

**Bloomsburg Area School District  
Board of School Directors  
Special Meeting  
Monday, 6 May 2013  
7:00 p.m.  
District Office Board Room**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance**

A special meeting of the Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, 6 May 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, and Mr. Thomas Tobin. Ms. Marianne Kreisher was absent from the meeting.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Mr. Steve Bressi, Ms. Donna Christensen, Dr. Cosmas Curry, Mr. Chris Groody, Mr. Ryan Moran, Mr. Trevor Palmatier, Mr. Nick Wozniak, and Mr. Michael Upton.

Others present were: Mr. Jeff Archey, Ms. Amelia Blackledge, Mr. Ed Carper, Mr. Mike Copenhaver, Ms. Megan Fleetwood, Ms. Caitlin Hails, Mr. Nick Hessert, Mrs. Lisa Keller, Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Mr. Josh Klingerman, Ms. Lindsay Knupp, Mrs. Deb Krupp, Ms. Nancy McBride, Ms. Paige Michael, Ms. Karen Miksits, Ms. Colleen Schultz, Ms. Susie Spaid, and Mr. Brian Stolz.

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

Ms. Nancy McBride, a paraprofessional in the district, introduced herself to the board and thanked them for the work they do.

Mr. Josh Klingerman and Ms. Megan Fleetwood addressed the board to ask their consideration of naming the Bloomsburg High School auditorium in honor of DeAnne Casteel. Mr. Klingerman also asked that the district consider repainting the high school sign at the entrance to the parking lot, near the river.

Ms. Michael and Ms. Spaid presented Memorial Elementary School Custodian Ed Carper and Bloomsburg Middle School Reading Teacher Lisa Keller with the Laretta Woodson Award from the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees (PASR) for the contributions they've made to the students with whom they work.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Acceptance of Donations**

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiedler, to accept the following donations to the Bloomsburg Area School District:

- The book "A Family of Poems: My Favorite Poetry for Children" by Caroline Kennedy to the Beaver-Main Elementary School library, donated by Beaver-Main Elementary School second-grade student Matthew Phillips; and

- Monetary donations in the amount of \$163.44 made in the memory of Linda Gutshall to be used to purchase books for the Memorial Elementary School library, made by the following retired and current Memorial staff: Jackie Starr, Carol Chamberlain, Mollie Harris, Elaine Everett, Carole Coombe, Diane Young, Sherry Rider, Barbara Fritz, Amy DiPasquale, Andrea Welch, and Becki Benko. The following books are to be purchased from the \$163.44 donation: “Bad Kitty School Daze,” “Big Nate: What Could Possibly Go,” “Bink and Gollie,” “Boss Baby,” “Dragons Love Tacos,” “Key,” “NERDS: The Villain Virus,” “No, David!,” and “Trap.”

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Acceptance of Scoreboard Bid**

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mrs. Fiedler seconded, to accept the bid of Mariano Construction, in the amount of \$5,525.00, for the removal, disposal, and installation of the replacement scoreboards at specified Bloomsburg High School athletic fields and the Bloomsburg Middle School gymnasium. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

## **PERSONNEL**

### **Acceptance of Classified Staff Resignations**

Mrs. Crawford moved to accept the following classified staff resignations:

- Bloomsburg Middle School Head Cook Trish Longenberger, effective on or about 17 May 2013, and to add her to the classified substitute list upon her resignation; and
- Bloomsburg High School Cafeteria Worker Lori Neff, effective 5 May 2013, and to add her to the classified substitute list upon her resignation.

Mrs. Fiedler seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Classified Substitutes**

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the following individuals as classified substitutes:

- Damon Hack, effective upon receipt of his updated Act 34, 114, and 151 clearances and tuberculosis test results; and
- David Ruth, effective upon receipt of his Act 114 and 151 clearances and his tuberculosis test results.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Professional Staff Transfers**

Mr. Hock made the motion, which Mrs. Fiedler seconded, to approve the following professional staff transfers, effective for the start of the 2013-2014 school year:

- Jason Moser from Bloomsburg Middle School English teacher to Bloomsburg High School English teacher with Mr. Dan Bonomo as his supervisor;
- Robert Cromley from Memorial Elementary School Title I math teacher to W.W. Evans Elementary School classroom teacher with Mr. Chris Groody as his supervisor;
- Taylor Adams from Memorial Elementary School Kindergarten teacher to W.W. Evans Elementary School first-grade teacher with Mr. Chris Groody as her supervisor; and
- Gail Faust from W.W. Evans Elementary School second-grade teacher to Memorial Elementary School fourth-grade teacher with Mr. Trevor Palmatier as her supervisor.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Professional Staff**

