

**Bloomsburg Area School District  
Board of School Directors  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Monday, 18 November 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, 21 October 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, Mr. Norman Mael, Mrs. Sandra Rupp, Mr. William Snavely, and Mr. Thomas Tobin. Ms. Marianne Kreisher was absent from the meeting.

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

Others present were: Mr. James Frazier, Ms. Jeri Frazier, Mr. Mike Garman, Mr. David Hogue, Mrs. Jill Hogue, Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Mr. Terry Kramarz (arrived at 8:11 p.m.), and Mrs. Deborah Krupp.

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

Mr. David Hogue, the Bloomsburg High School Girls' Soccer Booster Club President, addressed the board to ask them to consider starting a girls' junior high soccer program. Mr. Hogue said that the two high school girls' soccer coaches had agreed to volunteer their time to run such a program, and that the district would only need to provide a soccer field, funds for referees, and transportation costs for away games.

Mrs. Deb Krupp said she would like school to be made more rigorous, rather than changing the grading system. She suggested the board add another section of honors courses, and then thanked Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Fiedler, Mr. Mael, and Mr. Snavely for their service as school directors.

Ms. Susan Forgett from Forgett & Kerstetter then presented information on the 2012-2013 single audit report. She said there were no findings in the audit and then highlighted several parts of it.

**APPROVAL OF 2012-2013 SINGLE AUDIT REPORT**

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mrs. Fiedler seconded, to approve as presented the 2012-2013 single audit report. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which Mr. Tobin seconded, to approve the minutes of the 21 October 2013 regular monthly meeting and the 4 November 2013 special meeting and work session.

Mrs. Crawford then requested to add the following to the superintendent's report of 21 October 2013: Mrs. Crawford asked that since it was not advertised to the entire school if the cost should be added to the cost for junior high football and girls' basketball. Mrs. Crawford said she would like to make this opportunity advertised to all middle school students and she would also like to find out how many students would want to take advantage of this program.

Mr. Tobin made a motion to make this amendment to the minutes, Mrs. Crawford seconded this motion, and the motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

The original motion, with the amendment, passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

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

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the bills payable for 22 October 2013 – 18 November 2013, ranging from check #00035391 – check #00035563, including wire transfers totaling \$308,199.79, in the amount of \$851,908.69. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

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

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Curry reported that the district had received a \$4,400 grant through the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation for the purpose of providing students in need with such items as glasses, clothing, and hygiene products.

Dr. Curry then distributed to board members a list of his district-wide 2013-2014 goals and went over the first three in detail and reported on the progress made with each, in particular, changes being made to curricula to align them to state standards and the implementation of the new teacher evaluation system. In summary, he reviewed the proposed changes to Chapter 4 and how they are aligned to the goals.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the following out-of-state/overnight field trip requests:

- BHS Chorus students to Canton High School from 9 January 2014 – 11 January 2014 for District Chorus, at a cost to the district of \$743.00; and
- BHS Band students to Sandusky, Ohio from 23 May 2014 – 25 May 2014 for a Music in the Parks competition, at no cost to the district.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of 2014 Board Meeting Schedule**

Mrs. Crawford moved to approved the 2014 Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors meeting schedule as presented:

#### **Meeting Schedule**

16 December 2013	Board Meeting
6 January 2014	Special Meeting/Work Session
20 January 2014	Board Meeting
3 February 2014	Special Meeting/Work Session
18 February 2014 (Tuesday)	Board Meeting
3 March 2014	Special Meeting/Work Session
10 March 2014	Stakeholders' Meeting
17 March 2014	Board Meeting
7 April 2014	Special Meeting/Work Session
22 April 2014 (Tuesday)	Board Meeting
5 May 2014	Special Meeting/Work Session
19 May 2014	Board Meeting
2 June 2014	Special Meeting/Work Session
16 June 2014	Board Meeting
7 July 2014	Special Meeting/Work Session
21 July 2014	Board Meeting
4 August 2014	Special Meeting/Work Session
18 August 2014	Board Meeting
2 September 2014 (Tuesday)	Special Meeting/Work Session
15 September 2014	Board Meeting
6 October 2014	Special Meeting/Work Session
20 October 2014	Board Meeting
3 November 2014	Special Meeting/Work Session
17 November 2014	Board Meeting
2 December 2014 (Tuesday)	Reorganization Meeting/Special Meeting/Work Session

*All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held in the district office board room.*

Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion and the motion went on to pass by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Change Order for Pool Renovation Project**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which Mrs. Crawford seconded, to approve as presented the change order for the middle school pool renovation project. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Revised Secondary Grading System**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the revised secondary grading system as follows:

<b><u>Letter Grade</u></b>	<b><u>Current Percentage Range</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed Percentage Range</u></b>
Excellent Work	90-100	93-100
Above Average	80-89	85-92
Average	70-79	77-84
Below Average	65-69	70-76
Unsatisfactory	0-64	0-69

After the motion was made and seconded, Mr. Hock said he could not support revising the secondary grading system because it would not fix anything. Mrs. Fiedler then said that she believed rigor to be different than a grading system and that the administration and teachers support changing the secondary grading system and that they had done their due diligence in bringing this recommendation to the board and that they should support it. Mrs. Rupp agreed with this. Mrs. Crawford said she had been back and forth on this issue for the past two weeks. Mr. Tobin said he didn't think the revised grading system would fix everything, but that it was a piece of the puzzle, and that it would put Bloomsburg Area School District in line with other local districts' grading systems.

Proceeding discussion, the motion passed by a voice vote of six yes votes to two no votes (being Mr. Hock and Mr. Mael).

## **PERSONNEL**

### **Approval of Professional Staff Leave of Absence**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the request for a leave of absence for W.W. Evans Elementary School Teacher Robert Cromley, retroactive to 1 November 2013 and lasting through 15 November 2013. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Classified Staff Leave of Absence**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the request for a leave of absence for W.W. Evans Elementary School Paraprofessional Stacey Thomas, effective on 13 November 2013 and lasting for a period of four to six weeks. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Acceptance of Classified Staff Resignation**

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mrs. Fiedler seconded, to accept the resignation of W.W. Evans Elementary School Long-Term Health Aide Substitute Elizabeth Williams, with her last day of employment being 22 November 2013. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Long-Term Professional Substitute**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which Mr. Tobin seconded, to approve Travis Brown as a long-term professional fifth-grade substitute teacher at W.W. Evans Elementary School at \$100 per day, retroactive to 3 September 2013. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve Micah Moyer as a professional day-to-day substitute, effective 19 November 2013. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

## **INFORMATION**

It was announced that at the next work session, the following items would appear on the agenda: Budget and Girls' Junior High Soccer Program.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

It was announced that the next special meeting/reorganization meeting and work session would be held on Monday, 2 December 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, 16 December 2013, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Tobin asked that someone be brought to the board to discuss the flood wall being constructed near the middle/high schools.

Mrs. Crawford said she would like to recognize the boys' varsity soccer team for their achievements that season.

Dr. Curry thanked the four out-going school directors – Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Fiedler, Mr. Mael, and Mr. Snively – for their commitment to the school district and presented them with certificates recognizing their contributions to public education.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:48 p.m., Mrs. Fiedler made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Rupp seconded the motion. The motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler  
Recording Secretary