

**Bloomsburg Area School District
Board of School Directors
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, 19 December 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 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, Mr. Joshua Klingerman, Ms. Marianne Kreisher, Mr. Norman Mael, Mrs. Gail Moore, and Mr. Leo “Joe” Yodock III. Mrs. Tina Howell was absent from the meeting.

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

Others present were: Mr. Jonathan Jones, Ms. Stephanie Kessler, and Mr. Thomas Tobin.

SCHOOL DIRECTOR CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

School directors interviewed the two candidates, Mr. Jonathan Jones and Mr. Thomas Tobin, for the vacant director position.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS SCHOOL DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

At 7:18 p.m., Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to move into executive session to discuss personnel matters; namely, the school director candidates. The motion passed by a voice vote of seven yes votes to one no vote (being Mr. Hock). At 7:27 p.m., the executive session concluded.

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Moore, to approve Mr. Jonathan Jones as a Bloomsburg Area School District school board member, with his term expiring in December 2017. Ms. Kreisher explained to the candidates that the decision had been a very difficult one, and that the deciding factor had been the board’s desire to approve someone who was committed to being on the board for a longer period of time. The motion to approve Mr. Jones as a school director then passed by a unanimous voice vote.

SWEARING IN OF NEW SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Ms. Kreisher swore in Mr. Jones as a school director at this time.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

There was no one who wished to address the board at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to approve the minutes of the following Bloomsburg Area School District Board of Directors' meetings: 21 November 2016 regular monthly meeting and 5 December 2016 reorganization meeting, special meeting, and work session. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to approve the financial reports for November 2016. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

There was no student representative report given at this meeting.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Ms. Kreisher announced that in order to keep the meeting brief (due to the middle/high school band and chorus concert being held that evening), the December operations reports would be included on the 3 January 2017 school board meeting agenda.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Kreisher told directors that the superintendent's report would also be given at the 3 January 2017 school board meeting.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Hock, to approve the bills payable for 22 November 2016 – 19 December 2016, ranging from check #00042108 – check #00042276, including wire transfers in the amount of \$200,590.50, in the total amount of \$877,641.98. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE – CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Moore, to approve the bills payable for the Capital Reserve Fund for 22 November 2016 – 19 December 2016, being check #00001819, in the amount of \$1,625.00. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Final Adoption of Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to approve for final adoption the Bloomsburg Area School District Comprehensive Plan for 1 July 2017 – 30 June 2020. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Final Adoption of Policy

Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to approve on final adoption the revised Policy 137: Home Education Programs. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Ms. Haney made the motion, which Mr. Yodock seconded, to approve the following out-of-state/overnight field trip requests: Bloomsburg High School band students to Danville Middle School to prepare for the PMEA District 8 Band Concert from 8 February 2017 – 10 February 2017, at a cost to the district of \$490.00; and a Bloomsburg High School band student to Loyalsock Township High School to prepare for the PMEA District 8 Orchestra Concert from 25 January 2017 – 27 January 2017, at a cost to the district of \$633.00. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

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

- Accept the retirement of Beaver-Main Elementary School Paraprofessional Angelina Lapchak, effective 2 January 2017;
- Accept the resignation of Bloomsburg Middle School Paraprofessional Sara Witkowski, effective 18 January 2017;
- Accept the retirement of Business Administrator Michael Upton, with his last day of work being 30 June 2017;
- Accept the resignation of Chelsea Lamoreaux from the positions of Assistant Varsity/Junior Varsity Field Hockey Coach and Junior High Field Hockey Coach, retroactive to 13 December 2016;
- Approve the following professional staff leave of absence requests:
 - Bloomsburg Middle School Emotional Support Teacher Kristen Yenchak, effective on or about 17 February 2017 with a return date of on or about 1 May 2017;
 - Bloomsburg Middle School Life Skills Teacher Nicole Del Gotto, effective on or about 27 January 2017 with a return date of the first day of professional staff in-service for the 2017-2018 school year;

- Approve the following individuals as long-term professional substitutes as per Policy 405: Employment of Substitute Professional Employees:
 - Taylor Stair as a Long-Term Bloomsburg Middle School Life Skills Substitute Teacher, effective on or about 27 January 2017 through the end of the 2016-2017 school year, pending receipt of her Pennsylvania Teaching Certificate;
 - Katelyn Piestrak as a Long-Term Bloomsburg Middle School Emotional Support Substitute Teacher, effective on or about 17 February 2017 with a return date of on or about 1 May 2017, pending receipt of her Pennsylvania Teaching Certificate;
- Approve the following individuals as classified staff:
- Frank Barren Jr. as a Technology Technician at an annual pro-rated salary of \$28,500 and with benefits as outlined in his employment contract, effective 3 January 2017;
- DreLand Goar as the Bloomsburg High School Drama Club Choreographer for the 2016-2017 school year, at a stipend to be paid by the Bloomsburg High School Drama Club;
- Approve the following individuals as athletic coaches for the 2016-2017 school year:
 - Suzanne Noll – Elementary Girls’ Basketball Coach – 6.5 units - \$487.50 (reapproval);
 - Janna Ward – Elementary Girls’ Basketball Coach 6.5 units - \$487.50 (reapproval);
 - Kelly Petock – Volunteer Elementary Boys’ Basketball Coach;
 - Gary Smith – Volunteer Elementary Boys’ Basketball Coach;
 - Jack Theillon – Volunteer Elementary Boys’ Basketball Coach, effective upon receipt of his FBI Clearance or Volunteer Affidavit.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

INFORMATION

Ms. Kreisher told directors that a budget update and a review of Policy Section 000 would be included on the 3 January 2017 work session agenda. Mr. Klingerman said he would like the assistant maintenance director position to be discussed at this meeting, as well.

ENROLLMENT REPORT

As of 15 December 2016, there were 1,559 students enrolled in the district, from kindergarten through 12th grade.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Kreisher announced that the next special meeting and work session would be held on Tuesday, 3 January 2017 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room, and that the next regular monthly meeting would be held on Monday, 16 January 2017 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the district office board room.

Dr. Wheeler presented Mr. Hock with a plaque in appreciation of the three years he had served as the board’s president, from 2013 – 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:55 p.m., Mr. Klingerman made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Yodock, to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous voice vote followed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Kessler
Recording Secretary