



# BLUE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of School Directors  
Public Meeting Agenda  
Thursday, October 26, 2017  
7:15 PM  
Blue Mountain Middle School  
Orwigsburg, PA

Mrs. Anne Usuka  
Board President

Dr. David Helsel  
Superintendent

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

**Student Council Representative**

Taylor Kerstetter

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

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

September 28, 2017 Regular Board Meeting  
October 19, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting

10. 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 – September 2017  
Revenue Report – Total Receipts – September 2017  
Expenditure Report – September 2017  
General Fund Check Register – October 2017  
General Fund List of Payments – September 2017  
Cafeteria Report – September 2017  
Cafeteria Fund Check Register – October 2017  
Cafeteria Fund List of Payments – September 2017  
High School Activity Fund Report – September 2017  
Middle School Activity Fund Report – September 2017  
Special Revenue Fund Report – September 2017

Athletic Fund Report – September 2017  
Athletic Fund List of Payments – September 2017  
Budget Transfers  
Tax Refunds

**Homestead/Farmstead Applications**

It is recommended that the Board approve the participation in the IU 29 Consortium to utilize Berkheimer OneSource as the agency to mail the Homestead/Farmstead applications to BMSD property owners at a cost negotiated by the IU.

**Daily Rate Reimbursements**

It is recommended that the Board approve the following transportation daily rate reimbursements for the 2017-2018 school year which will fluctuate throughout the year depending on mileage and pupil count:

R & J Transportation, Inc.	\$11,092.59
LNE Transportation, Inc.	\$1,938.74
Daniel Eckroth	\$274.74

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

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

**Facility Requests**

It is recommended that the Board approve the attached list of facility requests dated October 26, 2017 (Attachment #3).

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

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

**Termination of Contract**

It is recommended that the Board approve the termination of an Occupational Therapy contract with Kristen Cesari effective October 13, 2017.

**Independent Contract**

It is recommended that the Board approve a contract with Austill’s Rehabilitation Services to provide occupational therapy services for students who receives services. The contract will extend from October 30, 2017 through June 30, 2018 at a rate of \$67.00 per hour.

**BMESPA Collective Bargaining Agreement**

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

**Regular Employment Status**

It is recommended that the Board acknowledge regular employment status for the following employees who completed their 60-day probationary period on October 24, 2017:

Tina Blankenhorn	Sandra Heim
Kristen Koenig	Jennifer Richard
Polly Schneider	

**Resignations**

It is recommended that the Board accept the following resignations:

Theresa Malasavage, BMEE Personal Care Aide, effective October 27, 2017.

Linda Toth, BMHS Secretary to the Principal, effective November 3, 2017.

**Transfers**

It is recommended that the Board ratify the following transfers:

Kelly Schaeffer, BMEE full-time custodian (1<sup>st</sup> shift) to BMHS full-time custodian (11:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.) effective October 30, 2017.

A temporary transfer of Tina Hartranft from a BMEE 2<sup>nd</sup> shift custodial position to a BMEE 1<sup>st</sup> shift custodial position effective October 30, 2017.

A temporary transfer of Kimberly Stickell from BMEW part-time classroom aide to BMEC full-time classroom aide retroactive to October 16, 2017 through the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.

**Employment Requests**

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

Stephanie Koch as a probationary part-time personal care aide assigned to BMEE for 4 hours per day at the hourly rate of \$10.00 retroactive to September 5, 2017.

Heather Sherrer as a probationary full-time classroom aide assigned to BMEE for 7.0 hours per day at the hourly rate of \$10.00 retroactive to October 16, 2017.

LynnAnn King as a probationary full-time custodian (2<sup>nd</sup> shift) assigned to BMEE at the hourly rate of \$10.00 plus shift differential, start date contingent upon completion of paperwork.

Elena Reichert as a probationary full-time personal care aide assigned to BMEE for 7.0 hours per day at the hourly rate of \$10.00 effective October 30, 2017.

