

**BEDFORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2018  
BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM**

Having been duly notified the Bedford Area School District Board of Education met for a regular business meeting on Tuesday, June 19, 2018, at Bedford High School. Mr. Thomas A. Bullington, President, opened the meeting at 6:30 PM with the pledge to the flag and Dr. Sell 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. Thomas Bullington.

**Visitors present** at the meeting included:  
Will DeShong, *Bedford Gazette*

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Board interviewed the student applicant for the vacant Student Board Representative position. The candidate was Nicholas Regos.

Mr. Bullington worked through the candidate questions, beginning by asking why he was interested in serving on the Board? Mr. Regos said he wanted the opportunity to represent his fellow students. His schedule would allow him to attend most Board Meetings. Next, Mr. Bullington asked him how he could help his fellow students by serving on the Board. Nick said he is outgoing and able to build relationships with all the students in the school so he could be a voice for all students. Next, Mr. Bullington asked what qualities and skills he has that make him a good candidate. Nick said he is very involved and holds leadership roles in other groups so he believes he has good leadership skills.

Following the interview, Board Members approved Nicholas Regos as the new Student Board Representative.

**MINUTES & BILLS**

On a motion made by Mr. Clark and seconded by Mr. Barton to approve the Minutes from the Monday, May 7, 2018, Board Work Session, and the Tuesday, May 15, 2018 Board Meeting, and to approve the official reports and to pay the bills for June 2018 (See attached). Roll Call. All Board Members were in favor.

**8(A) NEW BUSINESS**

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(Mr. Bullington requested the Board consider items 8A through 8D, which includes the following: Mr. William Ross to continue serving as the Board Treasurer from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019; approval to transfer Mrs. Beth Sellers, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at BE, to the Cyber Café/Media Center Coordinator position at BHS, beginning with the 2018-2019 school year; approval of Extra Duty position for Rachel Morningstar on the intermediate production; approval of MOU with the Bedford Area Education Association concerning the Laurel Life contract [attachment 1]; and approval to contract with Laurel Life to operate transition classrooms at the Bedford High School and Bedford Middle School [attachment 2].)

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

(Mr. Bullington requested to group together items 8E through 8G, which includes the following: approval of the following individuals as instructors for the summer camp program for the Cohort 9 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC grant- Matt Otis at \$30/hr for up to 16 hours, Janelle Cogan at \$30/hr up to 64 hours, Michael Corle at \$30/hr up to 32 hrs, and Leah Hillenbrand at \$30/hr up to 32 hrs; approval to sponsor three paid work experience positions for assignments in the Bedford Area School District for the 2018-2019 school year, with the total cost of the program for the District will be \$7,752.60; and adoption of the Bedford County Technical Center Joint Operating Committee 2018-2019 Budgets as listed below and to ratify any and all actions of the Joint Operating Committee taken during the 2017-2018 school year- General Fund- Secondary Education Budget- \$2,252,315.00, Workforce Development/Adult Education- \$1,029,825.00, and Total Projected General Fund Budget- \$3,282,140.00.)

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

(Mr. Bullington requested to group together items 8H through J, which includes the following: approval of Mr. George Barton and Mr. Peder Flaaen as the two voting delegates for the PSBA 2018 Delegate Assembly; approval of the attached agreement with Penn Highlands Community College to participate in the Accelerated College Education Program (attachment 3); approval of Mrs. Loretta Nixon to move from a 3 hour Food Service position to a 4 1/2 hour position at Bedford High School beginning August 21, 2018; approval of Ms. Ashley Duffy to move from a 3 hour Food Service position to a 4 1/2 hour position at Bedford Elementary School beginning August 21, 2018; approval of Mrs. Heather Zelanko to be hired as a Food Service employee for Bedford High School, beginning August 15, 2018 at a starting rate of \$10.75/hour, for 4 1/2 hours per day with no benefits and a 45-day probationary period; and approval of Mrs. Mary Burkett to be hired as a Food Service employee for Bedford Elementary School, beginning August 15, 2018 at a starting rate of \$10.75/hour, for 4 1/2 hours per day with no benefits and a 45-day probationary period.)

A motion was made by Mr. Ross 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 items 8K 1 through 2, which includes the following: Taxes- Request final approval for millage rate of 9.424; and final approval to adopt the proposed 2018-2019 Budget. Projected Expenditures: \$30,116,854.00. Projected Revenues

\$28,817,316.00. Fund Balance needed to balance the Budget: \$1,299,538.00; Taxes included for the 2018-2019 school year:

Per Capita: Per Capita Tax for \$5.00 per person on all persons 18 years or older, living within territorial limits of Bedford Area School District under Section 679 of the School Code;

Per Capita: Per Capita Tax of \$5.00 per person on all persons 18 years or older living within territorial limits of Bedford Area School District under Act 511; Earned Income Tax: An Earned Income Tax of 1% net profits of business, professions, and other activities conducted by residents of Bedford Area School District; Act 1 Earned Income Tax: An Earned Income Tax of .5% net profits of business, professions, and other activities conducted by residents of Bedford Area School District; LST/Emergency Municipal Services Tax: An Emergency Municipal Services Tax of \$10.00 annually upon persons that are gainfully employed within the Bedford Area School District; Real Estate Transfer: A Real Estate Transfer Tax of 1% on all real estate transferred within the Bedford Area School District under the authority of the Act of 1965, December 31, P.L. 1257.)

A motion was made by Mr. Oldham and seconded by Mr. Ross to approve the above listed item. Roll Call. All Board members were in favor.

(Finally, Mr. Bullington requested the Board consider the remaining agenda items 8K 3 through 11, which includes the following: approval to purchase supplies from Kurtz Brothers via Costars for the 2018-2019 school year; approval to purchase supplies from WB Mason via Costars for the 2018-2019 school year; approval to continue using Powell Rogers and Speaks as delinquent per capita tax collector and delinquent lunch account collector for the 2018-2019 school year; approval of the list of designated depositories [attachment 4]; approval for Administration to purchase coverage of Student Athletic Insurance prior to July 1, 2018, at a negotiated price, not to exceed \$35,483.00; approval of the Homestead Farmstead Exclusion Resolution[attachment 5]; approval to keep the 2017-2018 Budget open for budget transfers during the audit process; approval for reestablishment of designated fund balance for the following categories- Medical Insurance- \$684,410.00, Retirement- \$510,566.00, and Compensated Absences- \$678,258.00; and permission to transfer to the capital reserve fund: \$1,031,702.32 for the Bedford Middle School construction project and \$48,611.57 for eRate reimbursements.)

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

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Sell began his report by asking Dr. Ruhlman to share some details on the conference he was invited to speak at in Texas. The conference is on Positive Education Accelerators, with several other notable guest speakers in attendance. Dr. Ruhlman will be sharing his research and experience using Appreciative Inquiry at the Bedford Area School District.

Dr. Sell and Dr. Ruhlman talked about Bedford 2020 and the implementation process and the focus on the culture within the District. They explained how this has helped to drive the implementation and spread a positive approach surrounding the upcoming changes in the District.

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The building principals were called upon share their school highlights. Mr. Trimeloni shared the following on behalf of Bedford Elementary: BHS Senior Walk-thru took place on May 24, BE wrapped up the year with Fun Day and Field Day for students, and the building has 3 Open House events scheduled for potential new students. Mr. Windows shared the following on behalf of Bedford Middle School: Students published their Spring Edition of The Bison Times; Mrs. Ali Imler, Art Teacher, helped to put on an art show on May 14; 6<sup>th</sup> graders traveled to Lake Tobias for a field trip, and the school year ended with an awards ceremony. Finally, Mr. Steele shared the following on behalf of BHS: Football team attended a camp at Penn State; and the Boys Basketball team attended a camp at the Naval Academy.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At approximately 7:13 PM, a motion was made be Mr. Barton and seconded by Dr. Mehalko to adjourn. All Board Members were in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,*



*Board Secretary*

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