

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Regular Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, 16 February 2016
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 7:13 p.m. on Tuesday, 16 February 2016, in the district office board room, followed by the pledge to the flag. Directors in attendance were: Ms. Stephanie Dunn Haney, Mr. Brent Hock, Mrs. Tina Howell, Mr. Joshua Klingerman, Ms. Marianne Kreisher, Mr. Norman Mael, Mr. Leo “Joe” Yodock III, and Ms. Deb Zollmann. Mr. James C. Dodge was absent from the meeting.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Mrs. Melissa Day (left at 8:05 p.m.), Mr. Marc Freeman (left at 7:40 p.m.), Mr. Joseph Kelly, Mr. Joshua Tabor (left at 8:05 p.m.), Mr. Corey Thomas (left at 7:25 p.m.), Mr. Michael Upton, and Mr. Nick Wozniak (left at 7:27 p.m.).

Others present were: Mr. Steve Brink, Ms. Terri Drucker, Ms. Nicole Flaugh (left at 8:15 p.m.), Ms. Kimberly Johnson (left at 8:15 p.m.), Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Mr. Mike McGarry (left at 8:15 p.m.), Mr. Brad Smith (left at 7:40 p.m.), Dr. Amanda Stutzman, and Ms. Shana Warena.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

Mr. Thomas distributed to the board a schedule of spring sports practices and their locations. He apologized for having not presented the board with correct information in previous board meetings. Mr. Thomas briefly went over the schedule with directors. The board discussed the possibility of the district using the Streater fields, and Mr. Thomas said that the district could also use the Commercial Stainless field if needed. Ms. Haney said she was concerned about the girls’ and boys’ soccer teams having practice together, as this could be an issue for marginal student-athletes who might need more attention to improve their skills. Mr. McGarry said that this would not be the case, as there would be more coaches available to work with the students. Mr. Mael asked how much it would cost to play games at Bloomsburg University, and Mr. Thomas replied that it would cost \$75 for two games.

Next, Mr. Wozniak gave his buildings, grounds, and maintenance report. He said that, if approved by the board that night, the C.M. Eichenlaub Company would be fixing the gap in the middle school gymnasium bleachers to take it from about 3 ½” – 4” to about 1 ½”. Mr. Klingerman asked how much it would cost to replace the bleachers, and Mr. Upton responded that it would cost about \$120,000. Relative to the board’s question about if C.M. Eichenlaub had created the gap in the bleachers when they replaced the bleacher rails in Summer 2015, Mr. Kelly said that it was determined the gap had not been caused by the company.

Mr. Freeman and Mr. Smith then made a presentation to the board on a new technology course that would be offered to eighth-grade students starting in 2016-2017. Mr. Freeman said that this advanced technology class would be offered to eighth-grade students, based on their GPAs in their sixth- and seventh-grade computer technology courses. He said that this course would be for students who were very motivated in technology and able to work independently on large projects that might take a quarter or a semester to complete. Mr. Freeman said that students would compete in the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit’s

computer fair in May. He told directors that there would be no added cost to the district, except for potentially some additional pay for extra hours worked beyond the regular school day to prepare for the computer fair, and Mr. Smith would teach it so no additional staff would be needed.

Mr. Smith told directors that there had been an after-school club for students wishing to participate in the CSIU's computer fair, and that some topics included in the fair were animation, programming, and digital movies. He said that by offering this advanced technology class, students would be getting more into computer technology application and that they would be able to complete bigger projects.

Mr. Freeman said that ideally, students in this course would spend homeroom and first period with Mr. Smith so they would get about 20 extra minutes of class per day.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Klingerman seconded, to approve the minutes of the 18 January 2016 regular monthly meeting and the 1 February 2016 special meeting and work session. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Ms. Kreisher seconded, to approve the financial reports for January 2016.

Mr. Upton reported to the board that the district had received some state funds but that the final amount was still to be determined. He said it was very difficult to put into the budget amounts relative to state funding. During Mr. Upton's report, he noted that the cafeteria was in the black and was financially very close to where it was the previous year at that time. Mr. Klingerman asked if the Old Panther Group had volunteered to purchase wall mats for the gym. Mr. Hock asked Mr. Klingerman to check with Dick Klingerman about this, and Mr. Klingerman asked if Mr. Upton would send a copy of the invoice for the wall mats, which had already been purchased, to him so he could show it to Dick Klingerman.

After discussion, the motion to approve the financial reports for January 2016 passed by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Klingerman seconded, to approve the bills payable for 19 January 2016 – 16 February 2016, ranging from check #00040139 – check #00040405, including wire transfers in the amount of \$309,033.71, in the total amount of \$1,186,110.54. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mrs. Day told directors that the Bloomsburg High School Drama Club's production of "Anything Goes" would be held on March 3, 4, and 5. She added that all board members could receive two complimentary tickets by contacting Drama Director Tim Latsha. Mrs. Day also reported that students had completed the 2016-2017 course requesting process.

Mr. Tabor then reported that a student at Bloomsburg University would be conducting an after-school Chinese language club to students at W.W. Evans Elementary School from then until April 22. He

reported that students at W.W. Evans Elementary School had recently participated in an assembly called The Ned Show, which encouraged students to do their best and never give up. He said the assembly was free to the district, and that it only had to agree to sell yo-yos. Mr. Tabor said The Ned Show would be coming to Beaver-Main Elementary School at a later date. He reported that the Oceans Rock assembly would be coming up at the end of February, and that the Girls on the Run program would again be offered to students at W.W. Evans Elementary School that spring. Mr. Tabor said that students in grades three through five would soon be participating in an American Red Cross pillow case project in which they would learn what items they should put in a pillow case if they needed to their home quickly due to an emergency. Mr. Tabor recognized his reading specialists, Jennifer Mertz, Jenn Casella, and Ashley Gregory, for doing assessments and benchmarking, and then ended his report by thanking Mr. Yodock for visiting W.W. Evans Elementary School and extending the same invitation to all board members.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Kelly started his report by saying that the previous year's staff recognition dinner, which was held at the high school and catered by cafeteria staff, had cost the district \$500 and that 68 people had attended. He said that for the same number of guests, the cost to hold the dinner at Bloomsburg University's Kehr Union Building that spring would cost about \$1,100. Mr. Kelly recommended the board continue holding the dinner in the high school cafeteria but focus more on the program and awards being given out. Mr. Hock said he thought the dinner should be held off premises because staff ate lunch at school everyday. Mr. Kelly said he would get more information on having the dinner held at Kehr Union and share it with the board at the March 7 work session.

The district's Policy 249: Bullying/Cyberbullying was sent to directors with their board packets for review.

Mr. Kelly then told the board that because schools had been closed due to ice that day, the last day of the school year had been moved back to Friday, 3 June 2016.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

As the student representative was not able to make the meeting, there was no report given.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Boys' Junior High Soccer Program

Ms. Zollmann made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Howell, to approve removing from the table the following motion: Approve the addition of a boys' junior high soccer program, effective for the 2016-2017 school year, with the introduction of a limited "start-up" team in Spring 2016 with transportation to away games being the only cost to the school district. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Kreisher then made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve the addition of a boys' junior high soccer program, effective for the 2016-2017 school year, with the introduction of a limited "start-up" team in Spring 2016 with transportation to away games being the only cost to the school district. After the board thanked AYSO representatives for allowing the district to use their field, the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding with Police et al

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve renewing as presented the Memorandum of Understanding By and Between the Town of Bloomsburg Police Department and Bloomsburg Area School District for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of School Calendar for 2016-2017

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve as presented the Bloomsburg Area School District calendar for 2016-2017. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Summer Programs for 2016

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to approve as presented the following programs for Summer 2016:

- KinderCamp
 - o Location: Memorial Elementary School
 - o Dates: June 20 – July 20 – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (except July 4)
 - o Time: 9:30-11:30 a.m. each day
 - o Two teachers @ approximately 42 hours/each (\$22/hour) = \$1,848
 - o Two paraprofessionals @ approximately 35 hours/each (hourly pay rate) = approximately \$612.50
- Bloomsburg University Reading Program
 - o Location: Memorial Elementary School
 - o Dates: June 20 – July 20 – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (except July 4)
 - o Time: 9:30-11:30 a.m. each day
 - o No teachers needed – BU student volunteers
 - o Reading Program Liaison - \$22/hour x approximately 76 hours = \$1,672
- Extended School Year (ESY)
 - o Location: Memorial Elementary School, Bloomsburg Middle School, and Bloomsburg High School
 - o Dates: July 18-21, July 25-28, & August 9-10
 - o Time: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
 - o Three to four teachers needed @ approximately 35 hours/each (\$22/hour) = \$2,310 - \$3,080
 - o Three to four paraprofessionals needed @ approximately 30 hours/each (hourly pay rate) = approximately \$780 - \$1020
- Extra ESY for 1 student
 - o Location: Bloomsburg Middle School, and/or Bloomsburg High School
 - o Dates: June 14, 21, 28; July 5; August 2
 - o Time: 9 – 11 a.m.
 - o One teacher needed @ approximately 12.5 hours (\$22/hour) = \$275
 - o One paraprofessional needed @ approximately 24 hours (hourly pay rate) = approximately \$205
- STEM Camp
 - o Location: Memorial Elementary School
 - o Dates: June 13-16
 - o Time: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 - o Two teachers needed @ a maximum of 40 hours/each (\$22/hour) = \$1,760

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Authorizing Middle School Bleacher Repairs

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Ms. Kreisher seconded, to approve authorizing C.M. Eichenlaub Company of Pittsburgh to remove the bleachers from the wall in the middle school gymnasium, realign them to reduce the gaps between sections, and then reattach them to the wall for a cost of \$4,545. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Authorizing Architect's Rendering of Flood Control Project

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to approve authorizing Borton Lawson to produce the architect's rendering of the flood control project at a cost of \$5,700, with the understanding that if the district commits to the flood mitigation project, the \$5,700 will be subtracted from the final cost.

