

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, 19 September 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 7:00 p.m. on Monday, 19 September 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, Mrs. Gail Moore, and Mr. Leo “Joe” Yodock III (arrived at 7:44 p.m.). Ms. Deb Zollmann was absent from the meeting.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Ms. Donna Christensen (left at 8:12 p.m.), Mr. Marc Freeman (left at 8:12 p.m.), Mr. Gary Honabach (left at 8:13 p.m.), Mr. Michael Upton, and Dr. Donald Wheeler.

Others present included: Mr. Phil Burrell (arrived at 7:15 p.m.), Mrs. Bonnie Crawford, Ms. Terri Drucker, Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Mr. Steve Lutz (left at 8:13 p.m.), Ms. Kali Neff (left at 8:12 p.m.), Ms. Danielle Shuman (left at 7:16 p.m.), Mr. Wayne Shuman (left at 7:16 p.m.), Mr. Allen Zehner (left at 7:16 p.m.), and Ms. Tiffany Zehner (left at 7:16 p.m.).

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

Ms. Tiffany Zehner addressed the board to request an elementary and secondary bus stop be placed at the end of her driveway. She said that currently, she drove her children [one being an elementary student and the other being a secondary student] to the bus stop, which was 1.25 miles from her driveway, four times a day. She said that the road they walked on was a big safety issue because there were no lights, the road was along a swamp, and there were wild animals – bears, deer, snakes, and foxes – in their backyard. Ms. Zehner said that in the past, there had been a stop at the home for over 18 years, and that she had contacted the transportation director, who had denied the request and said that her next course of action would be to contact the school board. Ms. Kessler responded that she and Mr. Upton had driven out to Mountain Road to physically look at the stop and possible options twice, and that she had talked to both the elementary and secondary bus drivers, as well as the bus contractor, regarding this bus stop. Ms. Kessler said that there had been a bus stop there years ago, but that the contractor had said the bus had gotten stuck on that road on many occasions. Additionally, Ms. Kessler pointed out that there was a five-ton weight limit sign posted on Seiwel Lane, so a school bus, weighing six to seven tons empty, could not traverse this road. Ms. Zehner said that this sign was not accurate and that she would be contacting the township to ask them to remove it.

Mrs. Crawford then addressed the board with a concern about vehicles parking at no-parking areas at the high school. She said there was a lot of traffic around the curve and that this was an accident waiting to happen. Mr. Freeman said it might be helpful if coaches told students to let their parents know that they should not park in the no-parking zone or they might be ticketed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve the minutes of the following Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors' meetings: the 15 August 2016 regular monthly meeting and the 6 September 2016 special meeting and work session. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Howell, to approve the financial reports for August 2016.

Mr. Upton pointed out that tuition payments and conference costs for professional staff were a little higher than usual due to the number of employees who took summer classes. He also pointed out that there was over \$55,000 in tuition to other school districts from the prior year, which would be incurred in the year ending 30 June 2016. Mr. Upton pointed out that there was over \$72,000 worth of general supplies, much of it coming from the Keystone Purchasing Network, and that laptops for hybrid learning, computers for libraries, and computer replacements were also included in this report, which were all normal expenses for the time of year. He ended his report by saying that although the cafeteria fund was currently showing a loss, that was normal for the beginning of the school year and that he expected the cafeteria fund to be showing a profit within the next few months.

After Mr. Upton finished his report, the motion to approve it passed by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to approve the bills payable for 16 August 2016 – 19 September 2016, ranging from check #00041383 – check #00041587, including wire transfers in the amount of \$286,750.36, in the total amount of \$904,328.35.

During his report, Mr. Upton pointed out the Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School authority payment of \$3,931. He also pointed out the purchase of the scoreboard for the natatorium, for which the district was paying one-third, BAY was paying one-third, and First Columbia Bank & Trust was paying one-third. He reported that because the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU) Trust had an excess, it had granted a "holiday" for that month, which had saved the district about \$214,000. Mr. Upton also pointed out that bills being voted on included a bill to Garvey's for carpeting at the middle school, tables for hybrid learning, server replacements, library laptops, hybrid learning laptops, insulation in the high school roof, a bill to the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) for the superintendent search, a bill to Siemens Industry for \$37,000 for the facilities systems evaluation at W.W. Evans, a bill to Tom Fetterman for \$11,000 for replacing a water heater at Memorial, Surface Pro 3 cases for all high school students, and a bill to Valley Athletic Supply for \$15,000 for new football uniforms. Mr. Yodock arrived at this point in the meeting.

After Mr. Upton finished his report on the bills payable, the motion to approve the bills payable passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE – CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Kreisher, to approve the bills payable for the Capital Reserve Fund for 16 August 2016 – 19 September 2016, ranging from check #00001817 – check #00001818, in the amount of \$11,861.70. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Freeman reported to the board that the middle school had a very smooth start to the school year. He said that he and Jason Moser were identifying students currently on the failure list so they could work with them and ensure they were receiving remediation during their study halls. Mr. Freeman said that staff was meeting with at-risk seventh-grade students weekly and mentoring them.

Ms. Christensen distributed flyers announcing that October 3 was the recognized anti-bullying awareness day. She said that students and staff were being encouraged to wear blue to “Stomp Out Bullying” on that day.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT

Bloomsburg High School student Kali Neff, the treasurer of the school’s Student Government Association (SGA), started her report by saying that the school was preparing for Homecoming week, with the game being scheduled for October 14. She said that Tuesday of that week would be Rent-a-Senior Day, with proceeds going to a local charity, Wednesday would be Twin Day, Thursday, would be Around the World day, and Friday would be Spirit Day. She said that SGA students would be participating in the Homecoming parade. Ms. Neff also reported that a blood drive for students and staff would be held at the high school on October 28, and that there would be another craft fair in late November or early December.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Wheeler started his report by saying that the first meeting for professional staff negotiations was scheduled for 6 p.m. on October 5.

Next, Dr. Wheeler reported that, regarding athletics portraits, it was his recommendation to both reduce the size of the portraits and create a digital display. He said that this way, there would be a blending of the old and the new. He suggested the board could meet with himself and Mr. Simpson regarding some ideas for branding. Mr. Hock said that it was important for the school board to establish something that would be long-standing and that had definitive rules. Furthermore, he said that the board should put in as much effort as possible to this issue now, being such to include all stakeholders, so that this will not continue to be revisited as often in the future. Dr. Wheeler proposed there would be three one-hour meetings with different groups of stakeholders. First, there would be a meeting with booster club presidents, then with coaches, and then with parents and athletes. Ms. Haney said she wanted to make sure state-level musicians were recognized, as well. Dr. Wheeler promised this discussion would happen.

Dr. Wheeler then referred directors to the district’s current letterhead and some proposed letterhead options and asked for their opinions of the latter. Mr. Klingerman said that he would much prefer the district using the panther logo rather than the high school crest. Dr. Wheeler said more information would be given to directors at the next meeting.

Dr. Wheeler told directors that starting the previous Friday night and continuing through the following night, the field at Panther Stadium was being watered nightly. Mr. Mael said that in the four or five years that he'd been on and off the school board, the condition of athletic fields had always been an issue. Mr. Hock said that this should be the final time this particular issue would need to be brought up. Mr. Mael said the number of people using the field needed to be limited, and suggested the board consider a trade situation where a company would take care of the fields for free advertising. Mr. Hock said this was in consideration.

Lastly, Dr. Wheeler said he would like to meet with the school board, either individually or in small groups, regarding his entrance plan.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the board at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Proposal for Security Upgrades

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Ms. Kreisher seconded, to approve as presented the proposal from Berkshire Systems Group, Inc. for security upgrades in Bloomsburg Middle School and Bloomsburg High School, totaling \$53,740. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Agreement with ASF Fundraising

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve as presented the acknowledgment confirmation agreement with All School Fundraising (ASF).

