



BLUE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of School Directors
Public Meeting Agenda
Thursday, January 25, 2018
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

School Director Recognition Month

Student Council Representative

Gianna Granito

Girls' Soccer Team

2017 PIAA District XI Class AAA Soccer Champions – Presentation by Jerry Knowles
Jacey Miller – 2017 National Coaches Association of America All-Region (East) II Team
Coach Mike Burcik – Schuylkill League Coach of the Year
Coach Lisa White – Assistant Coach of the Year, PA Soccer Coaches Association (Boys/Girls)
Robert Burcik – Induction into the PA Soccer Coaches Association Hall of Fame receiving the Honor Award, the highest award they give.

CollegeBoard's 8th Annual AP[®] District Honor Roll

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):

December 14, 2017 Regular Board Meeting
January 18, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting

10. FINANCE (Mark Hoover – Chairperson, David Lafko, Herman Fligge)

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 – November 2017/December 2017
- Revenue Report – Total Receipts – November 2017/December 2017
- Expenditure Report – November 2017/December 2017
- General Fund Check Register – January 2018
- General Fund List of Payments –December 2017
- Cafeteria Report – December 2017
- Cafeteria Fund Check Register – January 2018
- Cafeteria Fund List of Payments – December 2017
- High School Activity Fund Report – December 2017
- Middle School Activity Fund Report – December 2017
- Special Revenue Fund Report – November 2017/December 2017
- Athletic Fund Report – November 2017/December 2017
- Athletic Fund List of Payments – November 2017/December 2017
- Budget Transfers
- Tax Refunds

Local Taxpayer Bill of Rights Resolution

It is recommended that the Board approve a Resolution for the purpose of adopting the Act 50 – Local Taxpayer Bill of Rights concerning the collection of certain school district taxes and the procedure for tax appeal petitions.

Amend Board Motion

It is recommended that the Board amend a March 23, 2017 board motion approving the transfer of \$18,750 from the Capital Reserve Fund to pay for the PowerSchool LLC contract. Funds will instead be allocated for playground equipment at Elementary West.

Transfers of Funds from Capital Reserve Account to General Fund

It is recommended that the Board approve the following transfers from the Capital Reserve Account to the General Fund:

\$10,200 for the cost of paving the front parking driveway exit at Elementary West.

\$34,963.90 for the cost of air conditioning units for Elementary West.

\$23,450.95 for the cost of air conditioning units for Elementary Cressona.

OIG Agreement

It is recommended that the Board approve continuing the services with OIG Compliance NOW, LLC to maintain healthcare provider sanction screening as required by the Pennsylvania School-Based ACCESS Program. The contract will be for a one-year period at an annual rate of \$2,500.

11. PHYSICAL FACILITIES (David Lafko – Chairperson, Dean Gherghel, Mark Hoover)

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

Facility Requests

It is recommended that the Board approve a list of facility requests dated January 25, 2018 (Attachment #3).

12. PERSONNEL (Michelle Vesay – Chairperson, Scott Reichert, David Lafko)

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

Employment Request

It is recommended that the Board ratify the employment of Carissa Bercher as Accountant, at a prorated salary of \$45,172 plus benefits as outlined in the Act 93 Compensation Plan, beginning January 29, 2018.

Independent Contract

It is recommended that the Board approve a contract with New Story to provide special education services for two students. The contract will begin January 23, 2018 (retroactive) at a rate of \$280 per day for each student.

BMEA Collective Bargaining Agreement

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

Resignation

It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Ean Costenbader, BMEE Autistic Support Teacher, received January 22, 2018. The District reserves the right to hold him for 60 days from the receipt of his resignation or until his position is filled, whichever occurs first.

Intent to Retire

It is recommended that the Board acknowledge the letter of intent to retire received from Patricia Geirsson, BMEE teacher, effective the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

Permission to Hire

It is recommended that the Board authorize Administration to hire an Autistic Support Teacher at BMEE to be formally ratified at the February board meeting.

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:

Ashley McJunkin – November 23, 2017
Elena Reichert – December 28, 2017
Lynn Ann King – December 28, 2017
Maria Regina Greppin – January 18, 2018
Kathleen Vanderpool – January 18, 2018

Resignation

It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Andrea Gall, BMEE cafeteria, effective January 12, 2018. She will remain on the substitute list contingent upon receipt of paperwork.

Transfers

It is recommended that the Board approve the following transfers:

Jodi Schwartz from a part-time cafeteria position (3 hours) at BMHS to a part-time cafeteria position (4 hours) at BMHS retroactive to December 12, 2017.

Kathleen Vanderpool from a part-time personal care aide position (4 hours) at BMEE to a part-time cafeteria position (3.25 hours) at BMEE at the hourly rate of \$9.25, start date to be determined.

Employment Request

It is recommended that the Board approve Cynthia Salvador-Branch as a probationary part-time classroom aide (2.5 hours) assigned to BMHS at the hourly rate of \$10.00, start date contingent on completion of paperwork.

13. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS (Herman Fligge – Chairperson, Mary Jo Moss, Michelle Vesay)

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

2018-2019 BMHS Programs of Study

It is recommended that the Board approve the 2018-2019 BMHS Programs of Study.

Settlement Agreement and Release

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

14. FOOD SERVICES, HEALTH AND SAFETY (Scott Reichert – Chairperson, John Carestia, Dean Gherghel)

Information Item

Minutes of the December 19, 2017 Safety Committee Meeting (Attachment #4).

15. EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS (Dean Gherghel – Chairperson, Mary Jo Moss, John Carestia)

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:

Derek Steely as Assistant Softball Coach at the stipend of \$2,101 (Class CC Step 1) pending completion of paperwork. Derek replaces Leah Himmelberger.

Robin Koch as BMEE Science Enrichment Advisor at the stipend of \$306 (Class A, Step 1).

Jason Marakovits as BMEE Math Enrichment Advisor at the stipend of \$306 (Class A, Step 1).

Johanna Morrison as BMEC Math Enrichment Co-Advisor at the stipend of \$153 (Class A, ½ of Step 1).

Sarah Adams as BMEC Math Enrichment Co-Advisor at the stipend \$163 (Class A, ½ of Step 2).

Rachel Rhody as BMEC Science Enrichment Advisor at the stipend of \$325 (Class A, Step 2).

Volunteer

It is recommended that the Board approve Todd Rabenstein as a volunteer swim coach.

Out of State Conference

It is recommended that the Board approve Cory Mabry attending the Glazier Football Clinic in Atlantic City, NJ on February 23, 2018. The only cost to the district is a substitute.

16. POLICY/LEGISLATIVE (John Carestia – Chairperson, Mark Hoover, Scott Reichert)

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 103 Programs – Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices
- Policy 103.1 Programs – Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities
- Policy 104 Programs – Nondiscrimination in Employment Practices
- Policy 150 Programs – Title I – Comparability of Services
- Policy 302 Employees – Employment of Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent
- Policy 311 Employees – Reduction of Staff
- Policy 808 Operations – Food Services
- Policy 819 Operations – Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response
- Policy 918 Community – Title I Parental Involvement

17. COMMUNITY RELATIONS/EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT/TECHNOLOGY (Mary Jo Moss – Chairperson, Michelle Vesay, Herman Fligge)

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 December 20, 2017 report which includes the November 15, 2017 minutes (Attachment #6).

21. OTHER REPORTS

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

Information Item

Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 agenda for the Chief School Administrators' meeting of January 22, 2018 including the minutes from the November 20, 2017 meeting (Attachment #7).

Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 agenda for the Board of Directors' meeting of January 8, 2018 including the minutes from the December 11, 2017 meeting and the Schuylkill Technology Center agenda for the Board of Directors' meeting of January 8, 2018 including the minutes of the December 11, 2017 meeting (Attachment #8).

B. PSBA Legislative Council (Mary Jo Moss)

22. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Invitation to Public to Speak

23. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Thursday, February 15, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting – 7:15 p.m.
Blue Mountain District Office Conference Room

Thursday, February 22, 2018 Board of School Directors’ Regular Meeting – 7:15 p.m.
Blue Mountain Middle School

24. EXECUTIVE SESSION

25. ADJOURNMENT