

**Bloomsburg Area School District  
Board of School Directors Meeting  
Monday, 21 May 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 Monday, 21 May 2018 in the district office board room, followed by the pledge to the flag. Directors in attendance were: Ms. Stephanie Dunn Haney, Mr. Brent Hock, Mrs. Tina Howell, Mr. Jonathan Jones, Mr. Joshua Klingerman Sr., Ms. Marianne Kreisher, Ms. Bryne Lewis, and Mr. Leo “Joe” Yodock III. Mrs. Stephanie Andreacci was absent from the meeting.

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

Others present were: Ms. Paxton Beck, Mr. Stephen Boone, Mr. Andrew Brown, Mr. Phil Burrell, Mr. Tyler Dombroski, Ms. Terri Drucker, Mr. Dylan Hornberger, Mr. Andy Keister, Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Mr. Rob Lytle, Ms. Evelyn Pehowic, and Mr. Bill Sommer (left at 8:12 p.m.).

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

Mr. Stephen Boone of Borton-Lawson shared with directors a map of the proposed flood wall and said that he had been working with Andy Keister of McTish-Kunkel & Associates on the project. He said the project was nearing the design phase. Mr. Boone said that the archaeology testing would be occurring over the summer and that afterwards, the sewage permit could be posted. He said that the Department of Environmental Protection should then approve that permit later in the summer, and that the project could then be advertised. The winning bidder would have the winter to come up with the drawings, and in spring/summer 2020, the project should be complete, provided there is not excessive rainfall during that time. Mr. Boone said the town had requested an extension to the project in case weather would become a factor.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:50 p.m., Mr. Klingerman made the motion to move into executive session to discuss personnel and negotiations. Mr. Yodock seconded this motion, which passed by a unanimous voice vote. The executive session was over at 8:12 p.m.

## **MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Yodock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the minutes of the 16 April 2018 and 7 May 2018 Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors' meetings. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Jones seconded, to approve the financial reports for April 2018. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

## **BILLS PAYABLE**

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the bills payable for 17 April 2018 – 21 May 2018, ranging from check #00044903 – check #00045070, including wire transfers in the amount of \$457,792.23, in the total amount of \$1,421,650.86. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE/OPERATIONS REPORTS**

There was no athletic report for this meeting.

Mr. Marsiglio reported that the audit report for the year ended 30 June 2017 showed a clean opinion for the district.

Mrs. Everhart reported that the as per the Pennsylvania Department of Education, the district did not have to raise lunch prices for the following school year because there was a surplus in the cafeteria fund.

Ms. Kessler referred directors to the proposed revised facilities use request form and proposals from Siemens for HVAC control systems, fire alarm and life safety services, and access control system, and asked if there were any questions. Mr. Jones asked if it was correct that the middle school was included in the HVAC proposal for 2018-2019, and Ms. Kessler replied that it was. Ms. Kessler told directors that that the revised facilities use request form and Siemens proposals would be included as action items on the 4 June 2018 school board meeting agenda.

Mr. Honabach gave an update on the upcoming summer technology projects, which included security, clocks, paging, and projectors. Mr. Marsiglio said that the district had been approved for a \$1 million loan through First Columbia Bank that would cover these costs. Ms. Kreisher said the district should look into available grants for safety improvements. She said she knew of a security systems upgrade grant for which the deadline was July 31, and that she would forward information on this grant to Mr. Marsiglio.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mrs. Day and Mr. Brown gave a presentation on a proposed restructuring of the administrative team at the high school. This proposal included Mr. Brown being the high school assistant principal and athletic

director and utilizing other individuals as assistant athletic directors/game managers for home games. Mr. Hock said he was concerned that there would be several points of contact for athletics, which might cause confusion among students and parents. He also said he was afraid that Mr. Brown would be stretched too thin. Mr. Klingerman agreed, saying he could not support this change. At the end of the conversation, Dr. Wheeler withdrew this recommendation.

### **OLD BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Homebound Instruction Extension Request**

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Ms. Lewis seconded, to approve a homebound instruction extension request for a Bloomsburg Middle School Student, effective 1 May 2018 through the end of the 2017-2018 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

#### **Bloomsburg University Foundation Stipulation**

Mr. Yodock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to approve as presented the stipulation between the Bloomsburg Area School District and the Bloomsburg University Foundation, Inc. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **OLD BUSINESS – DISCUSSION ITEMS**

There were no discussion items under Old Business for this meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Donations**

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Lewis, to accept the donation of the following books to the Bloomsburg Middle School library by an anonymous donor: “The Crossover” by Kwame Alexander; “Change Up” by Derek Jeter; “The Refugee” by Alan Gratz; and “Mapping the Bones” by Jane Yolen. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

#### **End-of-Course Skills Test**

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to reapprove the district’s participation in the End of Course Skills Testing for the 2018-2019 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

#### **Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip Request**

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Jones seconded, to approve an out-of-state/overnight field trip request for Bloomsburg Middle School Student Government Association officers to go to New York City, New York on 5 June 2018, at a cost to the district of \$290. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Proposed Final Budget for 2018-2019**

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Jones seconded, to approve the proposed final Bloomsburg Area School District General Fund Budget for the 2018-2019 school year. The motion passed by a voice vote of seven yes votes and one no vote (being Mr. Hock).