Mr. Hock said he would like the board to consider moving the flood wall out from the high school closer to Railroad Street so that outward expansion of the high school would be possible. Mr. Yodock said he would like to know how much more it would cost the district to do this. Mr. Kelly said he would contact Steve Boone from Borton Lawson and ask him about the cost to move the flood wall out closer to Railroad Street. In order to first find out the potential cost of moving the flood wall closer to Railroad Street, Ms. Kreisher withdrew her motion to approve authorizing Borton Lawson to produce the architect's rendering of the flood control project at a cost of \$5,700, with the understanding that if the district commits to the flood mitigation project, the \$5,700 will be subtracted from the final cost. Mr. Yodock then withdrew his second to this motion.

Approval of Student Organization

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to approve reinstating the Bloomsburg High School Ski Club for the 2016-2017 school year, at no cost to the district. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Donation

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Howell, to accept a monetary donation of \$110 to be used to purchase books for the W.W. Evans Elementary School library in memory of Wendy Upton, made by the following retired teachers from Memorial Elementary School: Diane Young, Marie Bolinsky, Judy Pointer, Carol Coombe, Jackie Starr, Carol Chamberlain, Elaine Everett, Sherry Rider, Kathleen Wenner, Barb Neuhard, and Mollie Harris. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Approval of Classified Staff

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve Judith Burke, Mark Burke, Bonnie Crawford, Lawrence Cooper, Todd Egger, and Sharon Styer as members of the Bloomsburg High School musical's pit orchestra, with their stipends to be paid by the Bloomsburg High School Drama Club. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Professional Day-to-Day Substitutes

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Howell, to approve Bernadette Baker (English 7-12) and Andrew Murray (Grades PK-4) as professional day-to-day substitutes, effective 17 February 2016. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Classified Staff Resignation

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Howell, to accept the resignation of Memorial Elementary School Food Service Aide Martha Breisch, with her last day of work being 18 February 2016, and to approve adding her to the classified substitute list effective 19 February 2016. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Director of Elementary and Secondary Curriculum and Instruction

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Howell, to approve Dr. Amanda Stutzman as the Director of Elementary and Secondary Curriculum and Instruction at an annual salary of \$77,650 and with benefits as per the Act 93 Agreement, effective 1 July 2016. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Classified Staff Transfer

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Kreisher, to approve the transfer of Memorial Elementary School Food Service Aide Lisa Conti from a 2.25-hour-per-day position to a 3.5-hour-per-day position, effective 22 February 2016. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Athletic Coaches

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve as presented the Spring 2016 athletic coaches:

Head varsity baseball	Thrush, Keith	3	\$2,364.00
Assistant baseball	Malatesta, Chris	3	\$1,468.00
Assistant baseball	Klingerman, Richard	8	\$1,968.00
Assistant baseball	Stewart, Josh	5	\$1,668.00
Head varsity softball	Wawroski, Brian	5	\$2,614.00
Assistant softball	Yocum, Mary Jo	4	\$1,568.00
Assistant softball	Mrozek, Todd	7	\$1,868.00
Volunteer softball	Luxardo, Karl		
Volunteer softball	Benscoter, Brad		
Volunteer softball	Turner, Sara		
Head track	Weigle, Steve	5	\$5,228.00
Assistant track	Moore, Bob	11	\$2,268.00
Assistant track	Orzolek, Jalon	4	\$1,568.00
Assistant track	Huss, Jeff	2	\$1,368.00
Assistant track	Zajac, Andrea	2	\$1,368.00
Head boys tennis	Finnerty, Bill	11	\$3,075.00
Assistant boys' tennis (<i>previously approved</i>)	Lynn, George	4	\$1,395.00
Head Jr high field hockey	Baker, Chuck	16	\$4,424.00

Assistant Jr high field hockey	Lamoreaux, Chelsea	2	\$1,337.00
Head jr high girls' soccer <i>(previously approved)</i>	Geise, Stephanie	4	\$1,462.00
Asst jr high girls' soccer <i>(previously approved)</i>	Tumolo, David	1	\$1,274.00
Volunteer jr high boys' soccer	McGarry, Mike		

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

INFORMATION

Mr. Hock announced that the following items would appear on the next work session agenda: Middle and High School Handbooks, Revisions to Technology-Related Policies, and End-of-Year Calendar. Mr. Klingerman asked that the topic “land acquisition” also be added to the agenda.

Mr. Kelly reported that as of 10 February 2016, there were 1,578 students enrolled in the district in K-12.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Hock announced that the next special meeting and work session would be held on Monday, 7 March 2016 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 March 2016 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:31 p.m., Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Ms. Zollmann seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary