

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, 17 September 2012
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, 17 September 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, Ms. Marianne Kreisher, Ms. Cristina Mathews, and Mrs. Sandra Rupp. Mr. David Klingerman Jr. and Mr. Thomas Tobin were absent and excused from the meeting.

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

Others present included: Mr. Colton Hock, Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Ms. Anne Miller (left at 7:10 p.m.), and Mr. Tom Wilson (left at 7:10 p.m.).

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Tom Wilson and Ms. Anne Miller from K & W Engineering addressed the board regarding the proposed contract for services for flood emergency action planning at the middle and high schools. Mr. Wilson asked the board if they had any questions. Mrs. Fiedler asked about the permit process for such a project, and Mr. Wilson replied that the company would work with local authorities and that it would not be a difficult process. Mr. Hock asked about how intense of a flood the middle and high schools would potentially be able to withstand after flood mitigation services, and Mr. Wilson responded that after the project, the schools could most likely withstand a flood at the level of the September 2011 flooding and not have any flooding issues.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiedler, to approve the minutes of the following Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors' meetings: the 20 August 2012 regular monthly meeting and the 4 September 2012 special meeting and 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 August 2012. 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 21 August 2012 – 17 September 2012, ranging from check #00032884 – check #00033053, including wire transfers totaling \$245,416.56, in the amount of \$1,487,840.57. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE – CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Ms. Kreisher made the motion to approve the bills payable for the Capital Reserve Fund for 21 August 2012 – 17 September 2012, being check #00001735, totaling \$14,417.00. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Fiedler, and it then passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Curry reported that the four-year cohort graduation rate for 2012 was 87.83%. He also reported that administrators would be participating in professional development regarding the new teacher evaluation tool, and that new information had recently been made available pertaining to the new principal evaluation tool, as well. Ms. Mathews said she would like some information on the new teacher evaluation to be shared with the school board in the spring.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Student Representative Colton Hock reported that the Homecoming parade would be held on Saturday, October 13th. He informed the school board that any directors wishing to be part of the parade should let him know.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of K & W Engineering Contract

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which Mrs. Fiedler seconded, to approve the contract of K & W Engineering for services for flood emergency action planning at the middle and high schools. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Authorization of Administration to Solicit Bids for Renovations and Alterations to BMS Natatorium

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to authorize the administration to solicit bids for renovations and alterations to the Bloomsburg Middle School natatorium. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Revised Policy 439 – First Reading

Ms. Kreisher moved to approve the revised Policy 439 on first reading and schedule it for final adoption at its 15 October 2012 meeting, and Mrs. Fiedler seconded this motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Comprehensive Plan Committee

Mrs. Rupp moved to approve as presented the Comprehensive Plan Committee, and Mrs. Crawford seconded this motion.

Ms. Mathews and Ms. Kreisher suggested that Zabrina Finn, the director of the Women's Center, be invited to participate in the comprehensive planning process, and Dr. Curry suggested that she could be invited to be part of the Memorial Elementary School Comprehensive Plan Committee.

The motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Guided Reading Contract

Ms. Mathews made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Kreisher, to approve as presented the Guided Reading contract. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Donation

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to accept the donation of the book "Granite" by Susan Butcher and David Monson to the Memorial Elementary School library by Mrs. Cleta Robbins, in memory of Robin Hrinda. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Budget Transfers

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Mathews, to authorize the business administrator to make the required budget transfers for the fiscal year ending 30 June 2012. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Insurance Proceeds Transfer

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Crawford, to authorize the transfer of insurance proceeds totaling \$591,277.00 from the general fund to the Capital Reserve Fund for flood expenditure reimbursement. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Unassigned Fund Balance to the Committed Fund Balance

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to authorize the transfer of unassigned fund balance to the committed fund balance:

- \$240,000.00 for GASB 45 post employee benefits;
- \$2,000,000.00 for retirement – PSERS increases; and
- \$500,000.00 for middle school pool.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Approval of Professional Day-to-Day Substitutes

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the following professional day-to-day substitutes, effective 21 August 2012: Steven Bercher and Lyndsay Book. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Professional Staff Leaves of Absence

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve the following professional staff leaves of absence:

- W.W. Evans Elementary School First-Grade Teacher Sarah Snedeker, effective on or about 19 October 2012 through 18 January 2013; and
- Memorial Elementary School Second-Grade Teacher Dana Lylo, effective on or about 7 March 2013 through 31 May 2013 or the last day of school for the 2012-2013 school year.

The motion went on to pass by a voice vote of six yes votes to one no vote (being Mr. Hock).

Approval of Substitute Bus Drivers

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hock to approve Allen Dohl and Virginia Sewall as substitute bus drivers for FishingCreek Transportation for the 2012-2013 school year, effective 18 September 2012. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of 2012-2013 Advisor List

Ms. Kreisher moved to remove from the table the motion, which was tabled at the 4 September 2012 special school board meeting, to approve the 2012-2013 advisor list as presented. Mrs. Fiedler seconded the motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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Approval of Athletic Coach

Mr. Hock made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiedler, to approve Michael Georgevic as a Volunteer Boys' Soccer Coach for the 2012-2013 season. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Classified Staff

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Kreisher, to approve Stephanie Morgan as a classified substitute, 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

It was announced that the following items would appear on the next work session agenda: Future Board Meeting Sites, Gerri Newhart's Daily Pay Rate, and Long-Term Professional Substitute Pay.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was reported that the next work session and special meeting would be held on Monday, 1 October 2012, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at W.W. Evans Elementary School, and that the next regular monthly meeting would be held on Monday, 15 October 2012, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:10 p.m., Mr. Hock made the motion to adjourn the meeting and move into executive session, and Ms. Mathews seconded the motion. The motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held from 8:10 – 8:16 p.m. for the purpose of discussing teacher negotiations. At 8:16 p.m., Mrs. Rupp made the motion to end the executive session, Mr. Hock seconded this motion, and the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary