

# Bloomsburg Area School District

## February 7, 2024 | Policy & Academic Affairs Committee Meeting

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**Call to Order:** 5:37pm

### **Pledge**

### **Panel Attendees:**

Jonathan Cleaver, Superintendent  
Marianne Kreisher, School Board President, Committee Chairperson  
Joshua Klingerman, School Board Vice President  
Jonathan Jones, School Board Director  
Amanda Orzolek, School Board Director  
Nicole DelGotto, Principal Memorial Elementary School  
Amy Melchiorre, Curriculum Director

**Public Comment Related to Agenda Items:** None

**Old Business:** None

### **New Business:**

#### Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee

- Beginning phases of setting up
- Will need representatives from board directors, staff, and community members with students in all levels of the district.

#### Graduation Requirements/Credit Waivers

- Exploring options for students in monthly meetings
- Concern is with students who are coming in from districts with lower graduation credit requirements
- When a credit waiver is presented to the board for approval it will only have the student ID number on it for privacy and a description of why the waiver is requested
- These will be on a case-by-case basis

### Program of Studies

- Cleaning up and changing course descriptions, weights and prerequisites.
- Looking into providing weighted classes in 8th grade
- Personal Finance/Financial Literacy will be state required in 2026-2027. Looking to replace the Drivers Ed requirement with Personal Finance. Discussion was had on the potential to change the Drivers Ed course from a graduation requirement to only an elective. Drivers Ed is offered online but has an in-car driving piece to it. Looking to potentially open up summer hours and/or in-service day hours to accommodate this change.
- Career exploration course for 9th grade
- Physics teacher opening with no applicants
- Looking into what other courses and electives we can offer based on the certifications we do have available and utilizing the universities around us.
- 8th Grade Tour/ Parent Night to explain CTE and program studies is planned

### Scheduling

- Goal is to have students to choose their courses through Sapphire by the end of the year in April/May
- Students will be more involved in the process
- Students will not have their schedules at the end of the year due to students that need remediation after the Keystone scores come out
- Seniors will have theirs before everyone else
- Discussion on Keystone Remediation courses was had

### Career and Technical Education Policy

- Transportation to and from the school where CTE courses are taking place falls on the home school district
- All after school practices do not start immediately after school and will accommodate those that are attending from CTE programs
- Early Dismissals due to athletics happen infrequently. Fall of 2023 only six early dismissals due to athletics. Van drivers will be notified of changes.
- Coaches to be made aware of the program

### Policy for Bathroom Use

- Complex issue that all surrounding schools seem to be gathering information about at this point
- Research on the law and discussions with our solicitor about the direction we should go with a policy has been happening

- Currently our secondary complex has four non-gender specific bathrooms available
- Sample policies from other Pennsylvania schools are being looked into

Other Items for the Good of the Order

- Discussion was had on our grading scale and honor roll requirements

**Adjournment of Meeting:** 6:58 pm

Motion: Jonathan Jones

Second: Joshua Klingerman

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 13th at 6pm via ZOOM**