

BLUE MOUNTAIN



Board of School Directors
Public Meeting Agenda
Thursday, February 23, 2017
7:15 PM
Blue Mountain Middle School
Orwigsburg, PA

Mrs. Anne Usuka
Board President

Dr. David H. Helsel
Superintendent

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
4. PRESENTATIONS

Schuylkill Technical Center
Brian Manning

Student Council Representative
Taylor Kerstetter

Blue Mountain Recreation Commission
Mark Palerino

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
6. RECESS
7. REVIEW OF AGENDA
8. INVITATION TO PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS
9. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It is recommended that the Board approve the minutes of the meetings as listed (Attachment #1):

January 26, 2017 Regular Board Meeting
February 16, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting

11. FINANCE (Mark Hoover – Chairperson, Mary Jo Moss, Timothy Grube)

A motion is requested to approve all recommended items as listed under Finance:

Financial Reports

It is recommended that the Board approve the financial reports as listed (Attachment #2):

Monthly Bank Account Summary – January 2017
Revenue Report – Total Receipts – January 2017
Expenditure Report – January 2017
General Fund Check Register – February 2017
General Fund List of Payments – January 2017
Cafeteria Report – January 2017
Cafeteria Fund Check Register – February 2017
Cafeteria Fund List of Payments – January 2017
High School Activity Fund Report – January 2017
Middle School Activity Fund Report – January 2017
Special Revenue Fund Report – January 2017
Athletic Fund Report – January 2017
Athletic Fund List of Payments – January 2017
BMEE Additions and Renovations Project – January 2017
Budget Transfers
Tax Refunds

12. PHYSICAL FACILITIES (Timothy Grube – Chairperson, David Lafko, Dean Gherghel)

A motion is requested to approve all recommended items as listed under Physical Facilities:

Elevator Contract

It is recommended that the Board approve a revised contract with Thyssenkrupp to service district elevators.

Facility Requests

It is recommended that the Board approve the attached list of facility requests dated February 23, 2017 (Attachment #3).

13. PERSONNEL (Michelle Vesay – Chairperson, Herman Fligge, Scott Reichert)

A motion is requested to approve all recommended items as listed under Personnel:

BMEA Collective Bargaining Agreement

The following items are in accordance with the BMSD/BMEA Collective Bargaining Agreement and district policies and procedures:

Retirement

It is recommended that the Board acknowledge the letter of intent to retire received from Tammy Freiler, BMHS Guidance Counselor, effective July 15, 2017.

Leave of Absence

It is recommended that the Board approve a request received from Vanessa Frankenstein, BMEC teacher, to extend her uncompensated leave of absence from February 27, 2017 through the end of the 2016-2017 school year with the possibility of returning sooner per doctor recommendation and approval by the Superintendent.

Employment Requests

It is recommended that the Board approve the following employment requests:

Extend the employment of Janice Maher as a long-term substitute Elementary teacher assigned to BMEC from February 28, 2017 through the end of the school year or until Mrs. Frankenstein returns from her uncompensated leave of absence.

The positions of Extended School Year (ESY) teachers, speech clinicians, and school nurses at a rate of \$30.00 per hour for the summer of 2017.

BMESPA Collective Bargaining Agreement

The following items are in accordance with the BMSD/BMESPA Collective Bargaining Agreement and district policies and procedures:

Resignation

It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Catherina Zwolan, BMHS Aide, effective March 10, 2017.

Employment Request

It is recommended that the Board approve the positions of Extended School Year (ESY) aides at the contractual starting hourly rate for the summer of 2017.

Creation of Positions

It is recommended that the Board approve the creation of the following positions:

A full-time personal care aide position at BMEE.

A part-time personal care aide position (4.5 hours) at BMEC.

14. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS (Herman Fligge – Chairperson, Scott Reichert, Michelle Vesay)

A motion is requested to approve all recommended items as listed under Curriculum and Instructional Programs:

Revised 2016-2017 School Calendar

It is recommended that the Board approve the revised 2016-2017 school calendar (Attachment #4).

2017-2018 BMHS Program of Study

It is recommended that the Board approve the 2017-2018 BMHS Program of Study.

Summer Credit Recovery Program

It is recommended that the Board approve Blue Mountain School District to conduct a Summer Credit Recovery Program from June 19 – July 14, 2017.

Settlement Agreements

It is recommended that the Board approve the following Settlement Agreements:

Settlement Agreement Regarding Waiver of Expulsion Hearing and Stipulation related to Student #1712000 dated January 30, 2017.

Settlement Agreement Regarding Waiver of Expulsion Hearing and Stipulation related to Student #1810500 dated January 30, 2017.

Settlement Agreement Regarding Waiver of Expulsion Hearing and Stipulation related to Student #1816100 dated February 1, 2017.

Overnight Conferences

It is recommended that the Board approve the following overnight conferences:

Mrs. Gwendolyn Witmer-Belding to attend the Pennsylvania Association of Federal Program Coordinators Annual Conference from May 7-9, 2017 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort in Champion, PA. Conference fees and expenses will be paid through Title I funding.

The following individuals to attend the 2017 Pennsylvania Department of Education Annual Conference on March 8-10 in Hershey, PA: Frank Musitano, Gwen Belding, Kathy Edwards, Cindy Brooks, Katie Hubiak, Mark Cesari, Kristin Frederick, Tom Bonner, Sarah Hudock, Jessica Roth, Jessica Polak, Cathy Hassman, Megan Hufford, and Charlotte Granito (parent liaison). Registration fees, mileage, meals and lodging expenses will be paid through PDE funds to support the Dyslexia Pilot Program.

- 15. FOOD SERVICES, HEALTH AND SAFETY** (Scott Reichert – Chairperson, Dean Gherghel, Mark Hoover)

- 16. EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS** (Dean Gherghel – Chairperson, Timothy Grube, Mary Jo Moss)

A motion is requested to approve all recommended items as listed under Extracurricular Programs:

Employment Requests

It is recommended that the Board approve the following employment requests in accordance with the BMSD/BMEA Collective Bargaining Agreement:

Dana Clauser as BMHS Spring Musical Assistant Director at the stipend of \$840 (Class D, Step 1).

Michael Capilo as BMMS Science Fair Co-Advisor at the stipend of \$85 (Class B, 1/6 of Step 1).

Volunteer

It is recommended that the Board approve Scott Dayson as a volunteer Softball Coach.

Out of State Field Trip Request

It is recommended that the Board approve the chaperones and World Language students and International Club students taking a field trip to New York City on Friday, April 21, 2017, departing at 7:00 a.m. and returning approximately at 10:00 p.m. The group will participate in an ethnic foods tour of Lower Manhattan, learn about the history of the city at Top of the Rock, and explore ethnic neighborhoods of Chinatown and Little Italy. There is no cost to the district other than substitutes needed for Kimberly Tohill, Jennifer Gipe, Jeanette Mullen, and Samantha Markowski.

- 17. POLICY/LEGISLATIVE** (David Lafko – Chairperson, Mark Hoover, Herman Fligge)

A motion is requested to approve all recommended items as listed under Policy/Legislative:

Policies 1st Reading

It is recommended that the Board approve the first reading of the following policies of the Blue Mountain School District Board Policy Manual (Attachment #5):

Policy 100 Programs – Comprehensive Planning

Policy 101 Programs – Mission Statement/Vision Statement/Shared Plan

Policy 112 Programs – Guidance Counseling

Policy 146 Programs – Student Services
Policy 201 Pupils – Admission of Students
Policy 203 Pupils – Immunizations and Communicable Diseases
Policy 217 Pupils – Graduation
Policy 227.1 Pupils – Drug Testing Consent Forms Attachments 1, 1A, 2, 2A
Policy 251 Pupils – Homeless Students
Policy 255 Pupils – Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care
Policy 609 Finances – Investment of District Funds
Policy 701 Property – Facilities Planning
Delete Policy 919 Community – District/School Report Cards

Policies – 2nd Reading and Adoption

It is recommended that the Board approve the second reading and the adoption of the following policies of the Blue Mountain School District Board Policy Manual (Attachment #6):

Policy 000 Local Board Procedures – Board Policy/Procedure/Administrative Regulations
Policy 002 Local Board Procedures – Authority and Powers
Policy 004 Local Board Procedures – Membership
Policy 007 Local Board Procedures – Policy Manual Access
Policy 011 Local Board Procedures – Principles for Governance and Leadership

18. **COMMUNITY RELATIONS/EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT/TECHNOLOGY** (Mary Jo Moss – Chairperson, Michelle Vesay, David Lafko)
19. **OLD BUSINESS (Reserved for prior agenda items)**
20. **NEW BUSINESS (Reserved for items for placement on next meeting agenda)**
21. **RECREATION COMMISSION** (Dean Gherghel, Scott Reichert)

A motion is requested to approve all recommended items as listed under Recreation Commission:

Recreation Commission Report

It is recommended that the Board accept the Recreation Commission January 25, 2017 report which includes minutes of the December 21, 2016 meeting (Attachment #7).

22. OTHER REPORTS

- A. **Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29** (Anne Usuka, Mary Jo Moss)

2017-2018 Schuylkill Technology Center Secondary Budget

It is recommended that the Board approve the 2017-2018 Schuylkill Technology Center Secondary Budget in the amount of \$7,813,586. Blue Mountain School District's cost is \$931,256.

Information Items

Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 agenda for the Board of Directors' meeting of February 6, 2017 including the minutes from the January 9, 2017 meeting and the Schuylkill Technology Center agenda for the Board of Directors' meeting of February 6, 2017 including the minutes of the January 9, 2017 meeting (Attachment #8).

- B. **PSBA Legislative Council** (Dean Gherghel)

23. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Invitation to Public to Speak

24. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Thursday, March 16, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting – 7:15 p.m.
Blue Mountain District Office Conference Room

Thursday, March 23, 2017 Board of School Directors’ Regular Meeting – 7:15 p.m.
Blue Mountain Elementary West

25. EXECUTIVE SESSION

26. ADJOURNMENT