

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Special Meeting
Monday, 6 June 2016
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, 6 June 2016 in the district office board room, followed by the pledge to the flag. Directors in attendance were: Mrs. Tina Howell, Mr. Joshua Klingerman, Ms. Marianne Kreisher, Mr. Norman Mael, and Mr. Joe Yodock. Ms. Stephanie Dunn Haney, Mr. Brent Hock, and Ms. Deb Zollmann were absent from the meeting.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Mr. Marc Freeman (left at 7:34 p.m.) and Mr. Joshua Tabor (left at 7:34 p.m.).

Others present were: Mr. Phil Burrell (arrived at 7:27 p.m.), Mrs. Bonnie Crawford, Ms. Terri Drucker, Mr. Joshua Farr, and Ms. Stephanie Kessler.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

Mrs. Crawford addressed the board at this time to say that she thought the board should be more focused on academics than on athletics, that is should be more concerned with getting information about students to take classes at Bloomsburg University rather than playing games at Bloomsburg University. She said athletic discussions seemed to be more prevalent and longer in duration than discussion about academics. Mrs. Crawford said she wished more time would be spent on what's most important in the school district, which was giving students the best education possible. She pointed out that the board had hired an athletic director with no experience at a salary that was insulting to teachers while coming dangerously close to doing away with the position of high school librarian.

OLD BUSINESS

Final Reading of Policies

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to approve on final reading the follow policies: Policy 626: Federal Fiscal Compliance; Policy 626.1: Travel Reimbursement – Federal Programs; and Policy 827: Conflict of Interest. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Final 2016-2017 Budget

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to approve the final 2016-2017 Bloomsburg Area School District budget, in the amount of \$24,843,623.00, with tax rates being set as follows, with the continuation of existing penalties and discounts:

Real Estate Act 511	41.8 mils (up 1.2 mils from 2015-2016)
Per Capita	\$5.00
Local Services Tax	\$52.00 (Bloomsburg, Hemlock Twp, Montour Twp)
	\$10.00 (Beaver Twp, Catawissa Twp, Main Twp)
Real Estate Transfer	1.0%
Earned Income	1.56%
Per Capita Section 679	\$5.00

Mr. Upton distributed to directors a revenue and expense history. He said that hopefully, the board would not need a tax increase. He told directors that the district was still fighting tax appeals for the Greenly Center and Autoneum, and that he expected the mall to be further devalued. Mr. Upton said the district was still putting away money for an air conditioning system at the middle school. After discussion, the motion to approve the final 2016-2017 budget passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Real Estate Tax Exemptions

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve the Pennsylvania State Veterans' Commission Real Estate Tax Exemption requests for Paul A. Cokosky and Sean T. Clark. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Donation

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to accept the donation of a new bench (replacing an existing bench) and affixed plaque for the Beaver-Main Elementary School playground, being made by Dave Barrett, in memory of his daughter, Carissa Barrett. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of First Reading of Policy

Mr. Yodock, made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to approve on first reading and schedule for final reading at the 18 July 2016 school board meeting Policy 808: Food Services. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Transfer of Funds

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to approve transferring \$200,000.00 from the general fund unassigned to the capital reserve fund. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Approval/Acceptance of Personnel Items

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to approve accept the following personnel items:

- Approve Amanda Stutzman as the district's Homeless Liaison, Title VI Coordinator, and Title IX Coordinator, effective 1 July 2016;
- Accept the resignation of Memorial Elementary School Paraprofessional Susan "Jenny" Miller, effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year;
- Approve extending the agreement with Joseph T. Kelly to be the Acting Superintendent of the Bloomsburg Area School District from an end date of 30 June 2016 to an end date of 31 July 2016, at a rate of \$1,500 per week, to be pro-rated as necessary;
- Accept the resignation of Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School Joint Operating Committee Alternate Joshua Klingerman, effective 6 June 2016;
- Approve Tina Howell as the Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School Joint Operating Committee Alternate, effective 7 June 2016;
- Approve Marc Freeman as the Interim Athletic Director at a rate of \$250 per week, retroactive to 31 May 2016;
- Approve Memorial Elementary School Paraprofessional Erika Davis as a Memorial Elementary School Long-Term Substitute Secretary, effective 15 June 2016 until 15 September 2016;
- Approve the transfer of Anthony DeLuca from the position of W.W. Evans Elementary School Second-Grade Teacher to the position of Memorial Elementary School Reading Specialist, effective for the start of the 2016-2017 school year;
- Accept the resignation of Assistant Varsity Football Coach Steve Weigle, effective 7 June 2016;
- Approve the following individuals as athletic coaches for the 2016-2017 school year:
 - Stacy Frye – Assistant Varsity Football Coach – Step 1 - \$1,738.00 ;
 - Marina Eberhart – Volunteer Cross Country Coach, effective upon receipt of her clearances;
 - Mark Kruczek – Assistant Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach – Step 3 - \$1,729.00;
 - Robert Noll – Ninth-Grade Boys' Basketball Coach – Step 4 - \$1,829.00;
 - Michael Noll – Eighth-Grade Boys' Basketball Coach – Step 1 - \$1,337.00;
 - Dennis Lewis – Seventh-Grade Boys' Basketball Coach – Step 3 - \$1,399.00;
- Approve the leave of absence change request of Elementary Art Teacher Jillette Smith, changing her return date from 9 January 2017 to 1 December 2016.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of Professional Staff Resignation

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to accept the resignation of Bloomsburg High School Family & Consumer Sciences Teacher Patricia Zimmerman, effective immediately. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT TO WORK SESSION

At 7:23 p.m., Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to adjourn the special meeting and move into the work session. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary

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Buildings, Grounds, and Maintenance Report

As Mr. Wozniak was not at the meeting, there was no buildings, grounds, and maintenance report given.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Freeman reported that the softball team had won its game that evening and that its next game would be on June 9 at Turbotville. He said that there had been 20 students inducted into the junior honor society, that the middle school had planted plants outside of the school from the grant money it had received for a butterfly garden, that eight-grade and junior honor society students had raised \$1,500 for the ALS walk, and that four middle school students would be competing at the national history bee.

Next, Mr. Tabor recognized and thanked his staff for the wonderful field trips they'd had that spring. He also thanked his staff for the various graduation ceremonies they'd planned and carried out. Lastly, he thanked the building co-ops for the great end-of-year events they had made available for students.

Athletic Schedule for 2016-2017

Mr. Kelly referred school directors to the draft 2016-2017 athletic schedule that had been distributed to them with their board packets. He said that voting to approve the schedule would be included on the 20 June 2016 board meeting agenda. Mr. Kelly said the 2016-2017 athletic schedule was about 90% complete, with only some scrimmages and the golf schedule needing to be added. He said that Mr. Thomas had worked hard to get Bloomsburg High School's and Bloomsburg University's homecoming dates to coincide for October 2016.

Athletic Handbook for 2016-2017

Mr. Kelly said it was his recommendation to permit all current student-athlete's portraits to remain on display as is in the high school, and to develop a video display containing student-athlete's portraits in the auditorium/lobby area of the high school and also in the trophy case area near the varsity gymnasium located in the middle school. Mr. Klingerman said that if the district was going to use the digital format to highlight student-athletes, it should lower its criteria so more students could be celebrated. Mr. Kelly said this could be discussed in greater detail. Mr. Yodock said he thought the district should revisit the idea of using digital media for advertising and bringing in revenue for the district. Mr. Klingerman added the district could present package advertising when approaching potential business advertisers.

PSBA Policy Services

Mr. Kelly said he would be recommending to the board that the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) redo the district's policy manual, and also that the district purchase the maintenance option. He said that PSBA's review and revamping of the district's current policy manual would take about 18 months to complete. Mr. Yodock asked if the board should create a policy committee to work with PSBA on this task, and Mr. Kelly said the board should wait for the recommendation from PSBA. Ms. Kreisher said she thought this was a great idea, as the PSBA policy department had experience in the area.

Applicants for Vacant School Director Policy

Mr. Kelly told directors that the two school board member candidates would be interviewed by the board at 6:30 p.m. on 20 June 2016, and that the successful candidate would then be sworn in at the regular monthly meeting, which would begin at 7:00 p.m. that night. It was decided the two candidates would be interviewed simultaneously rather than separately.

Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School Report

Mr. Yodock said that the Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School Joint Operating Committee meeting had been very quick and that he therefore had no report to give.

Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Report

Mr. Mael said that at the latest Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Board of Directors meeting, there had been discussion at the impending strike, which seemed to have been abated by a tentative agreement having been reached.

Adjournment to Executive Session

At 7:47p.m., Mr. Yodock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to adjourn the work session and move into executive session to discuss personnel matters. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. The executive session concluded at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary