

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Reorganization/Special Meeting
Monday, 5 December 2016
7:00 p.m.
District Office Board Room**

MINUTES

Attendance

The annual reorganization meeting of the Bloomsburg Area School District Board of School Directors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, 5 December 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. Joe Yodock.

Bloomsburg Area School District administrators in attendance were: Mr. Stephen Bressi (left at 8:21 p.m.), Mr. Marc Freeman (left at 8:21 p.m.), Mr. Trevor Palmatier (left at 8:21 p.m.), Dr. Amanda Stutzman (left at 8:21 p.m.), Mr. Joshua Tabor (left at 8:21 p.m.), Mr. Michael Upton, and Dr. Donald Wheeler.

Others present included: Mr. Phil Burrell (arrived at 7:17 p.m.), Mr. Tyler Dombroski (left at 7:56 p.m.), Ms. Terri Drucker, Ms. Susan Forgett Rheam (left at 7:25 p.m.), Mr. Alvaro Galliani (left at 7:16 p.m.), Mrs. Carola Galliani (left at 7:16 p.m.), Ms. Brianna Gumpy (left at 7:16 p.m.), Mrs. Lisa Keller, Ms. Stephanie Kessler, Mr. Chuck LaCroix (left at 7:16 p.m.), Mrs. Korin LaCroix (left at 7:16 p.m.), Mr. Jason Moser, and Ms. Misi Wagner (left at 7:16 p.m.).

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

Mr. Freeman introduced several families and middle school reading specialist Lisa Keller, who spoke about the student-led conferences recently held at the middle school. Misi Wagner, Korin LaCroix, Alvaro Galliani, and Carola Galliani told directors that it was good to have student involvement and ownership in the conference process, and that they were able to gain a better understanding of what their children were working on in school. Mrs. Keller echoed this, saying it was a great opportunity for student growth.

Next, Mr. Bressi introduced high school student Brianna Gumpy, who had recently donated a Bloomsburg High School ornament to the school. Mr. Bressi said it was a Dick Bonham ornament and that it would be proudly displayed on the Christmas tree in the high school lobby.

Bloomsburg Area Education Association President Jason Moser then thanked the school board, on behalf of the association and negotiating team, for the great communication and teamwork displayed during the recent professional staff contract negotiations.

Susan Forgett Rheam of Forgett & Kerstetter, P.C. then made a presentation on the district's financial statements and single audit report for the year ended 30 June 2016. Ms. Rheam said that there were clean opinions across the board, with no findings or questioned costs. She reported that the three findings from the 2014-2015 school year had been corrected and that there had been no repeat findings. Additionally, she said there had been no disagreements with management and that the cafeteria was a true self-supporting entity.

At this point in the meeting, Tyler Dombroski from SEDA-Cog made a presentation to the board regarding the Bloomsburg flood risk management expansion project. Mr. Dombroski distributed to directors maps from Borton-Lawson Engineering and Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. that showed where the potential flood wall might go. The request for engineering services for this project had been opened on 18 November 2016, and Borton-Lawson and Greenman-Pedersen had been the two firms that had bid on the project. Mr. Dombroski said that on 14 December 2016, both representatives from both firms would be interviewed at Bloomsburg Town Hall. Mr. Dombroski said that following the interviews, Bloomsburg Town Council would make an official decision at its January council meeting, and Bloomsburg Area School District could then take action at its January school board meeting. Mr. Dombroski invited school board members to attend the interviews, but asked that anyone wishing to attend the interviews had to attend both firms' interviews as opposed to just one or the other.

Mr. Hock asked how soon ground breaking might occur, and Mr. Dombroski responded that with Greenman-Pedersen's proposal, no timeline was included, and that with Borton-Lawson's proposal, the project was slated to be bid in Fall 2017, with the bid opening around December 2017, and ground breaking and construction occurring in 2018. The project would be scheduled for completion at the end of 2018 or early 2019. Mr. Dombroski added that once construction would start, the project had to be done within 48 months, as a stipulation of the \$10.2 million grant. Mr. Dombroski said that the town had also applied for a \$3 million grant through PEMA, but that it had not yet heard if it had been awarded. Mr. Mael asked how much of the project the school district could expect to cover, and Mr. Dombroski replied that the general sense seemed to be that the district would handle the cost of whatever was built and designed on their ground and that the town would cover the rest. Mr. Yodock asked if the school district would have strong input on the placement of the wall, and Mr. Dombroski replied that absolutely it would. After the end of discussion about the flood wall project, Mr. Hock said it was exciting to see some progress finally being made.

ADJOURN SINE DIE

Mr. Klingerman moved to adjourn sine die, and Ms. Kreisher seconded this motion. A unanimous voice vote was then taken and the motion passed.

ELECTION OF TEMPORARY PRESIDENT

Mr. Klingerman nominated Mr. Hock to serve as the temporary president. There were no other nominations for this position.

Mr. Klingerman then made the motion to close nominations, and Mr. Yodock seconded this motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

At this point, Mr. Klingerman moved to elect Mr. Hock as the temporary president, and Mr. Yodock seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Mr. Hock asked for nominations for the position of board president. Mr. Klingerman nominated Ms. Kreisher. There were no other nominations for this position.

Next, Mrs. Howell moved to close nominations, Mr. Klingerman seconded that motion, and the motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Hock announced that Ms. Kreisher had been elected to a one-year term as the board president.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Yodock nominated Mr. Klingerman as the board vice president. There were no other nominations for this position.

Mrs. Howell then made the motion to close nominations and Mr. Yodock seconded this motion. The motion then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Kreisher announced that Mr. Klingerman had been elected to a one-year term as the board vice president.

ELECTION OF COLUMBIA-MONTOUR AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE MEMBER

Mr. Hock nominated Mr. Yodock for the position of Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School Joint Operating Committee member to complete a three-year term commencing 6 December 2016. There were no other nominations for this position.

Mrs. Howell then made the motion to close nominations and Mr. Klingerman seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Kreisher announced that Mr. Yodock had been elected to the position of Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School Joint Operating Committee member to complete a three-year term commencing 6 December 2016.

APPOINTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION LIAISON

Ms. Kreisher appointed Mrs. Moore as the Pennsylvania School Boards Association Liaison for a one-year term commencing 6 December 2016.

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of 2015-2016 Audit Report

Mr. Yodock made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klingerman, to approve as presented the 2015-2016 audit report. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Agreement Between the Bloomsburg Area School District and the Bloomsburg Area Education Association

Mr. Yodock made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Moore, to approve as presented the Agreement Between the Bloomsburg Area School District and the Bloomsburg Area Education Association from 1 July 2017 through 30 June 2020.

Mr. Hock said that as a member of the negotiating committee, he was proud of the work that both sides had done to realize their goals.

The motion to approve the agreement passed by a voice vote of seven yes votes and one abstention, being Mr. Hock. Mr. Hock abstained from this vote because his family was to be affected by its outcome.

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

Mr. Hock made the motion, which Mrs. Howell seconded, to approve the out-of-state/overnight field trip request for members of the Bloomsburg High School Softball team to go to spring training in Silver Springs, Maryland from 17 March 2017 – 19 March 2017, at a cost to the district of \$85. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Approval of Classified Staff Transfers

Mrs. Howell made the motion, which Mr. Hock seconded, to approve the following classified staff transfers: Patricia Leiby from the position of Classified Substitute to the position of Bloomsburg Middle School Food Service Aide (4.25 hours per day at \$8.35 per hour), effective 5 December 2016; and Danyelle Hornick from the position of Classified Substitute to the position of Memorial Elementary School Food Service Aide (2.75 hours per day at \$8.35 per hour), effective 5 December 2016. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Reapproval of Athletic Coach

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to reapprove Jonathan Jones as a Volunteer Junior High Wrestling Coach for the 2016-2017 school year. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT TO WORK SESSION

At 8:10 p.m., Mrs. Howell moved to adjourn the special meeting and move into the work session. Mr. Klingerman seconded this motion, and it then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary

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Administrative Reports

Mr. Bressi told directors that he was looking forward to a panel discussion in January about drug and alcohol addiction, and that he was also excited that all high school students would be attending a presentation by Chris Herren at Bloomsburg University in May.

There were no questions regarding Mr. Freeman's December report. Mr. Freeman said that the district's students and staff had learned much from Beldon Okeyo, a principal visiting the area from Rwanda. He also said that the middle school would be having its first-ever book fair on December 14, and that the middle/high school concert was scheduled to be held the following night.

Dr. Stutzman told directors that on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, all eighth-grade students had gone to Bloomsburg University to tour the campus. She said that education majors ran the sessions and that the message intended for students was that college was an option for everyone.

Mr. Palmatier told directors that great things were going on at Memorial, citing the Toys for Tots drive teacher Lauren Strauch was currently orchestrating.

Mr. Tabor read an e-mail from a W.W. Evans Elementary School parent thanking Tim Latsha for his hard work and dedication. Mr. Tabor said that the district was very lucky to have Mr. Latsha as a teacher.

Changes to Foster Care Under Every Student Succeeds Act

Dr. Stutzman told directors that the district was working to implement the changes to foster care under the Every Student Succeeds Act. She said that during the previous week, she and Ms. Kessler had met with foster care points of contact from surrounding districts and representatives from Columbia County Children & Youth to discuss the federally mandated transportation plan and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that needed to be in place. Dr. Stutzman said that the deadline for board approval for the transportation plan and MOU had been changed from 10 December 2016 to 31 January 2017.

Revenue History and Budget

Mr. Upton went over the revenue history and budget for the 2017-2018 school year. He pointed out that the income from the per capita tax was blank, since the board had voted to stop collecting this tax. He said that the earned income tax would be rising by about \$200,000 per year, that the IDEA revenue from the CSIU would likely remain about the same, and that the basic education funding had been multiplied by the index. Mr. Upton said that the state budget should be approved in February or March. He also said that federal income was expected to remain the same, and that overall, the district was looking at \$25 million in revenue, which was increase from the previous year.

School Director Search Update

Dr. Wheeler told directors that there was currently one applicant for the vacant school director position, and that applications were due by 4 p.m. that Wednesday, 7 December 2016.

Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School Report

Ms. Kreisher reminded directors that there would be a tour and dinner at the Columbia-Montour Area Vocational-Technical School on 7 December 2016.

Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Report

Mr. Mael said that he had been unable to make the last Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU) Board of Directors meeting, but that he had talked to Dr. Kevin Singer, and that the environment at the CSIU was very calm and that there was a lot going on.

Other Items

Mr. Hock said he would like to get together with Jason Moser to create a joint statement regarding the new professional staff agreement to be sent to the local newspaper. Other board members agreed this was a good idea.

Dr. Wheeler asked if any directors were interested in participating in the flood wall engineering firm interviews, and Mr. Yodock said he was. Mr. Klingerman said he would try to make it, as well.

Adjournment

At 8:40 p.m., Mr. Klingerman made the motion to adjourn the work session. Mrs. Moore seconded this motion, which then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary

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