



BLUE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of School Directors
Public Meeting Agenda
Thursday, March 22, 2018
7:15 PM
Blue Mountain Elementary West
Friedensburg, 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

Jillian Justus

State Poetry Out Loud Competition

Hannah Kulbitsky

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):

February 22, 2018 Regular Board Meeting
March 15, 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 – February 2018
Revenue Report – Total Receipts – February 2018
Expenditure Report – February 2018
General Fund Check Register – March 2018
General Fund List of Payments – February 2018
Cafeteria Report – February 2018
Cafeteria Fund Check Register – March 2018
Cafeteria Fund List of Payments – February 2018

High School Activity Fund Report – February 2018
Middle School Activity Fund Report – February 2018
Special Revenue Fund Report – February 2018
Athletic Fund Report – February 2018
Athletic Fund List of Payments – February 2018
Budget Transfers
Tax Refunds

2017 Occupational Assessment Tax (OAT) Applications

It is recommended that the Board approve applications for exoneration of the 2017 Occupational Assessment Tax (OAT) as per the list of applications received from tax collectors. A detailed 2017 OAT Report and a complete listing of exonerations is available for review in the office of the Business Administrator.

Repository Sale of Property

It is recommended that the Board approve the following bid for the Repository Sale of Property as received from the Schuylkill County Tax Claim Bureau:

Parcel no. 34-21-0238.000 (owned by Liviu Gantea) to James & Susan Hablett in the amount of \$1,215.00.

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 March 22, 2018 (Attachment #3).

Permission to Advertise For Bids

It is recommended that the Board authorize Administration to advertise for bids for the following items:

Chip sealing of roads and parking area at BMHS
Security camera systems

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

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

Substitute Employee

It is recommended that the Board approve the following new substitute employee for the 2017-2018 school year in accordance with School Board Policy No. 405:

Maria Brayford Substitute Registered Nurse (pending completion of paperwork)

Transfers

It is recommended that the Board approve the following transfers:

Christopher Stofko from Coordinator of Special Education to School Psychologist at a salary based on 93% of his new position job value in the Act 93 Agreement effective March 23, 2018.

Kelly Weston from School Psychologist to Coordinator of Special Education at a salary based on 77.5% of her new position job value in the Act 93 Agreement effective March 23, 2018.

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 Cheryl Pishock, BMHS Guidance Counselor, received February 27, 2018. The District reserves the right to hold her for 60 days from the receipt of her resignation or until her position is filled, whichever occurs first.

Separation Agreement

It is recommended that the Board approve a Separation Agreement with Employee #1720.

Leave of Absence

It is recommended that the Board approve a request received from Samantha Markowski, BMMS teacher, to take a family and medical leave of absence for birth and care of child beginning August 27, 2018, using applicable paid days, returning to work on January 2, 2019.

Memorandum of Understanding

It is recommended that the Board approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Blue Mountain School District and the Blue Mountain Education Association pertaining to the appointment of two short-term substitutes at BMEE for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.

Employment Request

It is recommended that the Board approve the employment of Audrey Lantz as a professional guidance counselor assigned to BMHS at a salary of \$57,138 (Masters, Step 11), start date contingent upon release from her current employer. Ms. Lantz replaces Cheryl Pishock who resigned.

BMESPA Collective Bargaining Agreement

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

Transfer

It is recommended that the Board approve the transfer of Christina Hartranft from a temporary 1st shift custodian at BMEE to a permanent 1st shift custodian at BMEE retroactive to February 26, 2018.

Resignation

It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Karen Abdo, BMHS cafeteria, effective March 6, 2018.

Employment Requests

It is recommended that the Board ratify the following employments:

Brenda Delaney as a probationary BMHS cafeteria employee for 3 hours per day at \$9.25 per hour retroactive to March 1, 2018.

Renee Williams as a probationary BMMS cafeteria employee for 4.5 hours per day at \$9.25 per hour beginning March 26, 2018.

Jacqueline Eckert as a probationary BMHS cafeteria employee for 4 hours per day at \$9.25 per hour

beginning March 29, 2018 pending completion of paperwork.

Permission to Transfer

It is recommended that the Board grant Administration permission to transfer cafeteria staff as needed and ratify the transfer at the April board meeting.

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:

Out-of-State Field Trip

It is recommended that the Board approve high school students and chaperones Brendan Stehr, Michael Burcik, and Michael Schoonover to participate in the Annual Physics Day held at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, New Jersey on Friday, April 20, 2018. The only cost to the District will be the cost for three substitutes.

Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board approve the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendation submitted by the hearing officer relative to Student #2403650 in case number 2018-001.

Revised Title I Final Allocation 2017-2018

It is recommended that the Board approve the revised Title I fund allocation of \$329,947 for the 2017-18 school year. This is a decrease of \$1,098 from the original allocation.

Revised Title II Final Allocation 2017-2018

It is recommended that the Board approve the revised Title II fund allocation of \$76,270 for the 2017-18 school year. This is a decrease of \$202 from the original allocation.

Settlement Agreements and Releases

It is recommended that the Board approve Settlement Agreements and Releases for two students for the 2018-2019 school year.

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

Information Item

Minutes of the February 27, 2018 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:

Resignation

It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Samantha Markowski as Assistant Cheerleading Coach effective the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

Volunteers

It is recommended that the Board approve the following volunteers:

Olivia Andrefski as a volunteer Girls' Basketball Coach.

Cheryl Pishock as a volunteer Girls' Basketball Coach.

Out-of-State Trip

It is recommended that the Board approve an overnight trip for wrestlers to compete in the 2019 Frank Ferguson Brook Classic in Wellsburg, West Virginia from January 25-26, 2019 with all expenses paid by the boosters and athletics.

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

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

Rescind Policies

It is recommended that the Board approve rescinding the following policies of the Blue Mountain School District Board Policy Manual:

Policy 248 Pupils – Unlawful Harassment

(Replaced by Policy 103 Programs – Nondiscrimination in School & Classroom Practices adopted February 22, 2018)

Policy 310 Employees – Abolishing a Position

(Replaced by Policy 311 Employees – Reduction of Staff adopted February 22, 2018)

Policy 348 Employees – Unlawful Harassment

(Replaced by Policy 104 Programs – Nondiscrimination in Employment Practices adopted February 22, 2018)

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 610 Finances – Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation

Policy 906 Community – Public Complaint Procedures

Policy 918 Community – Title I Parent and Family Engagement

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

Information Items

A Community Information Session entitled “Technology STEM Showcase” will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 7 p.m. at BMHS.

Eagle Foundation agenda from the March 12, 2018 meeting including the minutes from the February 12, 2018 meeting (Attachment #6).

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 February 28, 2018 report which includes the January 24, 2018 minutes (Attachment #7).

21. OTHER REPORTS

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

2018-2019 Schuylkill Technology Center Secondary Budget

It is recommended that the Board approve the 2018-2019 Schuylkill Technology Center Secondary Budget in the amount of \$7,791,431. Blue Mountain School District's cost is \$961,597.

Information Items

Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 agenda for the Chief School Administrators' meeting of February 26, 2018 including the minutes from the January 22, 2018 meeting (Attachment #8).

Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 agenda for the Board of Directors' meeting of March 5, 2018 including the minutes from the February 5, 2018 meeting and the Schuylkill Technology Center agenda for the Board of Directors' meeting of March 5, 2018 including the minutes of the February 5, 2018 meeting (Attachment #9).

B. PSBA Legislative Council (Mary Jo Moss)

22. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Invitation to Public to Speak

23. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Thursday, April 19, 2018	Committee of the Whole Meeting – 7:15 p.m. Blue Mountain District Office Conference Room
Thursday, April 26, 2018	Board of School Directors' Regular Meeting – 7:15 p.m. Blue Mountain Elementary East

24. EXECUTIVE SESSION

25. ADJOURNMENT