

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, 18 March 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 7:04 p.m. on Monday, 18 March 2013, in the district office board room, followed by the pledge to the flag. Directors in attendance were: Mrs. Bonnie Crawford, Mr. Brent Hock, Mr. Justin Hummel, Ms. Marianne Kreisher, Mrs. Sandra Rupp, and Mr. Thomas Tobin. Mrs. Bonnie Fiedler, Mr. Norman Mael, and Ms. Mathews were absent from the meeting.

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

Others present were: Mrs. Deb Krupp, Ms. Karen Miksits, and Mr. Brian Stolz.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

Mrs. Krupp addressed the school board regarding Obamacare, sign donations, and class sizes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Crawford, to approve the minutes of the following Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors' meetings: the 19 February 2013 regular monthly meeting and 4 March 2013 special meetings and work session. The meeting minutes were then approved by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Kreisher, to approve the financial reports for February 2013. The motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE

Mr. Hock made the motion, which Ms. Kreisher seconded, to approve the bills payable for 20 February 2013 – 18 March 2013, ranging from check #00033907 – check #00034060, including wire transfers totaling \$258,047.22, in the amount of \$924,324.90. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Curry reported on the Affordable Health Care Act (AHCA) and the impact it would have on staff. He recommended entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the support staff, which would allow them to keep their current benefits through the end of the contract, set to expire 30 June 2014. Mr. Tobin and Mr. Hock agreed to serve as board representatives in discussing an MOU with the support staff.

Dr. Curry reported that the three laptop carts were removed from the 2013-2014 budget and that the test material line item was still being evaluated. He also reported that Northeast Tree Trimming would be conducting work around the high school and middle school property. It was also reported that Commercial Stainless, Incorporated had offered \$5,000 for the purchase and installation of a new softball field scoreboard, and that it would be recommended the board accept that donation at the next board meeting. Dr. Curry and Mr. Upton reported that there was an opportunity to save money by refinancing the bank bonds used for renovation of the high school. Mr. Brad Remig from PFM would be attending the next meeting to outline this project in greater detail.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

As Colton Hock was not able to make the meeting, there was no student representative report given.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of CSIU 2013-2014 Budget

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Crawford, to approve the 2013-2014 Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit budget in the total amount of \$1,183,369.00 with Bloomsburg Area School District's share being \$148,171.00. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of CMAVTS 2013-2014 Budget

Ms. Kreisher moved to approve the 2013-2014 Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School budget in the total amount of \$7,339,308.00, with Bloomsburg Area School District's share being \$797,488.00. Mr. Tobin seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Comprehensive Plan

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Kreisher, to approve the Bloomsburg Area School District Comprehensive Plan as presented by the superintendent. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Submission of Comprehensive Plan to PDE

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the submission of the Bloomsburg Area School District Comprehensive Plan to the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of First Reading of BASD Policies

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve on first reading the revised Policy 405: Employment of Substitute Professional Employees and the revised Policy 800: Records

Management and schedule them for final approval at the 15 April 2013 meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Donations

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to accept the following donations to the Bloomsburg Area School District:

- \$7,500 from the Old Panther Group to be used toward a new football field scoreboard;
- \$2,500 from the Bloomsburg Football Boosters to be used toward a new football field scoreboard;
- \$6,560 from First Columbia Bank to purchase a new scoreboard for the middle school gymnasium and to advertise First Columbia Bank on both of the scoreboards in the middle school gymnasium;
- \$3,100 from the Klingerman family to purchase a new baseball scoreboard in memory of Darren Klingerman and to place a sign memorializing Darren Klingerman on said scoreboard.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hock, to approve the following out-of-state/overnight field trip request:

- Bloomsburg Robotics team to Meadville Area High School on 22 March 2013 – 23 March 2013 for a competition, at a cost to the district of \$201.60.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Truck Bids

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to accept the high bids to purchase the district's former maintenance trucks by James Weyand, in the amount of \$2,906.99 for the 1992 Chevrolet truck and in the amount of \$4,725.95 for the 1997 Ford truck. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Homebound Instruction Request

Mr. Tobin moved to approve a homebound instruction request for a Bloomsburg High School student, retroactive to 8 March 2013 and lasting for a period of at least 20 school days. Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Approval of Professional Day-to-Day Substitutes

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the following individuals as professional day-to-day substitutes:

- Lloyd Ebersole (English 7-12), effective upon receipt of his teaching certificate;
- Heather Laputka (Elementary Education K-6, Special Education N-12), effective upon receipt of her teaching certificate;
- Shelena Piland (Elementary Education K-6, Special Education N-12), effective upon receipt of her updated Act 114 Clearance;
- Elizabeth Pursel (Elementary Education K-6, English 7-12), effective 19 March 2013;
- Angela Rock (Elementary Education K-6, English 7-12, Special Education N-12), effective 19 March 2013;

- Dianne Sacco (Elementary Education K-6), effective 19 March 2013; and
- Lauren Sovinsky (Elementary Education K-6, English 7-12, Special Education N-12), effective 19 March 2013.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Transfer of Classified Staff

Mrs. Crawford made the motion, which Ms. Krisher seconded, to approve the transfer of Sarah Buechele from classified substitute to full-time personal care aide for a student placed outside of the Bloomsburg Area School District, at an hourly rate of \$8.50 and with benefits offered as per the negotiated contract. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Classified Staff Substitutes

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hock, to approve the following individuals as classified substitutes:

- Melanie Hons (currently an elementary health aide in the district who is resigning from her full-time position on 22 March 2013), effective 23 March 2013; and
- Fatma Elemam, effective 19 March 2013.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

INFORMATION

It was announced that following items would appear on the next work session: Budget and Bond Refinancing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was announced that the next special meeting and work session would be held on Tuesday, 2 April 2013, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room, and that the next regular monthly meeting would be held on Monday, 15 April 2013, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:33 p.m., Ms. Kreisher made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary
(from notes taken by
Dr. Cosmas Curry &
Mr. Michael Upton)