**Transfer**

It is recommended that the Board ratify the transfer of Stephanie Koch from a BMEE part-time personal care aide position (4 hours) to a BMMS part-time cafeteria position (4.5 hours) at the hourly rate of \$9.25, start date to be determined.

**13. 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:

**Settlement Agreement and Release**

It is recommended that the Board approve a Settlement Agreement and Release for a student.

**Agreements**

It is recommended that the Board approve the following Agreements:

Agreement Regarding Waiver of Expulsion Hearing and Stipulation related to Student #1812840 dated October 4, 2017.

Agreement Regarding Waiver of Expulsion Hearing and Stipulation related to Student #1707270 dated October 16, 2017.

Agreement Regarding Waiver of Expulsion Hearing and Stipulation related to Student #2211800 dated October 17, 2017.

Agreement Regarding Waiver of Expulsion Hearing and Stipulation related to Student #2207700 dated October 26, 2017.

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

**Information Item**

Minutes of the September 26, 2017 meeting of the Safety Committee (Attachment #4).

**15. 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 for the 2017-2018 school year:

Adjust the stipend of Steve Lindenmuth as Assistant Wrestling Coach to \$4,315 (Class DD, Step 10).

Zach Scheffler as Assistant Wrestling Coach at the stipend of \$1,933 (Class DD, 80% of Step 1) pending completion of paperwork. Zach replaces Jon Shirvinski who resigned.

Paige Lurwick as Assistant Diving Coach at the stipend of \$2,022 (Class BB, Step 4). Paige replaces Sandy Englert who resigned.

Jill Matz as Assistant Swimming Coach at the stipend of \$1,576 (Class BB, Step 1). Jill replaces Kelly Wolfe who resigned.

Scott Dayson as Assistant Softball Coach at the stipend of \$2,101 (Class CC, Step 1) pending completion of paperwork.

**Volunteer**

It is recommended that the Board approve Alfred Hauptly as a Volunteer Assistant Swimming Coach.

**Creation of Extracurricular Positions**

It is recommended that the Board approve the creation of a Math Enrichment Advisor position and a Science Enrichment Advisor position for both Elementary East and Elementary Cressona buildings. These positions would be classified as Class A positions in Appendix B-1 Activity Advisor Positions of the BMEA Collective Bargaining Agreement pending approval from BMEA.

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

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

**Policy 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

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

Policy 204 Pupils – Attendance

- 17. COMMUNITY RELATIONS/EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT/TECHNOLOGY** (Mary Jo Moss – Chairperson, Michelle Vesay, David Lafko)

**Information Item**

Community Information Series, “Drug Addiction: What To Do?” Wednesday, November 1, 2017, 7 p.m., BMHS

- 18. OLD BUSINESS (Reserved for prior agenda items)**
- 19. NEW BUSINESS (Reserved for items for placement on next meeting agenda)**
- 20. 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 September 27, 2017 report which includes the August 23, 2017 minutes in addition to the 2016 Audit Report and the October 18, 2017 report which includes the September 27, 2017 minutes (Attachment #6).

**21. OTHER REPORTS**

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

**Information Items**

Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 agenda for the Chief School Administrators’ meeting of September 25, 2017 including the minutes from the August 29, 2017 meeting and the Chief School Administrators’ meeting of October 23, 2017 including the minutes from the September 25, 2017 meeting (Attachment #7).

Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 agenda for the Board of Directors’ meeting of October 2, 2017 including the minutes from the September 11, 2017 meeting and the Schuylkill Technology Center agenda for the Board of Directors’ meeting of October 2, 2017 including the minutes of the September 11, 2017 meeting (Attachment #8).

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

**22. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Invitation to Public to Speak**

**23. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

Thursday, November 9, 2017      Committee of the Whole Meeting – 7:15 p.m.  
Blue Mountain District Office Conference Room

Thursday, November 16, 2017      Board of School Directors’ Regular Meeting – 7:15 p.m.  
Blue Mountain Elementary Cressona

**24. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**25. ADJOURNMENT**