

**Bloomsburg Area School District  
Board of School Directors  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Monday, 19 January 2015  
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, 19 January 2015, in the district office board room, followed by the pledge to the flag. Directors in attendance were: Mr. Brent Hock, Mrs. Tina Howell, Mr. Justin Hummel, Mr. Joshua Klingerman, Mr. Terry Kramarz, Mrs. Sandra Rupp, and Mr. Joe Yodock. Ms. Marianne Kreisher and Mr. Thomas Tobin were absent from the meeting.

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

Others present included: Ms. Nicole Albertson (left at 7:05 p.m.), Ms. Kyla Burns, Mr. Phil Burrell (arrived at 7:23 p.m.), Ms. Sharon Fisher, Ms. Meagan Garman (left at 7:05 p.m.), Mr. Nick Hessert, Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Ms. Becky McAnall, Mrs. Nancy McBride, Ms. Olivia McGaw (left at 7:05 p.m.), Mr. Scott McBride, Mr. Derick O'Connell, Mr. Anthony Russo, Mrs. Denise Stone (left at 7:57 p.m.), Mr. Brian Tretter, and Ms. Deb Zollmann.

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

Ms. Deb Zollmann asked the board to consider changing its protocol for admitting middle school students into honors classes. She proposed the district not accept the same number of students based on the highest test-scorers each year, but that it instead set a certain score on that test and offer honors classes to all students who meet or exceed that score. Dr. Curry said that administrators had reviewed this in the past and that they would again do so.

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students Nicole Albertson, Megan Garman, and Olivia McGaw were introduced by FBLA Advisor Kyla Burns. The three students, all of whom would be competing at the state level in April 2015, talked to the school board about the events in which they had participated at the district level in order to qualify to compete at the state competition. The three students then read a proclamation regarding January being Student Director Appreciation Month and then distributed certificates of appreciation to each school director.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve the minutes of the 15 December 2014 regular monthly meeting and the 5 January 2015 special meeting and work session. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

## **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Mrs. Rupp made the motion, which Mr. Klingerman seconded, to approve the financial reports for December 2014. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE**

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Kramarz seconded, to approve the bills payable for 16 December 2014 – 19 January 2015, ranging from check #00037880 – check #00038057, including a wire transfer totaling \$725,179.45, in the amount of \$1,274,309.66. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE – CAPITAL PROJECT FUND**

Mr. Hummel made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the bills payable for the Capital Project Fund 16 December 2014 – 19 January 2015, being check #00010541, in the amount of \$14,000.00. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE – CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve the bills payable for the Capital Reserve Fund for 16 December 2014 – 19 January 2015, ranging from check #00001788 – check #00001789, in the amount of \$87,042.16. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Curry started his report by thanking Bloomsburg High School 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Librarian Phil Burrell for his work in spear-heading the K-12 library curriculum. Dr. Curry stated that the district was much further along in this process than he had anticipated. He then reported that he would be recommending that the board approve a revised coaching contract, which would include junior high soccer coaches. Dr. Curry also reported that he would be recommending the coaching contract be amended to add soccer as a junior high sport. Lastly, Dr. Curry reported on the changes being mandated under Act 126 of 2013. He said that because of this act, all school district employees, contractors, and volunteers in Pennsylvania would need to renew all three clearances (Pennsylvania Criminal Record Check, FBI Clearance, and Child Abuse History Clearance) every three years. Dr. Curry said that he would be sharing with the board policies that would need to be updated because of this act at the February work session.

Mr. Tabor reported that both Beaver-Main Elementary School and W.W. Evans Elementary School had recently completed emergency drills and that the web sites for both schools were currently being updated. He then reported that students in both schools were collecting coins for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and that so far they had raised over \$1,000. He ended the report by sharing a story about two teachers, Mrs. Lorady and Ms. Brown, making Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle cupcakes for a W.W. Evans Elementary School student's birthday.

