day-to-day and classified substitute lists.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Acceptance of Classified Staff Resignations**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to accept the following classified staff resignations:

- Bloomsburg Middle School Cook Susan Adams, with her last day of work being 20 September 2013; and
- Bloomsburg Middle School Secretary Elena Jola, with her last day of work being 20 September 2013.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Classified Substitute**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which Mrs. Crawford seconded, to approve Brandy Malia as a classified substitute, effective upon receipt of her Act 151 Clearance and her tuberculosis test results. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Bus Drivers**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hock, to approve the following individuals as substitute bus drivers for the 2013-2014 school year:

- Stacie Bond for MS Bond Busing; and
- Michelle Huntington for FishingCreek Transportation.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of School Psychologist**

Mrs. Fiedler moved to approve Cheri Balmer as the School Psychologist at Step 1 Masters +30 and an annual pro-rated salary of \$39,514.00 and with benefits as per the negotiated contract, effective 14 October 2013, and to add her to the professional day-to-day substitute list, effective upon receipt of her tuberculosis test results. Ms. Kreisher seconded the motion and it then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Classified Staff Transfer**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Fiedler seconded, to approve transferring Donna Carl from the position of Bloomsburg Middle School Food Service Aide (4 hours per day) to the position of Bloomsburg Middle School Cook (5.5 hours per day), effective 30 September 2013. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Classified Staff**

Mr. Tobin moved to approve Cherie Karas as a 5.5-hour-per-day Kindergarten Paraprofessional at W.W. Evans Elementary School, at a rate of \$8.50 per hour and with benefits as per the negotiated contract, effective upon receipt of her tuberculosis test results. Mrs. Rupp seconded the motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Athletic Coaches**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the following individuals as athletic coaches for the 2013-2014 school year:

- Eric Haines – Eighth-Grade Girls' Basketball Coach – Step 1 – \$1,274.00;
- Robert Noll – Seventh-Grade Boys' Basketball Coach – Step 1 – \$1,274.00;
- Jalon Orzolek – Volunteer Cross Country Coach; and
- Janna Ward – Seventh-Grade Girls' Basketball Coach – Step 1 – \$1,274.00.

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

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Curry distributed a handout pertaining to the new school performance profile and how various data would be taken into account when determining each district's assessment. He went over this new district evaluation tool and said that Mr. Moran would be going into this in further detail at the next work session.

## **INFORMATION**

It was reported that the following items would appear on the next work session agenda: Budget and Facility Use Fees.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

It was announced that the next work session would be held on Monday, 7 October 2013 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at W.W. Evans Elementary School, and that the next regular monthly board meeting would be held on Monday, 21 October 2013 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:00 p.m., Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiedler, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler  
Recording Secretary