

**BEDFORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2018  
BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM**

Having been duly notified the Bedford Area School District Board of Education met for a regular business meeting on Tuesday, September 18, 2018, at Bedford High School. Mr. Thomas A. Bullington, President, opened the meeting at 6:30 PM with the pledge to the flag and Mr. Oldham led in prayer. Members present included: Mr. Jay Cessna, Mr. Deryl Clark, Mr. William Ross, Dr. Sandy Mehalko, Mrs. Jill Clites, Mr. Peder Flaaen, Mr. Jeremy Oldham, Mr. George Barton, Student Representatives Miss Sitara Sandhu and Mr. Nicholas Regos, and Mr. Thomas Bullington.

**Visitors present** at the meeting included:

Will DeShong, *Bedford Gazette*  
Mr. Bret Smith, *Athletic Director*

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

On a motion by Mr. Flaaen, seconded by Mr. Barton and carried by unanimous voice vote, the Board adopted the evening's Agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Ross and carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the Minutes from the Monday, August 13, 2018 Board Work Session and the Tuesday, August 21, 2018, Board Meeting.

**BILLS**

A motion was made by Mr. Barton and seconded by Mr. Flaaen to approve the official reports and to pay the bills for September 2018 (See attached). Roll Call. All Board Members were in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS**

(Mr. Bullington requested the Board consider items 8A 1 through 4, which includes the following: approval to add the following individuals to the list of PA Certified Substitute Teachers and Substitute Nurses for the 2018-2019 school year- Rebecca Hardy, LPN, and Amy Price, RN; approval to add the following individuals to the list of IU08 Substitute Teachers for the 2018-2019 school year- Diann Troutman and Melinda Jacobs; approval to waive the 45-day probationary period Healthcare portion only for Mrs. Kelly Baker and Mrs. Joni Miller; and

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approval to add Mrs. Ellen Krouse [Instructional Assistant], Ms. Cheryl Burkey [Food Services], and Mrs. Melissa Plummer [Food Services] to the list of Support Staff Substitutes for the 2018-2019 school year.)

A motion was made by Mr. Oldham and seconded by Mr. Barton to approve the above listed items. Roll Call. All Board Members were in favor.

(Mr. Bullington requested to group together items 8A5 through 8B, which includes the following: approval for the attached Extra Duty positions (Attachment 2); approval for Mrs. Brenda Heit to serve as mentor for Mrs. Olivia Ickes; approval for Mrs. Diana Clapper to serve as mentor for Mrs. Marli Swope; approval for Mrs. Terra Wertz to serve as a mentor for Ms. Alicia Laird; approval for the “Stuff the Bus” Campaign, as part of the Weekend Backpack Program; approval for BHS students to attend an overnight trip to NYC May 10-11, 2019; approval for the Senior Class Trip to Orlando, FL, March 10-15, 2019; approval for FBLA to attend the State Leadership Conference in Hershey, PA, April 7-10, 2019, and any national qualifiers to attend the National Conference in San Antonio, TX, June 27-July 3, 2019; approval of the Homecoming Parade to be held September 21, 2018, to start and end at Bedford High School parking lot; approval for Olivia Evans to be a mid-year graduate, January 2019; approval of Mrs. Carrie Taylor as Stampede Advisor; and approval of Mr. Mark Pennabaker as the Safety and Security Coordinator for the Bedford Area School District.)

A motion was made by Mr. Ross and seconded by Mr. Barton to approve the above listed item. Roll Call. All Board Members were in favor. Mr. Cessna abstained from voting due to his daughter’s extra duty/extra pay position.

(Mr. Bullington requested to group together items 8C through 8D, which includes the following: Tentative approval on the following amended policies for the Board Policy Manual- Policy #105 – Curriculum [Attachment 3], Policy #138 – Language Instruction Educational Program for English Learners [Attachment 4], Policy #239 – Foreign Exchange Students [Attachment 5], Policy #918 – Title I Parent and Family Engagement [Attachment 6]; and approval for the following staff to serve as independently contracted facilitators for the Strengthening Families Program: Megan Rose, Lori Dunkle, Meggie Shoemaker, and Butch Beidle.)

A motion was made by Mr. Barton and seconded by Dr. Mehalko to approve the above listed item. Roll Call. All Board Members were in favor.

(Mr. Bullington requested the Board consider item 8E- PSBA Officers and Representative-At-Large Elections.)

A motion was made by Mr. Ross and seconded by Mrs. Clites to approve the slate of candidates and for the Board Secretary, Mrs. Casey Cover, to submit the Board’s vote. Roll Call. All Board Members were in favor.

## **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

First, Dr. Sell asked the Student Representatives if they had anything to share. Miss Sandhu shared the Varsity Singers will be performing at a Coroner’s convention on Wednesday. Mr. Regos gave details of the Spirit Week at BHS and the upcoming Homecoming Dance on

Saturday. They both commented on the iPads, saying they are using them in all classes. Miss Sandhu said she thinks Schoology is very effective. There are very few technology issues.

Dr. Sell asked each building to share their School Highlights. Ms. Turkovich shared the following on behalf of BE: The annual fundraiser kicked off on September 7<sup>th</sup>, BEST in Action raised \$800 for the Weekend Backpack Program, Constitution Day activities were completed on September 17<sup>th</sup> throughout the building, Students have been enjoying and utilizing the iPads and Schoology, and Spirit Week is taking place this week at BE.

Next, Mr. Windows shared the following on behalf of BMS: the school had a great turn out for parent night prior to the start of the school year; BMS received the District 5 Sportsmanship Award for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year from PIAA; the school held a Pep Rally on September 14<sup>th</sup>; and they are currently celebrating Bedford Homecoming festivities with a Spirit Week in their building. Finally, Mr. Kane shared the following on behalf of BHS: There are currently 272 high school students involved in sport or band this fall. He also added that there is a lot of learning going on at BHS in September with the iPads and Schoology. It's been a great start to the school year.

Dr. Sell followed up on the start of the school year. With the wet weather, we are working on drying things up in the buildings. Next, Dr. Sell shared a topic that came up at the Principals' meeting. They normally send out a mid-point marking period failure notice to parents. This year, we are going to try something new and send out notifications to all parents on accessing Schoology and Skyward to view their student's progress.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At approximately 6:57 PM, a motion was made by Mr. Cessna and seconded by Mr. Clark to transition from public to executive session and not return. The Executive Session pertained to personnel and contractual topics. All Board Members were in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,*



*Board Secretary*

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