

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, 19 November 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, 19 November 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, Mrs. Sandra Rupp, and Mr. Thomas Tobin.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Dr. Cosmas Curry, Mrs. Melissa Everhart (left at 7:25 p.m.), and Mr. Michael Upton.

Others present included: Ms. Stephanie Kessler and Mr. Norman Mael.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Mathews made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Crawford, to approve the minutes of the following Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors' meetings: the 15 October 2012 regular monthly meeting, the 5 November 2012 special meeting and work session, and the 12 November 2012 special meeting.

In the discussion that followed, Mr. Tobin said he did not believe Ms. Kessler should be signing off on the minutes of the meetings she does not attend (being most special meetings). Ms. Kreisher said she saw no issue with Ms. Kessler signing off on minutes for meetings she did not attend, as long as it was noted in the minutes whose notes she used to write the minutes. Mr. Tobin also asked that the 12 November 2012 board meeting minutes include the length of time audience members spent speaking in support of Mr. Bill Perkins, which Dr. Curry said was one hour and ten minutes. Mrs. Fiedler pointed out that the two nay votes for the Ski Club trip to Vermont in March 2013, voted on at the 15 October 2012 meeting, should have been herself and Ms. Mathews, not Mrs. Crawford and Ms. Mathews.

After discussion, Mr. Tobin moved to make the amend to the minutes as noted in discussion, and Mrs. Fiedler seconded this motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting minutes, with amendments, were then approved by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Kreisher, to approve the financial reports for October 2012.

Mrs. Everhart gave a report on the new federal regulations for school meals. She distributed an informational piece outlining the changes. These new standards emphasize healthy eating habits. During the presentation, Mr. Klingerman asked if Mrs. Everhart could include the meal cost per student on her monthly board report. Mrs. Fiedler suggested that student organizations, such as Student Council, could help promote healthy eating through such venues as having students make posters.

The motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Mathews, to approve the bills payable for 16 October 2012 – 19 November 2012, ranging from check #00033213 – check #00033417, including wire transfers totaling \$375,031.76, in the amount of \$1,077,098.55. The motion passed by a voice vote of eight yes votes and one abstention (being Mr. Hummel, who abstained because a check was made out to his wife, Megan Hummel).

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE – CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Mr. Tobin made the motion to approve the bills payable for the Capital Reserve Fund for 16 October 2012 – 19 November 2012, being check #00001738 – #00001741, totaling \$46,264.60. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fielder and then went on to pass by a voice vote of eight yes votes and one no vote (being Mr. Tobin).

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Curry reported that Gloria VanCleave and Thomas James Jr. would be inducted into Bloomsburg High School's Graduates of Distinction program on 12 April 2013. Additionally, he reported that the first meeting of the district-wide comprehensive plan committee had been held and that K & W Engineering had provided the district with a draft of the flood mitigation project. Dr. Curry said he hoped to have a scope of work to distribute to school directors at the 3 December 2012 work session, and that the project should begin in the spring or summer.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

There was no student representative report given, as Colton Hock was unable to attend the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Final Approval of Policy 610

Ms. Kreisher made the motion to approve on final reading the revised Policy 610. Purchases Subject to Bid. Ms. Mathews seconded this motion.

Mr. Tobin said that he would not be voting in favor of this motion, as he would like the policy to include a fixed amount, and Mr. Klingerman said he agreed with Mr. Tobin.

The motion went on to pass by a voice vote of seven yes votes to two no votes (being Mr. Klingerman and Mr. Tobin).

NEW BUSINESS

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

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the following out-of-state/overnight field trip requests:

- Bloomsburg High School Band to Richmond, Virginia for a Music in the Parks Band Competition from 24 May 2013 – 26 May 2013, at no cost to the district;
- Members of the Bloomsburg High School Chorus to Hughesville High School to participate in the District Chorus Festival from 7 February 2013 – 9 February 2013, at a cost to the district of \$464.90; and
- Bloomsburg High School Drama and Chorus to New York City, New York to see a musical on 1 June 2013, at no cost to the district.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Bloomsburg University Spring Sports Contract

Ms. Mathews made the motion, which Mrs. Crawford seconded, to approve the contract with Bloomsburg University to utilize its athletic facilities for Spring 2013 sports. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of 2013 School Board Meeting Schedule

