

**Bloomsburg Area School District  
Board of School Directors  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Tuesday, 17 February 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 7:03 p.m. on Tuesday, 17 February 2015, in the district office board room, followed by the pledge to the flag. Directors in attendance were: Mrs. Tina Howell, Ms. Marianne Kreisher, Mr. Terry Kramarz, Mrs. Sandra Rupp, and Mr. Joe Yodock. Mr. Brent Hock, Mr. Justin Hummel, Mr. Joshua Klingerman, and Mr. Thomas Tobin were absent from the meeting.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Mr. Steve Bressi, Ms. Donna Christensen, Dr. Cosmas Curry, and Mr. Michael Upton.

Others present included: Mr. Phil Burrell (arrived at 7:09 p.m.), Ms. Terri Drucker, Ms. Stephanie Kessler, and Ms. Deb Zollmann.

In the absence of the president and vice president, Secretary Sandra Rupp led the meeting.

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

Ms. Deb Zollmann told the school board that there had been some gossip regarding the bus accident that had occurred that morning. Dr. Curry replied that the accident had been very minor and that there were no injuries. He said that a car had slid into the back of Bus #14 on Iron Street near Papa John's that morning.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve the minutes of the 19 January 2015 regular monthly meeting and the 2 February 2015 special meeting and work session. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Kramarz seconded, to approve the financial reports for January 2015. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Kramarz seconded, to approve the bills payable for 20 January 2015 – 17 February 2015, ranging from check #00038059 – check #00038215, including wire transfers

totaling \$377,233.02, in the total amount of \$1,062,609.25. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

## **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Approval of First Reading of Policies**

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which Ms. Kreisher seconded, to approve on first reading and schedule for final adoption at the 16 March 2015 meeting the following policies:

- 009 – District-Issued Device Responsibility List
- 224 – Care of School Property
- 252A – District-Provided Technology Resources: Student Use, Rights and Responsibilities: Student E-mail Accounts and Web and Cloud-Based Storage and Web and Cloud-Based Applications
- 252B – District-Issued Devices: Student Use, Rights, and Responsibilities
- 352 – Employee Device Security Procedures and Training (Administrative Employees)
- 404 – Employment of Professional Employees
- 405 – Employment of Substitute Professional Employees
- 452 – Employee Device Security Procedures and Training (Professional Employees)
- 504 – Employment of Classified Personnel
- 505 – Employment of Substitute and Short-Term Employees
- 517 – Disciplinary Procedures
- 552 – Employee Device Security Procedures and Training (Classified Employees)
- 607 – Tuition Income
- 893 – Remote Access, Monitoring, and Tracking of District-Issued Devices
- 916 – School Volunteers

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Authorizing Administration to Solicit Bids for Beaver-Main Elementary School Window Project**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Howell, to approve authorizing the Bloomsburg Area School District administration to engage an architect at a cost of \$8,140.00, develop bid specs, and solicit bids for the Beaver-Main Elementary School window project. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of 2015-2016 School Calendar**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve as presented the 2015-2016 Bloomsburg Area School District calendar. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Summer 2015 Student Programs**

Mr. Kramarz made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Kreisher, to approve the following Summer 2015 student programs:

- KinderCamp
  - o Location: Memorial Elementary School
  - o Dates: June 22 – July 22 – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

- Time: 9:30-11:30 a.m. each day
- Two teachers @ approximately 44.5 hours/each (\$22/hour) = \$1,958
- Two paraprofessionals @ approximately 37.5 hours/each (hourly pay rate) = approximately \$640
- Bloomsburg University Reading Program
  - Location: Memorial Elementary School
  - Dates: June 22 – July 22 – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
  - Time: 9:30-11:30 a.m. each day
  - No teachers needed – BU student volunteers
  - Reading Program Liaison - \$22/hour x approximately 76 hours = \$1,672
- Extended School Year (ESY)
  - Location: Memorial Elementary School, Bloomsburg Middle School, and Bloomsburg High School
  - Dates: July 20-23, July 27-30, & August 10-11
  - Time: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
  - Three to four teachers needed @ approximately 35 hours/each (\$22/hour) = \$2,310 - \$3,080
  - Three to four paraprofessionals needed @ approximately 30 hours/each (hourly pay rate) = approximately \$780 - \$1020
- Extra ESY for 2-3 students
  - Location: Memorial Elementary School, Bloomsburg Middle School, and/or Bloomsburg High School
  - Dates: June 16, 23, 30; July 7; August 4
  - Time: 9 – 11 a.m.
  - One teacher needed @ approximately 12.5 hours (\$22/hour) = \$275
  - Two paraprofessionals needed @ approximately 24 hours/each (hourly pay rate) = approximately \$410
- High School Summer School
  - Location: Bloomsburg High School
  - Dates: June 15 – July 6
  - Hours: Session I – 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. & Session II – 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
  - Courses Offered: English 9, English 10, Algebra, Geometry, Social Studies, Graduation Project
  - One teacher per course @ \$22/hour

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Kramarz seconded, to approve the out-of-state/overnight field trip request for a Bloomsburg High School Band student to Dallastown High School from 12 March 2015 – 14 March 2015 for PMEA Central Region Orchestra at a cost to the district of \$735.50. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Acceptance of Donations**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Howell, to accept the following donations:

- A monetary donation of \$20, made by Bethann Ledezma, for the Bloomsburg Middle School's mosaic art project;
- A monetary donation of \$40, made by Lisa Roberts, for the Bloomsburg Middle School's mosaic art project;
- 10 buckets of floor tile and two mirrors for the Bloomsburg Middle School's mosaic project, made by Todd Singly and the Buckhorn Fire Company; and

- A monetary donation of \$100, made by Tina and Chris Howell, for the Bloomsburg Middle School's mosaic art project.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

## PERSONNEL

### Acceptance of Classified Staff Retirement

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Howell, to accept the retirement of Bloomsburg High School Dishwasher Charles Horne, effective on 5 June 2015 or on the last day of the 2014-2015 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### Approval of Classified Staff Transfer

Mr. Kramarz made the motion, which Ms. Kreisher seconded, to approve transferring Lisa Conti from the position of Classified Substitute to the position of 2.25-hour-per-day Food Service Aide at Memorial Elementary School at \$8.15 per hour and with benefits offered as per the negotiated classified staff agreement, retroactive to 9 February 2015. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### Acceptance of Athletic Coach Resignations

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to accept the following athletic coach resignations:

- Head Girls' Varsity Soccer Coach and Head Girls' Junior High Soccer Coach Angela Brown, effective 18 February 2015; and
- Assistant Girls' Varsity Soccer Coach and Assistant Girls' Junior High Soccer Coach David Van Horn, effective 18 February 2015.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### Approval of Athletic Coaches

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve the following individuals as Spring 2015 athletic coaches:

- Robert Moore – Assistant Track Coach (reapproval) – Step 10 – \$2,168
- Jalon Orzolek – Assistant Track Coach (reapproval) – Step 3 – \$1,468
- Andrea Zajac – Assistant Track Coach (new) – Step 1 – \$1,268
- Jeffrey Huss – Assistant Track Coach (new) – Step 1 – \$1,268
- Michael McGarry – Girls' Head Junior High Soccer Coach (new to position/reapproval for sport) – Step 8 - \$1,712
- Joseph Glowaski – Girls' Assistant Junior High Soccer Coach (new) – Step 1 - \$1,274
- Rachel Flagg – Girls' Volunteer Junior High Soccer Coach (new)

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Howell, to approve the following individuals as Fall 2015 athletic coaches:

- Kevin Klock – Assistant JV/Varsity Football Coach (reapproval) – Step 4 – \$2,038
- Chris Stanziale – Assistant JV/Varsity Football Coach (reapproval) – Step 2 – \$1,838
- Steve Weigle – Assistant JV/Varsity Football Coach (reapproval) – Step 3 – \$1,938
- David Wood – Volunteer JV/Varsity Football Coach (reapproval)
- Kevin Seabrook – Volunteer JV/Varsity Football Coach (new)

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Acceptance of Professional Staff Retirements**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to accept the following professional staff retirements, effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year:

- Memorial Elementary School Teacher Gail Faust;
- W.W. Evans Elementary School Teacher Robert Cromley; and
- Bloomsburg Middle School Language Arts Teacher Joan Varonka.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Approval of Summer 2015 Staff**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Kramarz seconded, to approve the following individuals as summer student program staff for 2015:

- Jane Endress – BU Reading Program Liaison (approximately 76 hours at \$22/hour for an approximate total of \$1,672);
- Sara Broadt and Faith Halderman – KinderCamp Teachers (approximately 44.5 hours each at \$22/hour for an approximate total of \$1,958); and
- Angela Burns and Leah Sosnoski – KinderCamp Paraprofessionals (approximately 37.5 hours each at their hourly pay rate for an approximate total of \$640).

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **Acceptance of Social Worker Resignation**

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Kramarz seconded, to accept the resignation of Marika Handakas, who was contracted to provide social worker services to Bloomsburg Area School District students for the 2014-2015 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Kreisher left at this point in the meeting, which was at 7:18 p.m.

## **INFORMATION**

It was announced that the following items would appear on the next work session agenda: Budget and Middle and High School Student Handbooks.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

It was announced that the next special meeting and work session would be held on Monday, 2 March 2015 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room; that the annual stakeholders' meeting would be held on Monday, 9 March 2015 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room; and that the next regular monthly meeting would be held on Monday, 16 March 2015 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Curry started his report by giving a Town of Bloomsburg flood wall project update, stating that Allan Meyers would soon begin the demolition process and that Howard Organization would be in charge of the electrical component of the project. Next, Dr. Curry reported that the state had conducted a food services audit at Memorial Elementary School the previous week. He said that the audit results were outstanding, and that there was only one finding, which was a free/reduced lunch application that was missing the last four digits of a students' Social Security Number. Dr. Curry said that the school nurses would be working

with Dr. Amy Olex from The Eye Center, who was offering free assistance with eye exams. Dr. Curry then informed the board that he would soon be asking the board to amend the 2014-2015 school calendar because of the seven emergency closings the district had to that point. He said that currently, the last student day would be 10 June 2015 and that seniors would have to make up one school day on a Saturday. Mr. Upton then told the board that regarding budget transfers, there would be no change to the budget, just changes in the line items, and that he would report on this in detail in the future. Mr. Yodock suggested the district consider going with an insurance outfit such as Allstate to purchase insurance for the Surface Pros it would be distributing to high school students in 2015-2016. Mr. Yodock said that Panther Valley School District was doing this, and that the cost was only about \$20-\$30 per device. Dr. Curry responded that he and Mr. Honabach had looked at a number of options for insurance and that the one they were recommending the board approve seemed to be the best option for the district.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Bressi gave his monthly administrative report. He said that he was working on the 2015-2016 student handbook, and then went on to give an update on the Bloomsburg-Central Alternative Education (BCAE) program. He said that the program occurred nightly from 3:30 – 8:00 p.m. and that it was housed at Central Columbia High School. He explained that this program was for disruptive youth as well as students for whom alt ed was a better fit than the traditional classroom. He said that in 2015-2016, the program would be held during the day.

Next, Mr. Moran gave his report, recognized Gifted Teacher Brandee Faust for her help with the four teams in the district (two at Memorial and two at the middle school) who were participating in a STEM challenge with K'Nex. Mr. Moran explained that this challenge involved the teams moving a ping-pong table using at least one motor.

Ms. Christensen then reported that students in the high school's life skills class had gone to Berwick for their annual Valentine's Day dance and that the spring life skills dance would be hosted at Bloomsburg. She also reported that to date during the current school year, 78 student evaluations had been completed.

Dr. Curry then updated the board on the Side Effects law suit, saying that it had been filed in federal court, citing breach of contract.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:40 p.m., Mr. Yodock made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Kramarz seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler  
Recording Secretary