

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors Meeting
Tuesday, 2 January 2018
7:00 p.m.
District Office Board Room**

MINUTES

Attendance

This meeting of the Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors was called to order by President Marianne Kreisher at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 2 January 2018 in the district office board room, followed by the pledge to the flag. Directors in attendance were: Mr. Brent Hock, Mrs. Tina Howell, Mr. Jonathan Jones, Mr. Joshua Klingerman Sr., Ms. Marianne Kreisher, Ms. Bryne Lewis, Mr. Norman Mael, and Mr. Leo “Joe” Yodock III. Ms. Stephanie Dunn Haney was absent from the meeting.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Mrs. Melissa Day, Mr. Marc Freeman, Mr. David Marsiglio, Mr. Justin Simpson, Mr. Joshua Tabor, and Dr. Donald Wheeler.

Others present included: Ms. Holly Anderson, Mr. Michael Anderson, Mrs. Allison Burrell, Ms. Deanna Coyne, Ms. Terri Drucker, Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Mr. Rob Staib, and Mr. John Willis.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

No one wished to address the board at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE/ REPORTS

Mr. Tabor reported that planning had begun for the science fair at Beaver-Main Elementary School, which would likely be held in March again. He said he would let the board know the date and time once it was finalized.

Ms. Christensen referred directors to her special education enrollment report, highlighting the fact that two students formerly placed outside the district had been brought back into the district. She also said that the state would be monitoring the district’s special education program in March.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Wheeler made a presentation on the status of the capital project. He showed the new proposed flood wall map and the preliminary placement of the athletic fields. Mr. Klingerman said he was concerned that the baseball and softball fields overlapped, saying it might present scheduling issues. Mr. Jones said the two sports just could not practice at the same time, but that this plan could work. Mr. Yodock pointed out that the athletic field plans were just conceptual at that time and that the district was currently in the design phase. Mr. Hock said that the board did not that particular design, it could request other options be presented. Mr. Klingerman asked if Title IX would permit either the softball or baseball team to play at Bloomsburg University and the other sport to play on school district property, and Dr. Wheeler confirmed this was acceptable. Mr. Klingerman said the board should consider this option.

Moving on from discussion about the flood wall and athletic fields, Dr. Wheeler turned the focus to the proposed middle school/high school shared cafeteria addition. He said that this cafeteria would be located at the back of the schools, behind the breezeway. The cafeteria would then serve as the focal point of the middle school/high school complex and would have a 500-seat capacity. He said the cafeteria could have different stations, which would lend itself to a more college-like atmosphere. Dr. Wheeler said the current middle school cafeteria could then be turned into an athletic center and the building currently housing the maintenance shed and locker rooms could be turned into a maintenance facility, which would allow the district to store large items on its own property. Mr. Mael asked if middle school and high school students would be dining at the same time, and Dr. Wheeler responded in the negative.

Dr. Wheeler told directors that Requests for Qualifications (RFQs) for the energy savings and facilities improvement project were due on January 15, and that the recommendation to approve an energy services company (ESCO) for the project would be voted on at the February 5 school board meeting. He said that forums on the capital project would be held on January 18, January 25, and February 1, with three groups (faculty/staff, coaches and booster clubs, and the community) having a separate forum on each of the three dates.

During his presentation, Dr. Wheeler distributed to board members a proposal from Marotta/Main Architects for a feasibility study of the middle school/high school cafeteria addition and athletic upgrades. He said he would be recommending the board approve this proposal at the next school board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS

Community Forum Recommendation

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to approve the administration to move forward with gathering information on the recommended items as outlined in the safety community forum report dated 14 December 2017. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip Request

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to approve as presented the revised out-of-state/overnight field trip request for the Class of 2018 to go to New York City on 18 May 2018 at an approximate cost to the district of \$170. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Snow Removal Agreement

Mr. Yodock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the proposal of O'Neil Excavating for snow removal at Beaver-Main Elementary School and Memorial Elementary School for the 2017-2018 school year, effective 3 January 2018. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS – DISCUSSION ITEMS

Ms. Kreisher asked that any directors willing to serve on either the Committee to Review School Board Policy or the Committee to Revise Act 93 and Superintendent Evaluation Protocols contact herself and Ms. Kessler. Ms. Kreisher said the board would be voting to approve committee members at the 15 January 2018 meeting. Ms. Lewis and Mr. Mael expressed interest in serving on the policy committee and Mr. Klingerman expressed interest in serving on the evaluation revision committee.

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS

MetroCast Release and Request to Distribute Agreement

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to approve as presented the following Release and Request to Distribute agreements with MetroCast Channel 10: Boys' Basketball at Central Columbia on 5 January 2018; Girls' Basketball at Central Columbia on 15 January 2018; Boys' Basketball at Central Columbia on 31 January 2018; and Girls' Basketball at Central Columbia on 10 February 2018. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Pinnacle Cleaning Service Agreement

Mr. Yodock made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Howell, to approve as presented the proposal with Pinnacle Cleaning Service for a substitute custodian during the absence of the Bloomsburg High School first-shift custodian. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION ITEMS

Professional Staff Job Description Revisions

Ms. Kreisher reported to directors that the following revised professional job descriptions would be recommended to be approved on first reading at the 15 January 2018 school board meeting and on second reading at the 20 February 2018 school board meeting: Elementary Guidance Counselor; Secondary Guidance Counselor; School Nurse; School Psychologist; and Teacher. She said that the only revision being recommended was changing the work year from 207 days to 202 days, which was a change that came about with the current professional staff agreement that went into effect on 1 July 2017.

PERSONNEL – ACTION ITEMS

Athletic Coach

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to approve Jennifer Intintolo as a Volunteer Elementary Boys' Basketball Coach for the 2017-2018 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Athletic Coach Resignation

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to accept the resignation of Head Baseball Coach Josh Stewart, effective 20 December 2017. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL – DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no personnel discussion items to come before the board at this meeting.

INFORMATION

There was no other information to be brought to the board at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Kreisher announced that the next meeting of the Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors was scheduled for Monday, 15 January 2018 at 7 p.m. in the district office board room.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:52 p.m., Mr. Jones made the motion to adjourn the meeting and move into an executive session to discuss personnel matters. Mr. Yodock seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote. The executive session concluded at 9:07 p.m. following a motion by Mr. Jones, a second by Mr. Hock, and a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary