



# 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**

September 28, 2017

BLUE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ORWIGSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Blue Mountain School District Board of School Directors held its Regular Board Meeting beginning at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday, September 28, 2017, at Blue Mountain Middle School, Orwigsburg, Pennsylvania.

President Usuka opened the meeting with the Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present for the Board were Herman Fligge, Dean Gherghel, Timothy Grube, Mark Hoover, David Lafko, Mary Jo Moss, Scott Reichert, Anne Usuka, and Michelle Vesay.

Present for the Administration were Superintendent David Helsel, Business Administrator Angel Green, Director of Elementary and Secondary Education Gwendolyn Witmer-Belding, Director of Pupil Services Frank Musitano, Director of Buildings and Grounds Jeffrey Faust, High School Principal Kevin Berger, High School Assistant Principal James Grabusky, Middle School Principal James McGonigle, Elementary Principals Mark Cesari and Kristin Frederick, Elementary Assistant Principal Thomas Bonner, Attorney Eric Prock, and Recording Secretary Cheryl Lagola.

Others in attendance who signed the guest register were Rich Eckert, Jeromy Guistwite, Janice Blair, Diane Kerchner, Mike Regensburger, and Tina Gerlott.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

##### **Student Council Representative**

Taylor Kerstetter updated the Board on activities being held at the High School.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Helsel praised the staff for their positive attitude and a successful start to the school year.

#### **REVIEW OF AGENDA**

Board members reviewed in detail those items listed on the agenda along with the additional items on the addendum.

#### **INVITATION TO PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS**

President Usuka extended an invitation to anyone who wished to speak on any agenda items. There were no comments.

#### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion made by Mr. Lafko, seconded by Mr. Reichert, the Consent Agenda was approved. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was recommended that the Board approve the minutes of the following meetings: the August 24, 2017 Regular Board Meeting and the September 21, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting (Attachment #1). Mrs. Moss moved and Mr. Lafko seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

## **FINANCE**

### **Financial Reports**

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

Monthly Bank Account Summary – August 2017  
 Revenue Report – Total Receipts – August 2017  
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 General Fund List of Payments – August 2017  
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 Cafeteria Fund Check Register – September 2017  
 Cafeteria Fund List of Payments – August 2017  
 High School Activity Fund Report – August 2017  
 Middle School Activity Fund Report – August 2017  
 Special Revenue Fund Report – August 2017  
 Athletic Fund Report – August 2017  
 Athletic Fund List of Payments – August 2017  
 Tax Refunds

### **Request to Establish Student Activity Account**

It was recommended that the Board approve establishing a student activity account for the Class of 2021.

Mr. Gherghel moved, seconded by Mr. Lafko, to approve the Financial Reports as recommended. Motion carried with Mr. Hoover abstaining.

## **PHYSICAL FACILITIES**

### **Facility Requests**

It was recommended that the Board approve the attached list of facility requests dated September 28, 2017 (Attachment #3).

Mr. Lafko moved, seconded by Mr. Reichert, to approve all PHYSICAL FACILITIES items as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

## **PERSONNEL**

### **Substitute Employee**

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

Jessica Gountis	Cafeteria (pending completion of paperwork)
Kristie Hartranft	Aide, Cafeteria

### **Agreement**

It was recommended that the Board approve an Agreement with Saint Clair School District to provide occupational therapy services through a COTA for a student who receives special education services.

### **School Bus/Van Drivers**

It was recommended that the Board approve school bus/van drivers for the 2017-2018 school year (Attachment #4).

### **Independent Contract**

It was recommended that the Board approve an Independent Contract with U.S. Healthcare Services, LLC to provide speech services for a student that receives special education services at a rate of \$60 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 was recommended that the Board acknowledge regular employment status for Sharon Koch and Kathy Schaffer who both completed their 60-day probationary period on September 7, 2017.

**Creation of Positions**

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

One full-time 7 hour personal care aide position at BMEE.

One full-time 7 hour classroom aide position at BMEE.

**Separation Agreement**

It was recommended that the Board approve a Separation Agreement with Employee #1724.

**Permission to Hire Or Transfer**

It was recommended that the Board authorize Administration to hire or transfer service personnel employees, which will be formally ratified at the October board meeting.

Mr. Fligge moved, seconded by Mrs. Vesay, to approve all PERSONNEL items as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS**

**Affiliation Agreement**

It was recommended that the Board authorize Administration to enter into an Affiliation Agreement with Kutztown University of Pennsylvania for the purpose of providing practicum experiences for student teaching, professional development school, interns and student observers in the Blue Mountain School District continuing for 5 years from the date of execution.

**Settlement Agreement**

It was recommended that the Board approve a Settlement Agreement Regarding Waiver of Expulsion Hearing and Stipulation related to Student #1912800 dated September 12, 2017.

**Out-of-State Field Trip**

It was recommended that the Board approve the advisors and chaperones of the Senior Class of 2018 to take the students on a field trip to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Baltimore, Maryland on Friday, May 4, 2018. The Senior Class Trip consists of visiting the Eastern State Penitentiary, the National Aquarium, and Baltimore Inner Harbor. Busses will depart from the high school at 6:30 a.m. returning at approximately 9:30 p.m. There is no cost to the district other than substitutes needed for Gwen Matz, Chris Brommer, and Jeromy Guistwite.

Mrs. Moss moved, seconded by Mrs. Vesay, to approve all CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS items as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

**FOOD SERVICES, HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**Information Item**

An information item included the Minutes of the August 29, 2017 meeting of the Safety Committee (Attachment #5).

## **EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS**

### **Resignations**

It was recommended that the Board accept the following resignations:

Sandy Englert as Head Swim Coach. Sandy would like to remain a volunteer.

Mitchell Stokes as Assistant Wrestling Coach.

Jonathan Shirvinski as Assistant Wrestling Coach.

### **Employment Requests**

It was recommended that the Board approve the following employment requests in accordance with the BMSD/BMEA Collective Bargaining Agreement for the 2017-2018 school year:

Stephen Lindenmuth as Assistant Wrestling Coach at the stipend of \$3,951 (Class DD, Step 8). Steve replaces Tim Swiezak who resigned.

Kirk Dougherty as Assistant Wrestling Coach at the stipend of \$2,416 (Class DD, Step 1) pending completion of paperwork. Kirk replaces Mitch Stokes who resigned.

Mike Rollman as Assistant Softball Coach at the stipend of \$2,101 (Class CC, Step 1) pending completion of paperwork. Mike fills the position previously held by Dillon Stein who was hired as Head Softball Coach.

Robert Marra as Head Swimming Coach at the stipend of \$3,092 (Class BB, Step 2) pending completion of paperwork. Rob replaces Sandy Englert who resigned.

### **Volunteers**

It was recommended that the Board approve the following volunteers:

James Trusky as a volunteer Wrestling Coach.

Justin O'Brien as a volunteer Cross Country Coach.

### **Out of State Field Trip Request**

It was recommended that the Board approve the chaperones and International Club students taking a field trip to New York City on Friday, December 8, 2017, departing at 7:00 a.m. and returning approximately at 10:00 p.m. The group will visit a museum, enjoy a culturally unique meal of international cuisine, be immersed in the rich, international cultures of the city, and possibly experience an arts-related performance. There is no cost to the district other than substitutes needed for Kimberly Tohill, Jennifer Gipe, Jeanette Mullen, and Samantha Markowski.

Mr. Gherghel moved, seconded by Mr. Lafko, to approve all EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS items as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

## **POLICY/LEGISLATIVE**

None

## **COMMUNITY RELATIONS/EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT/TECHNOLOGY**

### **Information Item**

The next Community Information Series is entitled, "Drug Addiction: What To Do?" and will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2017, at 7 p.m. at BMHS. Mrs. Moss also stated that the most recent Community Information Series held was very well received. She also highlighted information in board packets regarding the Tailgate Party with Schuylkill Haven School District for school board members, administration and district office staff with food being provided by R&J Transportation.

### **OLD BUSINESS (Reserved for prior agenda items)**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS (Reserved for items for placement on next meeting agenda)**

None

## **RECREATION COMMISSION**

### **Recreation Commission Report**

It was recommended that the Board accept the Recreation Commission August 23, 2017 report which includes minutes of the July 26, 2017 meeting in addition to the 2016 Audit Report (Attachment #6).

Mrs. Vesay moved, seconded by Mr. Lafko, to approve all RECREATION COMMISSION items as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

## **OTHER REPORTS**

### **A. Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29**

#### **Information Items**

Information items included the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 agenda for the Chief School Administrators' meeting of August 29, 2017 including the minutes from the July 24, 2017 meeting (Attachment #7) and the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 agenda for the Board of Directors' meeting of September 11, 2017 including the minutes from the August 7, 2017 meeting and the Schuylkill Technology Center agenda for the Board of Directors' meeting of September 11, 2017 including the minutes of the August 7, 2017 meeting (Attachment #8).

### **B. PSBA Legislative Council**

House Bill 453 was passed with a vote of 103-91, which is just one more vote than the 102 minimum needed for approval. The vote included 103 Republican members voting in favor of the bill and all 76 Democrats as well as 15 Republicans opposed. Under House Bill 453, the state would receive proceeds of \$1 billion from the annuity liquidation of the state tobacco settlement fund. The two state pension systems (SERS and PSERS) are targeted as the primary investors to purchase the settlement revenues. The remainder of the bill includes provisions for numerous special fund transfers, and funds from other sources, including yet-to-be-approved expanded gaming.

#### **PSBA Officers**

It was recommended that the Board vote for the following officers to serve on the Pennsylvania School Boards Association:

President -Elect– David Hutchinson **OR** Otto W. Voit III  
 Vice President – Eric Wolfgang **OR** Gary Michael Smedley  
 Treasurer – Mike Gossert

Mrs. Vesay moved, seconded by Mr. Lafko, to nominate David Hutchinson as President-Elect of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Vesay moved seconded by Mr. Lafko, to nominate Gary Michael Smedley as Vice President of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association. Motion carried unanimously.

All board members consented to vote for Mike Gossert as Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

**PSBA Insurance Trust**

It was recommended that the Board vote for the open trustee positions on the PSBA Insurance Trust Board. There are currently two seats open and two candidates to be considered.

Michael Faccinetto  
Marianne L. Neel

Mrs. Moss moved, seconded by Mrs. Vesay, to vote for Michael Faccinetto and Marianne L. Neel as trustees on the PSBA Insurance Trust Board. Motion carried unanimously.

**OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**Invitation to Public to Speak**

President Usuka invited the public to speak on any items. There were no comments.

**DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

Dates of future meetings were noted as listed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**


At 7:36 p.m., President Usuka announced that the Board would be meeting in Executive Session for legal and personnel matters and it was expected that the Board would not return for any additional board action.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board adjourned the Executive Session and Regular Board Meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Michelle Vesay  
Secretary

  
Cheryl Lagola  
Recording Secretary

October 19, 2017

BLUE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ORWIGSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

The Blue Mountain School District Committee of the Whole Meeting convened at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2017, in the Blue Mountain District Office Conference Room, Orwigsburg, PA.

President Anne Usuka opened the meeting with the Call to Order.

Present for the Board were Herman Fligge, Dean Gherghel, Mark Hoover, David Lafko, Mary Jo Moss, Anne Usuka, and Michelle Vesay. Scott Reichert participated via phone conferencing. Timothy Grube was absent.

Present for the Administration were Superintendent David Hesel, Director of Elementary and Secondary Education Gwendolyn Witmer-Belding, Director of Pupil Services Frank Musitano, Director of Building and Grounds Jeffrey Faust, Middle School Principal James McGonigle, Middle School Assistant Principal Timothy Gombar, and Elementary Principal Kristin Frederick.

Others in attendance were Janice Blair, Brandi Borden, Vicky Stahr, Jeromy Guistwite, Rachel Rhody, Cathy Seibert, Amy Lechleitner, Chris Brommer, Jason Marakovits, Janis McGowan, and Jodi Baldwin.

FINANCE

Kevin Buraks and Jason Leininger from Portnoff Law Associates presented the benefits of how their firm can increase the collection of delinquent taxes for the district.

Mrs. Green stated that the auditors were here and that there is approximately a \$152,000 surplus. Mr. Ebling will return on November 21, 2017 to complete the single audit testing on federal programs and hold the Exit Conference.

FOOD SERVICES, HEALTH AND SAFETY

Vicky Stahr and Brandi Borden from Nutrition Group presented upcoming incentives offered to students in the cafeteria in addition to providing an overview of options under the online menus.

PHYSICAL FACILITIES

Mr. Faust reported on the status of handrails in the high school gym and stadium. The handrails in the gym are installed. The estimate for the stadium handrails is \$23,428. The Board requested Mr. Faust to explore local vendors.

Mr. Faust stated that the body of the F550 dump truck has become unfixable and needs a new body. He is in the process of obtaining bids.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

Mrs. Belding presented a request to add four advisor positions for after school clubs addressing enrichment in science and math. Mrs. Frederick and Mrs. Rhody from BMEC presented information on resources that could be used with these clubs, such as Math 24 and KNEx.

Mrs. Belding presented information on recent changes to the ESL and Homeless program that stemmed

from the enrollment of a student displaced by the hurricane in Puerto Rico.

Mrs. Belding informed the board of the Annual Title I Parent meeting on October 18, 2017.

#### POLICY/LEGISLATIVE

The board reviewed Policy 204 Pupils – Attendance to be placed on the October board agenda for 1<sup>st</sup> reading. These proposed changes reflect changes in law.

#### COMMUNITY RELATIONS/EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT/TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Rohrer reviewed the handouts he provided in regards to Virtual Education and enrollment. He stated that this is the first time in many years that the high school has more than 900 students. The Cyber/Charter school enrollment of 58 is the lowest point over the past 10 plus years.

The next Community Information Series is entitled “Drug Addiction: What To Do?” and is scheduled for Wednesday, November 1, 2017, at 7 p.m., at BMHS. Members from the Schuylkill County Drug & Alcohol, the Schuylkill County Coroner and parents of drug-influenced students will be presenting. The committee continues to explore ways to get more middle and high school students and their parents involved.

Dr. Helsel announced that the Business Education Summit will be held on October 31<sup>st</sup> at Penn State Schuylkill from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Information was provided to the Board regarding the PowerSchool – E-Finance update. Quotes were provided for review.

Dr. Helsel presented information on the LiveBinders Digital Binder, which is an electronic resource for accessing needed documents for board meetings at a cost of \$25 per year.

#### EXTRACURRICULUAR PROGRAMS

Board members inquired whether all students could be involved in drug testing before the start of all sports. Alternate vendors will be researched to obtain better pricing and the possibility of increasing the activity fee to cover expenses will be explored.

#### OTHER

The May 2018 Committee of the Whole meeting was originally scheduled on the calendar for Thursday, May 3. The BMMS Band Concert is scheduled for that evening and the BMHS Spring Choral Concert is scheduled for Wednesday, May 2. Therefore, the May meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, May 1.

Dr. Helsel provided a summary of the bomb threat found in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys’ bathroom earlier in the day and the evacuation of students from the building.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:45 p.m. to discuss personnel, student and legal matters. The Board adjourned the Executive Session and Committee of the Whole Meeting at 10:25 p.m. with no further action.