Mr. Klingerman said he would like the athletic director to take over fundraising, rather than have other companies make money off of the district. Ms. Kreisher said that she thought Mr. Simpson needed some time to get his feet wet before taking this over, and Mr. Mael agreed, saying that the first time he was on the school board, there had been an issue with the athletic director signing a contract with Side Effects, so he thought it best that Mr. Simpson not get into soliciting funds yet. Dr. Wheeler told directors that Mr. Simpson was working on creating a chart of outside businesses that the district works with and in what capacity. At the conclusion of the school year, the district could then review this information and generate a three- to five-year plan. Mr. Hock said he would like to see if ASF would be willing to change the contract from a two-year contract to a one-year contract, and that he didn't think the board was prepared to act on this item at the present time. This being the case, Ms. Kreisher made the motion to table the motion to approve as presented the acknowledgment confirmation agreement with All School Fundraising (ASF). The motion was seconded by Mr. Yodock, and then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Approval of Classified Staff

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to approve Victoria Dent as a Bloomsburg Middle School Personal Care Aide (6.5 hours per day) at \$8.85 per hour and with benefits as per the negotiated classified staff agreement, effective 20 September 2016. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Klingerman seconded, to approve Stephen Lutz as a Technology Technician at a pro-rated annual salary of \$28,500.00 and with benefits as outlined in his proposed contract, effective 26 September 2016, pending receipt of his tuberculosis test results. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to approve James Cromis as a classified substitute, effective upon receipt of his tuberculosis test results. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Professional Substitutes

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to approve the following individuals as professional day-to-day substitutes, effective 20 September 2016: Kory Kremer (CSIU Guest Teacher), Kathy Dugan (Math 7-12), and Julie Hutchinson (Early Childhood N-3 and Elementary K-6). The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Athletic Coaches

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Howell, to approve as presented the following 2016-2017 athletic coaches:

POSITION	EMPLOYEE	STEP	Salary
Head Girls' Varsity Basketball	Wittman, John	5	\$3,049.00
Assistant Girls' Varsity Basketball	Mrozek, Todd	16	\$3,029.00
Volunteer Girls' Varsity Basketball	Klingerman, Dick		
Assistant Grade 7 Girls' Basketball	Ward, Janna	4	\$1,462.00
Assistant Grade 8 Girls' Basketball	Noll, Robert	4	\$1,462.00
Head Wrestling	Freeman, William	16	\$4,424.00
Assistant Wrestling	Mertz, Dennis	7	\$2,129.00
Volunteer Wrestling	Gross, Jeremy		
Volunteer Wrestling	Schrader, Fred		
Assistant Junior High Wrestling	Freeman, Marc	8	\$1,712.00
Volunteer Junior High Wrestling	Ardo, Gino		
Volunteer Junior High Wrestling	O'Hara, Pat		
Volunteer Junior High Wrestling	Jones, Mark		

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Driver

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Klingerman seconded, to approve Gerald Anderson as a driver through Fishing Creek Transportation for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Professional Staff Leave of Absence Request

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was second by Mr. Klingerman, to approve the leave of absence request of Bloomsburg Middle School English/Language Arts Teacher Lauren Mayse, effective on or about 1 December 2016 with an expected return date of 30 May 2017. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

INFORMATION

Mr. Hock reported that the following items would appear on the next work session agenda: Budget Update and Maintenance Truck Replacement.

Mr. Hock reported that as of 14 September 2016, there were 1,558 students enrolled in the district from kindergarten through 12th grade.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Hock announced that the next special meeting and work session would be held on Monday, 3 October 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, 17 October 2016 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:47 p.m., Ms. Kreisher made the motion to adjourn the regular monthly meeting and move into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Mr. Klingerman seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote. The executive session concluded at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary