

**BEDFORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2018
BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM**

Having been duly notified the Bedford Area School District Board of Education met for a regular business meeting on Tuesday, August 21, 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*

Mrs. Emily Barkman, *Recommended for Hire- BHS Guidance Counselor*

Randy Delozier, *Bedford County Free Press*

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered into Executive Session at approximately 6:32 PM, on a motion made by Mr. Ross and seconded by Mr. Cessna, and approved by all Board Members, to discuss personnel matters.

Mr. Ross made a motion to come out of Executive Session and return to open session at approximately 7:15 PM. Motion was seconded by Mr. Cessna and all Board Members were in favor.

MINUTES & BILLS

A motion was made by Mr. Clark and seconded by Mr. Ross to approve the Minutes from the Tuesday, July 17, 2018, Board Meeting, and to approve the official reports and to pay the bills for August 2018 (See attached). Roll Call. All Board Members were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

(Mr. Bullington requested the Board consider items 8A 1 through 3, which includes the following: approval of the attached list of PA Certified Substitute Teachers and Substitute Nurses for the 2018-2019 school year [attachment 1]; approval for the attached list of substitute teachers through the IU08 Substitute Teacher Consortium for the 2018-2019 school year [attachment 2]; and approval for the attached list of substitute Support Staff [Instructional Assistants, Food Services, Custodians] for the 2018-2019 school year [attachment 3].)

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

(Mr. Bullington requested to group together items 8A 4 through 6, which includes the following: approval of Ms. Kendra Burkett as a Long-Term Substitute as the Emotional Support teacher for the Bedford Area School District, at a salary equivalent to step 1 on the bachelor's pay scale; approval to accept the resignation of Mrs. Jennifer Jackson, BHS Guidance Counselor, effective August 14, 2018; approval to accept the resignation of Mrs. Jennifer Jackson, BHS Guidance Counselor, effective August 14, 2018; and approval of Mrs. Emily Barkman, 2121 Egolf Road, Bedford, PA 15522, as Guidance Counselor at Bedford High School, being hired on step 9 of the Master's pay scale.)

Mr. Kane introduced the candidate for the BHS Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Emily Barkman. Mrs. Barkman thanked the Board for their consideration. She shared that she is an alumni and a family tradition as she had both a grandfather and father who were educators at BASD.

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

(Mr. Bullington requested to group together items 8A7, a through n, which includes the following: approval for the Bedford Elementary to conduct the annual magazine and various food items fundraiser from Green Top Fundraising, LLC, during the month of September 2018; approval for the attached Extra Duty positions [attachment 3A]; approval for the attached Extra Duty positions [Attachment 4]; approval to conduct the annual Bedford Middle School Candy Sale, beginning October 5, 2018; approval for Saturday School Program to be run at BHS up to two Saturdays a month, beginning in September; approval of Mr. James Keggs to serve as volunteer assistant Girls' tennis coach; approval of Mr. Jesse Topper to serve as volunteer assistant Golf coach; approval for Behind the Wheel Driving with Mr. Doug Pauley, Mr. Dan Baker, Mr. Edmund Beidle, and Mr. Wes Swaim as instructors for the 2018-2019 school year; approval for the following to be TST's: Brian Creps, Michelle Fisher, Doug Pauley, and Barrett Schrock; approval of the attached list of extra duty/extra pay positions [Attachment 5]; approval for the attached Band and Chorus schedule [Attachment 6]; approval for the attached list of fundraisers [Attachment 7]; approval for Mr. Joshua Feters as a volunteer football assistant; and approval to accept the resignation of Mr. JT Black as Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach, effective at the end of last season.)

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. Bullington requested the Board consider item 8B- Approve negotiated amended Exhibit A of the Hope for Hyndman Charter Agreement for 2016-2021 [attachment 8].)

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

(Mr. Bullington requested the Board consider item 8C- approval of the following school dentist for the Bedford Area School District: Hyndman Health Center, Dr. David Fuderich.)

A motion was made by Mr. Oldham and seconded by Mr. Cessna to approve the above listed item. Roll Call. Mr. Barton abstained from voting on this agenda item due to his affiliation with the Hyndman Health Center. All remaining Board Members were in favor.

(Mr. Bullington requested the Board consider items 8D through 8F2, which includes the following: approval to lease with the IU08 a space at Bedford Elementary for their Early Intervention Program [attachment 9]; approval of Center for Community Action as a provider of special education transition services in accordance with changes at the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, which will pay for those services through the new Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act [2014] [attachment 10]; approval of the following Tutors and Instructional Assistants for the Bedford Elementary After School Program: Tutors- Terri Zimmerman, Jennifer Lafferty

Substitute Tutors: Heather Eberhart, Darci Windows

Instructional Assistant: Linda Wertz, Carrie Murphy

Substitute Instructional Assistant: Mary Dibert, Sheila Gadley;

And approval to accept the resignation of Mrs. Susanne Brunelli as After 3 Coordinator at BMS, effective July 18, 2018.)

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

(Agenda item 8F3 was modified from 'approval of contract between the Bedford Area School District and Mrs. Amy Higgins, Independent Contractor, as Site Coordinator' to instead reopen the position.)

Mr. Bullington shared that most of the executive session was pertaining to the above agenda item. He shared that they are going to reopen the position for additional candidates because they are not sure if the recommended candidate is the best fit for the position.

A motion was made by Mr. Clark and seconded by Mr. Flaaen to reopen the position for After 3 Site Coordinator. Roll Call. In Favor: Mr. Flaaen, Mr. Clark, Mrs. Clites, Mr. Ross, Mr. Oldham, Mr. Cessna, Mr. Bullington. Dissenting: Mr. Barton and Dr. Mehalko. Motion passed.

(Mr. Bullington requested the Board consider item 8G- approval to hire the following individuals to fill three Americorp positions at the Bedford Elementary: Debbie Spade, Kaytlin Leighty, Molly Martin.)

A motion was made by Mr. Clark and seconded by Mr. Oldham to approve the above listed item. Roll Call. Mr. Ross abstained from voting on this agenda item due family ties with one of the recommended candidates. All remaining Board Members were in favor.

Mr. Bullington requested Board Members consider items 8H 1 through 6, which includes the following: approval to adjust hourly reimbursement for school bus drivers on field/activity trips at an increase this year of \$1.95. This would bring the hourly rate of Activity / Field Trip Bus Drivers to \$15.00/hour; approval of the list of bus route drivers for contractors and/or District activity/field trip drivers for the 2018-2019 school year [list provided for review]; approval of the below negotiated contracts with our student transport contractors for the 2018-2019 school year [Contracts provided for review]

Contractor	Daily Rate	Annual Total	Comparison
Rita Feathers	\$1,251.00	\$222,928.20	Decrease Avg. 178.2 days
Helsel Transportation / Shoemaker	\$772.00	\$136,644.00	Same
Helsel Transportation Van	\$1.30 per Van Mile with a minimum of 75 miles per day.		Same
Helsel Transportation / Stahl	\$1,276.00	\$225,852.00	Same
DRG Wilkins	\$900.00	\$159,300.00	Same
Snyder Bus Lines, LLC / Chamberlain	\$190.00	\$33,630.00	Same
Snyder Bus Lines, LLC. / Lewellyn	\$1,013.00	\$179,301.00	Same
Snyder Bus Lines LLC / D & D	\$566.00	\$100,182.00	Same
Snyder Bus Lines LLC / Helsel	\$1,638.00	\$290,540.25	Same Avg. 177.375 Days
Maxwell Transportation, Inc	\$1.11 per Van Mile at a minimum of 100 Miles per day		Same
\$1.32 per Wheel Chair Van Mile at a min. of 100 Miles per day			Same
Retroactive to July 1, 2018, due to transportation services for Extended School Year Program.			

; Approval for Helsel Transportation for the home transportation of students from the 21st Century After School Program, a rate of \$3.00 per bus mile, and \$1.30 per van mile, with a \$50 per day minimum charge, during the 2018-2019 school year. This contract will also include Activity Transportation during the summer practice season and most evenings when the After School Bus does not operate. This contract is at the same cost as the previous school year [Contracts provided for review]; As required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, request approval of the student bus routes and rosters [Included with the list of Bus Routes]; and Approve passing a resolution supporting Senate Bill 1098, to allow for the placement of cameras on school buses to capture traffic violations [attachment 11].)

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

(Mr. Bullington requested the Board consider items 8I, 1 - 2, which included the following: Yearly Activity Fund and Athletic Fund Account Information for approval [attachment 12]; and

Activity Fund and Athletic Fund Quarterly Balances for April 2018 through June 2018
[attachment 13].)

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Sell began his report by sharing the details from our opening day for teachers, adding that tomorrow is the first day back for students. He shared one of the exciting things about education is the new start we get each year.

Next, he called upon our Student Representatives for anything they would like to share. Miss Sandhu and Mr. Regos both helped out the previous night with the open house at BHS.

Next, Dr. Sell asked each building principal to share a little about their back to school preparations. Ms. Turkovich began by sharing the details on their open house last evening and the building preparations that have been taking place. Mr. Ross asked how many Kindergartens we have enrolled. Ms. Turkovich said it was at 124, which are up from the previous year. Mr. Windows shared some details on their Meet the Teacher night the previous evening. He said they had a huge turn out, with probably around 80% of 6th grade parents. Mr. Kane shared some details on their open house, which is the first evening one they have held in at least ten years. He said there were probably around 200 parents who attended, which is really good for high school.

Finally, Dr. Sell shared that Mr. Pennabaker was approached by a non-profit organization, Egolf Park, who might be interested in some of the playground equipment left over from the childcare lab. The Board had no objection.

ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 7:43 PM, a motion was made by Mr. Barton and seconded by Dr. Mehalko to adjourn. All Board Members were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Board Secretary

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