

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, 17 October 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 7:03 p.m. on Monday, 17 October 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. Ms. Deb Zollmann was absent from the meeting.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Mr. Michael Upton and Dr. Donald Wheeler.

Others present included: Mr. Phil Burrell (arrived at 7:09 p.m.), Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Ms. Haylie Wallick (left at 7:42 p.m.), and Ms. Victoria Walter (left at 7:42 p.m.).

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

At this time, there were no guests to address the board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to approve the minutes of the following Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors’ meetings: 19 September 2016 regular monthly meeting and 3 October 2016 special meeting and work session. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to approve the financial reports for September 2016.

During his report, Mr. Upton pointed out that the cafeteria fund was currently showing a loss, which was typical for that point in the school year. He told directors that there was a hearing regarding the Weis reassessment the following day, and also said that the reassessment for Autoneum was in the works.

After Mr. Upton gave his report, the motion to accept the financial reports for September 2016 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 20 September 2016 – 17 October 2016, ranging from check #00041590 – check #00041910, including wire transfers in the amount of \$330,815.94, in the total amount of \$1,674,976.21.

In Mr. Upton's report on the bills payable, he pointed out that the \$2,000+ bill for Clark Food Service Equipment would be reimbursed by the cafeteria fund. He told directors that the local auditors had finished that day, that there were no findings, and that the paperwork would be completed and then filed with the government. He said the auditors anticipated making their report to the board in November. Mr. Upton then pointed out that there were currently five students attending New Story in Berwick, and that the district would be paying about \$352,000 for the year for these five students. Mr. Hock asked if it would be feasible for Bloomsburg Area School District to bring this intensive emotional support program in house, and Mr. Upton replied that the district did have an emotional support program, but that for students with severe emotional and behavioral issues, it was best to have the professionals educate these students. Mr. Upton then pointed out bills for the mail server upgrade, Renaissance Learning for the annual fee for Accelerated Reader, and Siemens Industry for temperature controls in the school buildings.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Wheeler shared with directors his initial school board executive summary, which contained primary goals and aspirations for the district, challenges the district is facing, and his recommendation for using teams in the areas of instructional technology, professional development, literacy, and math to building a conceptual framework and multi-year plan for defining the district's academic identity in each of these areas. Dr. Wheeler said that the district would be piloting shared decision-making teams this year, focusing on the "why." In the second year, the district would determine measures for its programs; in the third year, the district would determine instructional strategies and best practices; in the fourth year, the district would focus on curriculum. Mr. Hock asked how long until the district would get teacher buy-in, and Dr. Wheeler replied that it would be a five-year process. Dr. Wheeler told directors that because instructional technology was Dr. Stutzman's passion, and also Mr. Burrell's, that the instructional technology shared decision-making team is where the district would be starting. Dr. Wheeler said that at the next board meeting, directors would be discussing the position of assistant buildings and grounds supervisor. He said that soon Dr. Stutzman would be making a presentation on shared decision-making teams, and also that he would be sharing information with the board regarding graduation accessories and the flood wall.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

There were no administrative reports given at this meeting.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student representatives Haylie Wallick and Victoria Walter reported that Rent-a-Senior Day had raised \$686 and that that pie-a-teacher event had raised \$34, which would be donated to a charity to be determined at the next Student Council meeting. They reported that the Homecoming dance had raised

\$1,395 for Student Council, and also announced that the fall blood drive through the American Red Cross would be held at Bloomsburg High School on October 28. The goal was to collect 60 units of blood, and this blood drive was only open to staff and students, not the public. Also, they reported that they would be decorating a tree for TreeFest with ornaments left over since 1995. If anyone wished to purchase any of these ornaments, they should contact Student Council Advisor Colleen Schultz.

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Real Estate Tax Exemption Request

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Klingerman seconded, to approve as presented the real estate tax exemption request for William Sponseller Jr. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Homebound Instruction Request

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to approve a homebound instruction request for a Bloomsburg High School student, effective on or about 20 October 2016 until approximately 2 December 2016. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Safety and Security Plan

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to approve the Bloomsburg Area School District Safety & Security Plan. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Acceptance of Athletic Coach Resignations

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to accept the following athletic coach resignations: Head Varsity Football Coach Anthony Russo, retroactive to 4 October 2016; Head Girls' Tennis Coach William Finnerty, effective 17 October 2016; and Assistant Girls' and Boys' Tennis Coach George Lynn, retroactive to 14 October 2016. Mr. Klingerman said he had not been aware that there was an issue with tennis and that he'd thought both coaches had done well and that they had a good program. Dr. Wheeler and Mr. Hock both said that this had been a surprise to them, as well. After the brief discussion, the motion to accept the athletic coach resignations passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Athletic Coach Transfers

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to approve the following athletic coach transfers for the 2016-2017 school year: Kevin Seabrook from the position of Assistant Varsity Football Coach to the position of Head Varsity Football Coach, retroactive to 4 October 2016, at Step 2 and a pro-rated stipend of \$3,024; Eighth-Grade Girls' Basketball Coach Robert Noll (Step 4 - \$1,462) to Seventh-Grade Girls' Basketball Coach (Step 4 - \$1,462); and Seventh-Grade Girls' Basketball Coach Janna Ward (Step 4 - \$1,462) to Eighth-Grade Girls' Basketball Coach (Step 4 - \$1,462). The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Athletic Coaches

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to approve Jeffrey Bond and Ed Pavalko as Volunteer Football Coaches for the 2016-2017 season. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Professional Day-to-Day Substitute

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Mr. Klingerman seconded, to approve John Haussener (Communications 7-12 and English 7-12) as a professional day-to-day substitute as per Policy 405: Employment of Substitute Professional Employees, effective upon receipt of his tuberculosis test results. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Drivers

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to approve the following individuals as drivers for the Bloomsburg Area School District for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year: Peter Trzesniowski – Fishing Creek Transportation – van driver; and Curtis Smith – Lone Derr – van driver, pending receipt of his Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Long-Term Volunteers/Overnight Chaperones

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to approve the following individuals as long-term volunteers/overnight chaperones, as per Policy 916: School Volunteers: Kathleen Forsythe; Brianna Hendrickson; Riley Hotzman; and Julie Segó. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Classified Staff Leave of Absence Request

Ms. Kreisher made the motion, which Ms. Dunn Haney seconded, to approve the leave of absence request of Memorial Elementary School Food Service Aide Mary Hubler, retroactive to 12 October 2016 until 15 November 2016, for personal reasons. 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, 2017 Board Meeting Schedule, Reorganization Meeting – 5 December 2016, and Assistant Buildings & Grounds Supervisor. Mr. Klingerman asked that Board Packet Distribution be added to the work session agenda, as well.

Dr. Wheeler reported that as of 12 October 2016, there were 1,559 students enrolled in the district from kindergarten through 12th grade.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Hock announced that the next special meeting and work session was scheduled for Monday, 7 November 2016 at 7 p.m. in the district office board room, and that the next regular monthly meeting was

scheduled for Monday, 21 November 2016 at 7 p.m. in the district office board room. Mr. Hock also reminded directors that a negotiations meeting would be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 26 October 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:53 p.m., Ms. Kreisher made the motion to adjourn the regular monthly meeting and move into executive session to discuss school director matters and negotiations. After Mr. Klingerman seconded this motion, the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session for the purpose of discussing school director matters and negotiations was held from 7:53 – 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary

* All documents referenced in the minutes are retained electronically at the district office. *