

**Bloomsburg Area School District  
Board of School Directors  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Monday, 20 January 2014  
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, 20 January 2014, in the district office board room, followed by the pledge to the flag. Directors in attendance were: Mr. David Cantore, Mr. Brent Hock (left at 7:12 p.m.), Mrs. Tina Howell, Mr. Justin Hummel, Mr. Josh Klingerman, Ms. Marianne Kreisher, Mrs. Sandra Rupp, and Mr. Thomas Tobin. Mr. Terry Kramarz was absent from the meeting.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Mr. Steve Bressi (left at 8:21 p.m.), Dr. Cosmas Curry, and Mr. Mike Upton.

Others present included: Ms. Kyla Burns, Mrs. Bonnie Crawford, Mr. Don Dobson, Ms. Judy Dobson, Ms. Keira Frazier, Mr. Mike Garman, Mr. Dave Hogue, Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Ms. Deb Krupp, Mr. Tim Latsha, Ms. Brenda Pitonyak, Ms. Kate Polhill, Mr. Tate Patora, Mr. Bill Seigel (left at 7:33 p.m.), Ms. Carol Tevis, and Ms. Stacy Wallick.

As Mr. Hock excused himself from the meeting at 7:12 p.m., Vice President Tobin took over the meeting at that time.

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

During this part of the meeting, Bloomsburg High School FBLA and Chorus students read a proclamation for School Director Recognition Month and presented board members with a certificate acknowledging their service as school directors. Mr. Latsha then led 10 chorus students in a song.

Next, Ms. Brenda Pitonyak, Ms. Carol Tevis, Mr. Don Dobson, and Mr. Dave Hogue spoke in support of the creation of a girls' junior high soccer program.

Then, Mr. Bill Seigel, Chief of Community Development for SEDA-Cog, made a presentation regarding the \$30-million flood wall project in the Town of Bloomsburg. He reported that the project was currently in the design phase, and that the project would be utilizing funds from federal, state, and private sources. He said that during the project, which would protect Autoneum and Windsor Foods, the district would be asked to rent out some property for approximately two years to act as a staging area to park equipment. Mr. Seigel said that if the board would like SEDA-Cog to review a flood wall plan for the middle/high school, it would be willing to do so. The board agreed that it would like SEDA-Cog to proceed with it. It was announced that a public meeting regarding the flood wall was scheduled for 28 January 2014 at 7 p.m. in the high school.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cantore, to amend the agenda by adding a motion reading: Approve the creation of a girls' junior high soccer program. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Kreisher then made a motion to amend the agenda to remove the motion to add Kimberly Betts to the approved classified substitute list and to add a motion to accept her resignation. Mr. Cantore seconded this motion, and the motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hummel, to approve the 16 December 2013 regular monthly meeting minutes and the 6 January 2014 special meeting as work session. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the financial reports for December 2013. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the bills payable for 17 December 2013 – 20 January 2014, ranging from check #00035728 – check #00035895, including wire transfers totaling \$654,161.15, in the amount of \$1,154,948.65. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

During Dr. Curry's report, he gave some follow-up statistics regarding athletics under Title IX and told directors that the administrative team was exploring the possibility of adding one fifth-grade teacher for Memorial Elementary School just for the 2014-2015 school year. Mr. Upton then made a presentation on the 10-year projected budget for the school district.

### **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT**

Ms. Keira Frazier and Mr. Tate Potora, both juniors at Bloomsburg High School, introduced themselves as the new student representatives to the school board. They reported that eight FBLA members would be attending the state conference this spring, that Super Saturday had started earlier that month, that Brandon Conrad was the January Student of the Month, and that boys' basketball would be holding a fund raiser at Panera Bread on January 22. Additionally, they reported that the Drama Club would be presenting "Grease" in March and that Prom would be held at the Moose Exchange on May 31.

Mr. Bressi then gave his administrative report for January. He said that the Interact Club was working on a shelter box project, with Emily DuBartell and Max Taylor spearheading it. The shelter box they were creating could sleep 15 people, would have purified water, cooking utensils, and food, and would be sent to help a family that had been displaced due to an emergency such as a hurricane or earthquake. Mr. Bressi applauded the efforts of Mrs. Andrea Heckman, the Interact Club's volunteer advisor.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Approval of Final Adoption of Policies**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Klingerman seconded, to approve the final adoption of the following policies: Policy 123.1: Concussion Management, Policy 123.2: Sudden Cardiac Arrest, and Policy 209.2: Food Allergy Management. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Approval of Use of Athletic Facilities Contract with Bloomsburg University**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hummel, to approve as presented the use of athletic facilities contract with Bloomsburg University for Spring 2014. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of First Reading of Policies**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve on first reading and schedule for final adoption at the 18 February 2014 meeting the following policies: Policy 210: Student Health Services/Use of Medications and Policy 210.1: Possession/Use of Asthma Inhalers/Epipens. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Preliminary Budget**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the preliminary 2014-2015 Bloomsburg Area School District budget as presented. The motion passed by a voice vote of six yes votes to one no vote (being Mr. Hummel).