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mr. Hock seconded, to approve Caitlin Hails as a Bloomsburg Middle School English teacher at Step 1 Bachelors and an annual salary of \$36,076.00 and with benefits as per the negotiated contract, effective for the start of the 2013-2014 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which Mr. Hock seconded, to approve Colleen Schultz as a Bloomsburg High School English teacher at Step 3 Bachelors and an annual salary of \$37,693.00 and with benefits as per the negotiated contract, effective for the start of the 2013-2014 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve Nick Hessert as a Memorial Elementary School teacher at Step 1 Bachelors and an annual salary of \$36,076.00 and with benefits as per the negotiated contract, effective for the start of the 2013-2014 school year.

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which Mr. Hock seconded, to approve Erin Johnson as a Memorial Elementary School teacher at Step 1 Bachelors and an annual salary of \$36,076.00 and with benefits as per the negotiated contract, effective for the start of the 2013-2014 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mrs. Fiedler seconded, to approve Alicia Archuleta as a Long-Term Professional Substitute at W.W. Evans Elementary School at Step 1 Bachelors and an annual salary of \$36,076.00 and with benefits as per Policy 405: Employment of Substitute Professional Employees for the 2013-2014 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:19 p.m., Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mrs. Fiedler seconded, to adjourn the special meeting and move into the work session. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler  
Recording Secretary

Bloomsburg Area School District  
Board of Directors  
Work Session  
Monday, 6 May 2013 - 7:00 p.m.  
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**MINUTES**

- I. Buildings, Grounds, & Maintenance Report
- II. Administrative Reports
- III. Programs of Study Update – An update on the new Keystone Exams and graduation requirements in the programs of study was discussed by Mr. Bressi and Dr. Curry.
- IV. Driver Education – Dr. Curry recommended keeping driver education as it is in the current budget and to evaluate it each year as the budget is put together.
- V. Elementary Handbooks – Mr. Groody and Mr. Palmatier reported on the changes to the elementary handbooks for 2013-2014. There were no questions by the board.
- VI. BASD Budget – It was reported that the 2013-2014 budget has a \$12,000+ bottom line. It was also discussed and agreed that the district would move the timeline of approval for the final budget to 3 June 2013 for the purpose of having more time to file, print, and mail out tax notices.
- VII. Audit Report - 2009 - 2012 – It was reported that there were three findings – two financially beneficial to the district and netting the district over \$80,000. The third was a lapsed Spanish teacher certificate from 2010.
- VIII. Athletic Handbook – Dr. Curry recommended the board approve as is the athletic handbook for 2013-2014. Mrs. Crawford suggested that baseball and softball students pay for their own hats since they get to keep them at the end of the season.
- IX. Board Elections – It was reported that at the 20 May 2013 board meeting, it would be recommended that the district solicitor and school board treasurer, secretary, and assistant secretary would be reapproved as is.
- X. Central Susquehanna Community Foundation – With the working understanding of how the CSCF operates via Old Panther Group donations, the board believed it was a good time to look at a partnership with the CSCF to market tax-free donations to the district.
- XI. CMAVTS Report
- XII. CSIU Report

Board members present: Mrs. Bonnie Crawford, Mrs. Bonnie Fiedler, Mr. Brent

Hock, Mr. Justin Hummel, Mr. Norman Mael, Mrs. Sandra Rupp, and Mr. Thomas Tobin.

Board members absent: Ms. Marianne Kreisher.

Staff members present: Mr. Steve Bressi, Ms. Donna Christensen, Dr. Cosmas Curry, Mr. Chris Groody, Mr. Ryan Moran, Mr. Trevor Palmatier, Mr. Nick Wozniak, and Mr. Michael Upton.

Others present: Mr. Jeff Archey, Ms. Amelia Blackledge, Mr. Ed Carper, Mr. Mike Copenhaver, Ms. Megan Fleetwood, Mr. Josh Klingerman, Ms. Lindsay Knupp, Mrs. Deb Krupp, Ms. Nancy McBride, Ms. Karen Miksits, Ms. Colleen Schultz, and Mr. Brian Stolz.

Speakers: None.

Adjournment Time: 8:26 p.m.