

# January Board Meeting Agenda

## Items:

### **Secretary and Financial Reports:**

Approval of the Minutes recorded for the Monday, December 4, 2017 Board Reorganization Meeting.

**APPROVED 01/16/18**

Approval of the official financial reports and to pay the bills for January 2018.

**APPROVED 01/16/18**

### **Public Comment**

**January was the Pennsylvania School Board Association's School Director Recognition Month**, a time to celebrate and recognize the challenging and vital work they do on behalf of our students, families and community. This month, the Bedford Area School District showed our gratitude for our school directors' time, dedication and effort year-round. Board members were thanked for advocating on behalf of our collective interest, and most importantly, for making the success of our children their priority.



### **New Business**

**Personnel:** *(All employees and volunteers under the personnel section are Being hired pending receipt of proper clearances and compliance with Act 168 regulations.)*

**Approval to accept the retirement of Mrs. Sherronne Holderbaum, Payroll Manager** for the Bedford Area School District, with her **last day April 6, 2018,**

after working for the District for over 27 years. Mrs. Holderbaum will also be stepping down as Head Varsity Cheerleading coach at the end of the season.

**APPROVED 01/16/18**

Approval for the following individual to be added to the **list of IU08 Substitute Teachers** for the Bedford Area School District:

- **Christopher Bonello**

**APPROVED 01/16/18**

### **Extra Duty/Extra Pay Personnel/Fund Raisers:**

#### Bedford Middle School

Approval to accept the resignation of Rylan Schnably as Jr. High Baseball Coach (position 3).

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Approval to accept the resignation of Rene Lingenfelter as Jr. High Softball Coach (position 3).

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Approval of Terry DeHaven as Jr. High Softball Coach (position 3).

**APPROVED 01/16/18**

#### Bedford High School

Approval to accept the resignation of Gary Dudukovich as Assistant Baseball Coach (position 2).

**APPROVED 01/16/18**

Permission for Indoor Guard to sell various candy bars in February and March, 2018.

**APPROVED 01/16/18**

## **Policies:**

**Tentative approval on the following amended policies** for the Board Policy Manual:

- Policy #150 – Title I - Comparability of Services (ATTACHMENT #1).

**APPROVED 01/16/18**

## **Buildings, Grounds, & Transportation:**

Approval of **Mr. Joel Pahl** as a **Substitute Custodian** for the 2017-2018 school year.

**APPROVED 01/16/18**

## **Food Services:**

Approval of **Ms. Ashley Duffy** to fill the **3-hour Food Service** vacancy at **Bedford Elementary**, effective January 17, 2018, at a starting rate of \$10.45/hour for 3 hours per day with no benefits and a 45-day probationary period.

**APPROVED 01/16/18**

Approval of **Mr. Joel Pahl** as a **Food Service Substitute** for the 2017-2018 school year.

**APPROVED 01/16/18**

## **Business Office:**

Approval to **adopt a resolution to not raise taxes above the index.** (ATTACHMENT #2).

**APPROVED 01/16/18**



Book	Policy Manual
Section	100 Programs
Title	Title I - Comparability of Services
Number	150
Status	First Reading
Legal	1. 20 U.S.C. 6321 2. Pol. 138 3. Pol. 103.1 4. Pol. 113 5. Pol. 114 6. Pol. 906

### **Purpose**

The equivalent distribution of district resources is one means the district shall use to ensure all students receive a quality education. This policy demonstrates the district's commitment to ensure that no discrimination occurs in the distribution of resources funded by state and local sources, regardless of the receipt of federal funds.

### **Authority**

The Board directs that each district school receiving Title I funds must use state and local funds to provide services that, taken as a whole, are at least comparable to services in those schools in the district that do not receive Title I funds.[\[1\]](#)

If all schools in the district receive Title I funds, the Board directs that state and local funds shall be used to provide services that, taken as a whole, are substantially comparable in each school.[\[1\]](#)

The Board acknowledges that comparability may be measured on a grade-span by grade-span basis or a school-by-school basis.

### **Definition**

For purposes of this policy, **grade span** is defined as a similar two-grade span difference or less. For example, a grade span of K-2 to K-4, not a grade span of K-2 to K-5.

### **Delegation of Responsibility**

Regardless of buildings per grade span, the shall annually complete a Comparability Assurance Form to provide written assurance of equivalence among schools, including the provision of curriculum materials; instructional supplies; and teachers, administrators and other staff.

### **Guidelines**

For the purposes of determining comparability, the district may exclude:

1. State and local funds expended for language instruction education programs.[2]
2. Excess costs associated with providing services to students with disabilities.[3][4][5]
3. Unexpected changes in enrollment or personnel assignments occurring after the beginning of the school year.
4. Other expenditures from supplemental state or local funds consistent with the intent of Title I.

Complaints by individuals and organizations regarding implementation of equivalence between schools shall be processed in accordance with Board policy.[6]

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Last Modified by Casey Cover on January 5, 2018

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of the Bedford Area School District has determined that there will be no increase in the rate of any tax for the support of its public schools for the 2018-2019 fiscal year by more than the Index established by the Department of Education (Department) for the district;

WHEREAS, the Index for the District is 3.1%;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Bedford Area School District does hereby certify that the District will comply with the procedures as forth in Section 687 of the Public School Code as it relates to the annual budget for the adoption of its proposed and final budgets;

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors certifies that increasing any tax at a rate less than or equal to the established index will be sufficient to balance its final budget;

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors certify that the District will submit information on a proposed increase in the rate of a tax levied for the support of the public schools to the Department on a uniform form prepared by the Department no later than five (5) days after the adoption of this resolution;

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors certify that a copy of this resolution adopted pursuant to Section 311 of the Taxpayer Relief Act of Special Session No. 1 of 2005 will be sent to the Department no later than five (5) days after the adoption of this resolution;

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors recognize that the District shall not be eligible to seek referendum exceptions under Section 333 (f) of the Taxpayer Relief Act; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors recognize that the Department shall compare the proposed percentage increase in the rate of the tax with the index; within ten (10) days of the receipt of the information as required, the Department shall inform the District whether the proposed tax rate increase is less than or equal to the index.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of the Bedford Area School District, as follows:

The Board of School Directors adopts this RESOLUTION on the 16th day of January 2018 indicating that it will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of its public schools for the 2018-2019 fiscal year by more than the index established by the Department of Education for the district of 3.1%.

DULY ADOPTED, by the Board of School Directors of this School District, this 16th day of January 2018.

BEDFORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Bedford, Pennsylvania

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

ATTEST:

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Secretary

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