## **NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Athletic Handbook for 2018-2019**

Ms. Kreisher reported that the 2018-2019 athletic handbook was being shared with directors at the meeting, and that it would be voted on at the 4 June 2018 meeting.

### **Athletic Schedule for 2018-2019**

Ms. Kreisher reported that the 2018-2019 athletic schedule was being shared with directors at the meeting, and that it would be voted on at the 4 June 2018 meeting.

### **Disposal/Selling of Equipment**

Ms. Kreisher reported that at the 4 June 2018, the district would be asking for approval to dispose of 14 broken Smart Boards by E-Waste from Sycamore International, a company that would take them for free, and also approval to sell the following items from the Beaver-Main Elementary School kitchen on Municibid: chest freezer, flat-top stove, convection oven, mixer, toaster, two-door refrigerator, dishwasher, milk cooler, steamtable, and a large stainless steel prep table.

## **PERSONNEL – ACTION ITEMS**

### **Commencement Stipends**

Mr. Yodock made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Lewis, to approve the following stipends relative to Bloomsburg High School's 2018 commencement ceremony: Mike McGarry – Speech Preparation - \$75; Tim Latsha – Chorus - \$100; Tim Latsha – Pianist - \$70; Chris Dilg – Administrative Assistant - \$125; Erin Hunsecker – Administrative Assistant - \$125; Instrumentalists – 2-3 people who are non-district employees - \$60/each. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Classified Staff Leaves of Absence**

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve the following classified staff leaves of absence: W.W. Evans Elementary School Custodian Dee Van Blargan, effective 10 July 2018 with an anticipated return date of 10 October 2018; and W.W. Evans Elementary School Custodian Lori Hahn, effective 26 July 2018, with an approximate return date of 23 August 2018. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Classified Staff**

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Hock seconded, to approve the following individuals as classified substitutes, pending receipt of their appropriate clearances and tuberculosis test results: Debra Bowman, Kristine Gallagher, and Colleen Tarantino. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Professional Staff Resignation**

Mr. Yodock made the motion, which Mr. Jones seconded, to accept the resignation of Bloomsburg Middle School English/Language Arts Teacher Caitlin O'Brien, effective 1 August 2018. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Long-Term Volunteer/Overnight Chaperone**

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Hock seconded, to approve Kristen Forner as a long-term volunteer/overnight chaperone, as per Policy 916: School Volunteers. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Athletic Director Resignation**

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to accept the resignation of Athletic Director Justin Simpson, effective 30 June 2018. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Professional Staff Positions**

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to approve the additions of one guidance counselor position at Beaver-Main Elementary School/W.W. Evans Elementary School and one guidance counselor position at Bloomsburg Middle School, effective for the start of the 2018-2019 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Professional Staff Transfers**

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to approve the following professional staff transfers, effective for the start of the 2018-2019 school year: Ann Kostiuk from the position of Memorial Elementary School Guidance Counselor to the position of Bloomsburg Middle School Guidance Counselor; and Kelli Molyneaux from the position of Beaver-Main Elementary School/W.W. Evans Elementary School Guidance Counselor to the position of Memorial Elementary School Guidance Counselor. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Professional Staff**

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which Mr. Klingerman seconded, to approve the following professional staff, effective for the start of the 2018-2019 school year: Anne Eaton as a Beaver-Main Elementary School/W.W. Evans Elementary School Guidance Counselor at Step 6 Masters and a salary of \$49,660 and with benefits as outlined in the professional staff agreement; Blake Bowman as a Bloomsburg Middle School Social Studies Teacher at Step 2 Bachelors and a salary of \$40,428 and with benefits as outlined in the professional staff agreement; Evelyn Pehowic as a Beaver-Main Elementary School/W.W. Evans Elementary School Guidance Counselor at Step 1 Masters and a salary of \$40,653 and with benefits as outlined in the professional staff agreement; and Paxton Beck as a Bloomsburg Middle School English/Language Arts Teacher at Step 1 Bachelors and a salary of \$38,876 and with benefits as outlined in the professional staff agreement, pending receipt of her Pennsylvania teaching certificate. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Classified Staff Transfer**

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to approve transferring Bloomsburg High School Secretary Erin Hunsecker to the position of Beaver-Main Elementary School Secretary, effective 1 July 2018. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Classified Staff Resignation**

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hock, to accept the resignation of Memorial Elementary School Food Service Aide Danyelle Hornick, with her last day of work being 8 June 2018. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Athletic Coach Resignation**

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Howell, to accept the resignation of Head Softball Coach Douglas Lynn, effective 18 May 2018. Dr. Wheeler noted that there had been a policy violation and that Mr. Lynn chose to resign. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

## **PERSONNEL – DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Fall Athletic Coaches for 2018-2019**

The board was provided with a list of fall athletic coaches for the 2018-2019 school year, with the intent being to have them voted on at the 4 June 2018 meeting.

## **INFORMATION**

Dr. Wheeler reported that there were currently 1,498 students enrolled in the district from kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Kreisher announced that the next school board meeting was scheduled for Monday, 4 June 2018 at 7 p.m. in the district office board room.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:07 p.m., Mr. Hock made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Jones seconded this motion. The motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler  
Recording Secretary

\* All documents referenced in the minutes are retained electronically at the district office. \*