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

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

- Bloomsburg High School Chorus students to District Chorus at Tunkhannock High School from 12 February 2014 – 14 February 2014, at a cost to the district of \$954.20; and
- Bloomsburg High School FBLA students to the FBLA State Leadership Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania from 7 April 2014 – 9 April 2014, at a cost to the district of \$885.00.

As a reminder, Mr. Tobin stated that the board had decided to fund state competitions up to and including the state level only.

The motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Acceptance of Donation**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to accept the donation of an autographed version of “Chicken Pox and Posies” by Heidi Brandt to the W.W. Evans Elementary School library, made by Jamie Zeisloft. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

## PERSONNEL

### Approval of Athletic Coach

Mr. Cantore made the motion, which Mr. Klingerman seconded, to approve Nicholas Hessert as a Volunteer Swim Coach for the 2013-2014 season. The motion 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:

- Andreana Yocum as a professional day-to-day substitute, effective upon receipt of her Act 34, 114, and 151 clearances and her tuberculosis test results;
- Melissa Bonin as a Long-Term Memorial Elementary School Learning Support Substitute Teacher, effective on or about 7 April 2014 through the end of the 2013-2014 school year, at a daily rate of \$100; and
- Maud Basmajian as a Long-Term Memorial Elementary School Life Skills Substitute Teacher, effective upon receipt of her PA Teaching Certificate, at a daily rate of \$100.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### Approval of Girls' Junior High Soccer Program

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Klingerman made the motion to remove from the table the motion to approve the creation of a girls' junior high basketball program, and Mr. Cantore seconded this motion.

Dr. Curry distributed to board members an itemized list of costs associated with starting a girls' junior high soccer program for the Spring 2014 season. The total estimated cost for that season, he reported, was \$3,190. He said that in subsequent years, the cost would be more, as the district would need to pay more for transportation to away games and also for a coach. Mr. Cantore asked why the district would not pay for a coach for the Spring 2014 season, and he was told that for this season, the high school soccer coaches had offered their services. Mr. Cantore said he still thought the district should pay them.

After discussion, the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### Approval of Classified Staff Leave of Absence

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve an unpaid leave of absence from Bloomsburg Middle School Custodian Marty Hahn, retroactive to 19 December 2013 until 30 June 2014. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### Acceptance of Classified Staff Resignations

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to accept the resignation of Memorial Elementary School Personal Care Aide Kimberly Betts, effective 21 January 2014. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Cantore, to accept the resignation of Memorial Elementary School Personal Care Aide Laura Grey, with her last day of work being 31 January 2014. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve Alexandria Gunn from the position of Classified Substitute to the position of Memorial Elementary School Paraprofessional, at a rate of \$8.50 per hour and with benefits as per the negotiated contract, effective upon receipt of her Act 34, 114, and 151 clearances and her tuberculosis test results. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **INFORMATION**

Mr. Cantore inquired about the banners that were supposed to be hung in the middle school swimming pool area. Dr. Curry responded that the banners had been sent out in October and hadn't come back yet. Ms. Kreisher asked that Dr. Curry follow up on this.

Ms. Brenda Pitonyak expressed sympathy on the passing of Beaver-Main Elementary School Kindergarten Teacher Terrie Bennett, and asked that everyone keep her family in their thoughts and prayers.

It was then reported that the following items would appear on the February work session agenda: Budget, School Calendar, BMS & BHS Student Handbooks, Columbia-Montour AVTS Update by Mr. Bill Forsythe, Appalachia Update, MOUs with Town of Bloomsburg Police and PA State Police, Polices 220 and 913, Golf at the Links, and Administrative Professional Development.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

It was announced that the next special meeting and work session would be held on Monday, 3 February 2014 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room, and that the next regular monthly board meeting would be held on Tuesday, 18 February 2014 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:43 p.m., Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler  
Recording Secretary