## **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

As no student representatives were present, there was not a student representative report at this meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Approval of Final Adoption of Policy 405**

Mr. Kramarz made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to approve for final adoption Policy 405: Employment of Substitute Professional Employees. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Klingerman made the motion to add Item E: Approval of Lease Agreement under New Business to the agenda. Mr. Hummel seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Preliminary Budget**

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the preliminary 2015-2016 Bloomsburg Area School District budget as presented. Mr. Upton pointed out that implementation of the 1:1 technology initiative was included in this budget. Dr. Curry reported that with the board's approval of the 1:1 initiative in the preliminary budget, devices would be ordered for staff out of this year's budget so that the teachers would receive them in a timely manner, allowing adequate time for them to prepare for the release of the student devices in Fall 2015. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Revised Programs of Study**

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve as presented the revised Programs of Study. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Transfer of Funds to OPEB**

Mr. Kramarz made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve committing an additional \$72,624.00 from the unassigned fund balance to reflect the district's Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) obligation of \$426,830.00 at 30 June 2015. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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

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

- Bloomsburg High School Band students to Williamsport High School on 11 February 2015 – 13 February 2015 to participate in the 2015 PMEA Region All-State Band Festival, at a cost to the district of \$928.00; and
- Bloomsburg High School FBLA students to Hershey, Pennsylvania on 13 April 2015 – 15 April 2015 to participate in the FBLA State Leadership Conference, at a cost to the district of \$900.00.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Lease Agreement**

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve as presented the 60-month lease agreement with U.S. Bank Equipment Finance for two copiers at \$474 per month, supplied by Edwards Business Systems, Inc. The motion passed by a voice vote of six yes votes and one no vote (being Mr. Klingerman).

## **PERSONNEL**

### **Approval of Classified Staff**

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to approve the following individuals as classified staff:

- Noah Mantione as a Bloomsburg Middle School Paraprofessional at \$8.65 per hour and with benefits as per the negotiated classified staff contract, retroactive to 9 January 2015; and
- Elia Zdanavage as the Payroll/Accounting Clerk at an annual pro-rated salary of \$23,000.00 and with benefits as per the contract as presented, effective 9 February 2015, pending receipt of her Act 151 Child Abuse Clearance and her tuberculosis test results.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Professional Substitutes**

Mr. Yodock made the motion, which Mr. Klingerman seconded, to approve the following individuals as professional day-to-day substitutes:

- Michael Mucci (English 7-12), effective 2 February 2015;
- Peter Taylor (Physics 7-12), effective 20 January 2015; and
- Rachel Smith (Early Childhood Education PK-4 and Music PK-12), effective 20 January 2015.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Athletic Coach**

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to approve Anthony Russo as the Head Varsity Football Coach at Step 16 and an annual salary of \$4,818.00, effective upon receipt of his Act 34, 114, and 151 clearances. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Licensed Pesticide Applicator**

Mr. Hummel made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve Maintenance Worker Ray Sobolesky as a Licensed Pesticide Applicator for the 2014-2015 school year, retroactive to 1 July 2014, at an annual stipend of \$1,000.00. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Acceptance of Classified Staff Resignation**

Mr. Hummel made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to accept the resignation of Memorial Elementary School Food Service Aide Jessica Rhodes, retroactive to 12 January 2015. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Professional Staff Leave of Absence Extension Request**

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which Mrs. Rupp seconded, to approve the leave of absence request of Memorial Elementary School Life Skills Teacher Bonnie Celmer-Batiuk through the end of the 2014-2015 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

## **INFORMATION**

It was reported the following items would appear on the next work session agenda: Budget 2015-2016, Draft Calendar 2015-2016, Summer Student Programs 2015, Tenure Report, Full-Time Spanish Teaching Position, Technology Coach Position, Policies Regarding 1:1 Technology Initiative, Acts 153 and 168, and Columbia-Montour AVTS Budget.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

It was announced that the next special meeting and work session would be held on Monday, 2 February 2015 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room, and that the next regular monthly meeting would be held on Tuesday, 17 February 2015 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:01 p.m., Mrs. Howell made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Rupp, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler  
Recording Secretary