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve as presented the 2013 Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors' meeting schedule:

17 December 2012	Board Meeting
7 January 2013	Special Meeting/Work Session
21 January 2013	Board Meeting
4 February 2013	Special Meeting/Work Session
19 February 2013 (Tuesday)	Board Meeting
4 March 2013	Special Meeting/Work Session
11 March 2013	Stakeholders' Meeting
18 March 2013	Board Meeting
2 April 2013 (Tuesday)	Special Meeting/Work Session
15 April 2013	Board Meeting
6 May 2013	Special Meeting/Work Session
20 May 2013	Board Meeting
3 June 2013	Special Meeting/Work Session
17 June 2013	Board Meeting
1 July 2013	Special Meeting/Work Session
15 July 2013	Board Meeting
5 August 2013	Special Meeting/Work Session
19 August 2013	Board Meeting
3 September 2013 (Tuesday)	Special Meeting/Work Session @ Beaver-Main Elementary
16 September 2013	Board Meeting

7 October 2013	Special Meeting/Work Session @ W.W. Evans Elementary
21 October 2013	Board Meeting
4 November 2013	Special Meeting/Work Session @ Memorial Elementary
18 November 2013	Board Meeting
2 December 2013	Reorganization Meeting/Special Meeting/Work Session

All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held in the district office board room, unless otherwise noted.

During discussion about the 2013 school board meeting schedule, Mrs. Rupp said she really thought it would be most beneficial for the board to hold all its meetings in the district office board room because it would be less confusing and directors would always have access to laptops and other technology. Mr. Hock made the motion to amend the original schedule to hold all meetings in the district office board room, and Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion. The motion to amend the motion failed by a voice vote of four yes votes to five no votes (being Mrs. Crawford, Mr. Klingerman, Ms. Kreisher, Ms. Mathews, and Mr. Tobin).

The motion to approve the meeting schedule for 2013 as originally presented then passed by a voice vote of eight yes votes to one no vote (being Mr. Hock).

PERSONNEL

Approval of Job Description

Ms. Kreisher moved to approve the In-School Suspension Supervisor job description as presented, and Mrs. Rupp seconded this motion. At this point in the meeting, Mr. Hock said he would the board to discuss at the December or January work session the issue of potentially hiring a second behavior support specialist and what that individual should be paid. The motion to approve the In-School Suspension Supervisor job description as presented then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Professional Day-to-Day Substitutes

Ms. Mathews made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Fiedler, to approve Lauren Horne and Alexander Barra as professional day-to-day substitutes, effective 20 November 2012. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Substitute Bus Driver

Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hock, to approve Kristine Dane as a substitute bus driver for FishingCreek Transportation for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Professional Staff Resignation

Mrs. Crawford made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to accept the resignation of W.W. Evans Elementary School Teacher Madalyn Jankowski, effective at the conclusion of her leave of absence on 3 January 2013. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Professional Staff Leave of Absence

Ms. Kreisher moved to approve a leave of absence for Memorial Elementary School Speech Therapist Reanna Buehler, effective on or about 3 March 2013 with an anticipated return date of 15 April 2013. Mrs. Fiedler seconded this motion, which went on to pass by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Professional Staff Transfer

Mr. Tobin made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the transfer of Jeff Archey from Full-Time Bloomsburg High School Driver Education Teacher to Full-Time Bloomsburg High School Driver Education/Health Education Teacher, retroactive to 13 November 2012. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

INFORMATION

It was reported that the following items would appear on the next work session agenda: Elementary Class Sizes, Generator Bids, Football Stadium/Track Renovations, Additional Behavior Support Specialist Position, and AP Courses/Electives Report.

ANNOUNCEMENT

It was announced that the board's annual reorganization meeting would be held on Monday, 3 December 2012, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:28 p.m., Mrs. Fiedler made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Crawford, to adjourn the regular meeting and move into an executive session to discuss a student matter. The motion passed by a voice vote of eight yes votes to one no vote (being Mr. Tobin).

At 8:34 p.m., Mrs. Fiedler made the motion to adjourn the executive session, and Ms. Kreisher seconded this motion. The motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary