

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, 16 April 2012
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, 16 April 2012, 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. David Klingerman Jr., Ms. Marianne Kreisher, Ms. Cristina Mathews, and Mrs. Sandra Rupp. Mr. Thomas Tobin was absent and excused from the meeting.

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

Others present were: Mr. Colton Hock, Mr. Ibra Kim (left at 8:05 p.m.), Ms. Michele Phillips, Mrs. Pam Szilagyi, and Mr. Tahir Wali (left at 8:05 p.m.).

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

At this point in the meeting, no one wished to address the board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hock moved to approve the minutes of the 19 March 2012 regular monthly meeting and the 2 April 2012 special meeting and work session, and Ms. Kreisher seconded this motion.

Mrs. Fiedler and Mrs. Crawford both asked that changes be made to the minutes. Mrs. Fiedler asked that it be reflected in the 19 March 2012 meeting minutes that the forensics team's competition was at Susquehanna University, not Bucknell University, and Mrs. Crawford asked that it be reflected in the 2 April 2012 meeting minutes that the board decided to permit funding for local overnight trips. Mrs. Fiedler made the motion to amend the minutes as indicated by herself and Mrs. Crawford, and Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

The motion to approve the amended minutes then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Approval of Financial Reports

Mrs. Rupp made the motion to approve the financial reports for March 2012, and Ms. Kreisher seconded this motion. The motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Bills Payable

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Crawford, to approve the bills payable for 20 March 2012 – 16 April 2012, ranging from check #00031966 – check #00032142, including wire transfers totaling \$372,973.42, in the amount of \$881,670.45. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Approval of Bills Payable (Capital Reserve Fund)

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which seconded by Ms. Kreisher, to approve the bills payable for the Capital Reserve Fund for 20 March 2012 – 16 April 2012, ranging from check #00001719 – check #00001725, totaling \$50,802.15. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Curry reported that on April 25, board members would have the opportunity to interview elementary principal candidates, starting at approximately 5 p.m. Dr. Curry asked interested board members to contact him. Dr. Curry also reported that Beaver-Main alumni would again be using the school for a reunion this year. He asked if anyone had any concerns over the group not providing insurance and no one objected. Lastly, Dr. Curry gave a live demonstration of the Guides4Learning web site. Teachers have until 30 June 2013 to complete their learning guides.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Mr. Colton Hock reported that PSSAs for 11th-grade students are going on this week, and that Prom is May 11th. He also said that the Graduates of Distinction ceremony on April 4th went very well and was well received by the student body. Lastly, he reported that the previous week, the Junior Honor Society and the Honor Society induction ceremonies had taken place in the high school auditorium.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Final Adoption of Revised Policy 815

Ms. Kreisher moved to approve for final adoption the revised Policy 815: Computer and Internet Access and Use. Mrs. Fiedler seconded this motion, and it then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip Request

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Crawford, to approve the following out-of-state/overnight field trip request: Robotic team to Indianapolis, Indiana from 3 May 2012 – 7 May 2012 for the National Robotics League competition, at a cost to the district of \$956.00.

Mrs. Fiedler then made the motion to amend the original motion to read: Approve the following out-of-state/overnight field trip request: Robotic team to Indianapolis, Indiana from 3 May 2012 – 7 May 2012 for the National Robotics League competition, at a cost to the district of \$1,030.00. Ms. Kreisher seconded this motion and it then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

The board then cast a unanimous voice vote in favor of approving the amended motion.

Approval of Summer Programs

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the following student programs for Summer 2012:

- KinderCamp
 - o Location: Memorial Elementary School
 - o Dates: June 25 – July 26 (minus July 4) – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
 - o Time: 9:30-11:30 a.m. each day
 - o Two teachers (5 hours of planning plus 31.5 hours of instruction = 36.5 hours/teacher x 2 teachers x \$22.00/hour = \$1,606.00)
 - o Two paraprofessionals (31.5 hours x 2 paraprofessionals x ~\$8.50/hour = \$535.50)
 - o Total approximate cost for personnel = \$2,141.50

- Bloomsburg University Reading Program
 - o Location: Memorial Elementary School
 - o Dates: June 18 – July 26 (minus July 4) – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
 - o Time: 9:30-11:30 a.m.
 - o No teachers needed – BU students volunteer
 - o Reading Program Liaison (\$22.00/hour x 76 hours = \$1,672.00)
 - o Total approximate cost for personnel = \$1,672.00

- Extended School Year (ESY)
 - o Location: Memorial Elementary School – for elementary students
 - o Location: Bloomsburg Middle School – for secondary students
 - o Dates & Time: July 16-19, July 23-26, August 15-16
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
 - o Two teachers (30 hours of instruction x 2 teachers x \$22.00/hour = \$1,320.00)
 - o Paraprofessionals (30 hours x 3 paraprofessionals x ~\$8.50/hour = \$765.00)
 - o Total approximate cost for personnel = \$2,085.00

- High School Summer School
 - o Location: Bloomsburg High School
 - o Dates: June 11-29
 - o Hours: Session I – 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. & Session II – 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 - o Courses Offered: Physical Education, Algebra, Geometry, English 9, English 10, Social Studies, Graduation Project
 - o One teacher per course @ \$22.00/hour (minimum number of hours per course is 45, graduation project will be at \$22.00/hour as needed)
 - o A course will only run if at least nine students register.

In discussion regarding these summer student programs, Mrs. Fiedler she is not in favor of offering summer school to high school students, as students should pass this courses during the regular school year. Mr. Hock said he agreed with Mrs. Fiedler.

A voice vote was then taken, and the motion to approve the summer programs passed by a voice vote of seven yes votes to one no vote (being Mr. Hock).

Reapproval of MOU with Police Department

Mrs. Rupp made the motion to reapprove the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Town of Bloomsburg Police Department, effective 1 July 2012 – 30 June 2014. After Ms. Mathews seconded this motion, it passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of BuyBoard Resolution

Ms. Mathews made the motion, which Mrs. Fiedler seconded, to approve as presented the resolution authorizing the Bloomsburg Area School District to participate in the National Purchasing Cooperative. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of First Reading of Policy 252

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Kreisher, to approve on first reading Policy 252: Electronic Devices and schedule it for final adoption at the 21 May 2012 meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Purchasing K-5 Science Resources

Ms. Mathews moved to approve purchasing the proposed K-5 McGraw-Hill science resources, at a cost of \$92,690.73. Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion, and it then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Purchasing Grade 8 Science Textbooks

Mrs. Fiedler moved to approve purchasing the proposed eighth-grade science textbooks, at a cost of \$2,138.00. Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion, and it then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Bid to Repair Baseball Field

Mrs. Crawford made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to approve the bid of BNC Construction LLC of Champion, Pennsylvania, in the amount of \$63,333.00, for restoration of the Bloomsburg High School baseball field.

Dr. Curry reported that this bid had been advertised in the *Press Enterprise*, and that six bid packets had been sent out to interested firms, but that only one bid had been received. Earlier in the year, the district had received a much lower quote than the bid of BNC Construction for \$63,333.00. Dr. Curry recommended the board vote down the motion at this point, and that it could readvertise at a later date. Ms. Mathews suggested the board consider having baseball (for 2012-2013) play its games at Bloomsburg University, and use the high school's baseball field for practice only. Dr. Curry said he would check into this possibility, and that this topic would appear on the next work session agenda.

The motion was then voted on, and it failed by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Acceptance of Athletic Coach Resignation

Ms. Kreisher moved to accept the resignation of Head Wrestling Coach Dan Severson, retroactive to 28 March 2012. Mrs. Fiedler seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Classified Staff Resignation

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to accept the resignation of Bloomsburg High School Paraprofessional Carol Young, retroactive to 27 March 2012. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Van Drivers

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion to approve John Crissman, Whitney Heydenreich, Anna Hunsinger, David Johnson, and Diana Wagner as van drivers for contractor Lone Derr for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year. After Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion, it passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Classified Staff Transfer

Mrs. Fiedler moved to approve transferring Paraprofessional Beverly Smith from Beaver-Main Elementary School to Bloomsburg High School, effective 17 April 2012. Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Professional Staff Leave of Absence

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which Mrs. Fiedler seconded, to approve a leave of absence for Bloomsburg Middle School Learning Support Teacher Kristen Beyer, effective 16 August 2012 with a return date of 5 November 2012. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Classified Staff

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion to approve Robert Dippel as a First-Shift Custodian at Beaver-Main Elementary School, at an hourly rate of \$8.25 and with benefits as per the negotiated contract, effective upon receipt of his Act 34, 114, and 151 clearances and his tuberculosis test results. Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion, and it then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

INFORMATION

It was reported that the following items would appear on the next work session agenda: Board Elections for May 2012, Budget, Athletic Handbook, and Athletics at Bloomsburg University.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was announced that the next work session and special meeting would be held on Monday, 7 May 2012, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room, and that the next regular monthly meeting would be held on Monday, 21 May 2012, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:35 p.m., Ms. Mathews moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mrs. Fiedler seconded this motion. The motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary