



October News & Notes

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The Bedford Area School District Board of Education met on October 12th for a Work Session Meeting and on October 20th for a regular business meeting, in the Board Conference Room at the Bedford High School. The Board President, Mr. Thomas Bullington, called the meetings to order. The "News & Notes" is a recapitulation of the business that transpired, written by the Board Secretary.

Board Hires New Teacher at BHS

During the Monday, October 12, 2015, Work Session Meeting, Board



Members voted unanimously to approve Ms. Laura Scheeler as the new Social Studies Teacher at BHS.

Ms. Scheeler received her Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education from Penn State University in 2013. She is certified in Social Studies 7-12. Since graduating, she has been substitute teaching at Altoona, Bellwood, and Tyrone school districts, most recently completing a long term assignment teaching Consumer Economics and American Cultures at Altoona Area High School.

Please join us in welcoming Laura to the District!

Special Olympics Ambassadors Visit Board



During the Tuesday, October 20, 2015, Board Meeting, two special visitors attended and spoke to the Board during the Public Comments section. Christa Meeren (pictured bottom left) and Gena Kagarise (pictured bottom right) both took

turns addressing the Board, thanking them for all they do to support the Bedford County Special Olympics. They each shared what events they participate in and what the Special Olympics means to them. Finally, they encouraged everyone to be involved, inviting them to attend upcoming events. Board Members were happy to have the Ambassadors at the meeting and thanked them for all they shared.

Board Selects New Student Board Representative

During the Monday, October 12, 2015, Work Session Meeting, Board Members interviewed Miss Allison Shuke as the next potential Student Board Representative. Allison is a Junior at BHS who applied for the position in September. Following the interview, the Board unanimously agreed to appoint Allison as the Junior Representative for a two year term.



In addition to now serving as a student representative, Allison is also involved in tennis, soccer, girls basketball, and Rotary Interact. Her interest in serving as the student representative comes from her desire to help her classmates and ensure they are fairly represented.

Each year, the Board will choose one student from the Junior Class to serve a two year term. Allison will be joining Senior Representative Henry Vachon, who is currently in his second year as Student Representative.

Extra Duty/Extra Pay Personnel Approvals

BMS

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| ◇ Ali Dodson, District Game Help | ◇ Brian Creps, Wrestling, Position 1 |
| ◇ Deb Felix, Scholastic Scrimmage Advisor for BMS | ◇ Sam Carroll, Wrestling Position 2 |
| ◇ Steve Wise, Jr. High Boys Basketball, Position 3 | ◇ Justin Roberts, Wrestling, Position 3 |
| ◇ Pete Bordi, Jr. High Boys Basketball, Position 4 | ◇ Kevin Cook, Wrestling, Position 4 |
| ◇ Blaine Shuke, Jr. High Girls Basketball, Position 3 | ◇ Mark Dillow, Girls Basketball, Position 1 |
| ◇ Rene Lingenfelter, Jr. High Girls Basketball, Position 4 | ◇ Amber Kaspar, Girls Basketball, Position 2, Split |
| ◇ Melanie Shuke, Jr. High Girls Basketball, Volunteer | ◇ Kari Brown, Girls Basketball, Position 2, Split |
| | ◇ Shonda Clark, Indoor Guard, Position 1 |

Volunteers

Wrestling: Cory Thomas, Jeff Thomas, Garrett Thomas, Louie Shearer, Brandon Weyandt, Todd Roadman, Devin Cook, Ike Crissey, Denny Holderbaum, Bill Creps

Boys Basketball: Kevin Windows, Jason Ressler

Girls Basketball: Larry Black

BHS

- ◇ Pat Isgan, Volunteer Cross Country (retroactive to Sept. 15, 2015)
- ◇ Mark Anderson, Boys Basketball, Position 1
- ◇ John Whitmore, Boys Basketball, Position 2

2015-2016 Substitute Approvals

The following Substitutes were approved at the October Board Meetings Year (pending receipt of all required documentation):

PA Certified:

- Dixie Defibaugh, Registered Nurse
- Laurie Finnecey, Registered Nurse

- Melissa Pentrack, Registered Nurse
- Autumn Musselman, Registered Nurse

Instructional Assistant:

- Christy Topper

Food Services:

- Kathy Ramsey

21st Century:

The Board approved several contracts for 21st Century Independent Contractors, which will be effective October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016. The contracts approved include Site Coordinators Josh Rose and Patty Cowan, and Independent Contractors Lyn Skillington, Walter Curfman, Barbara Dikum, Tom Otis, Tom Vent, Janelle Cogan, Valerie Morningstar, and Heather Sipes. The Board also approved an hourly rate increase for the 21st Century After School Instructional Assistants to a rate of \$9.00/hour, effective October 26, 2015. All the contracts and rate increase are funded through the 21st Century Grant.

Miscellaneous Items Approved:

- Approval for BHS National Honor Society to conduct a “Scratch and Help” fundraiser to benefit a community member.
- Approval to upgrade the Network backbone at BHS as well as the endpoints at each of the other two buildings, to be paid for from the Capital Reserve Fund.
- Approval of Jerry Frankenberry and Larry Smith as student transport drivers for BASD and Helsel Transportation, pending receipt of all required documentation.

Board Policy Manual

Four amended policies for the Board Policy Manual received final approval during the October Board Meeting. The updated policies include:

- Policy # 137 — Home Education Programs.
- Policy # 138 — English as a Second Language/Bilingual Education Program.
- Policy # 212 — Reporting Student Progress.
- Policy # 918 — Title I Parent Involvement.

The Board Policy Manual can be viewed online at: <http://www.boarddocs.com/pa/bedf/Board.nsf/Public>.

BASD UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 6:30 PM- Work Session	10 1:30 PM- BEST Assembly @ BE- Honoring Korean War Vets	11 No School- Veteran's Day	12	13	14
15	16	17 6:30 PM- Board Meeting	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			Thanksgiving Vacation			
29	30 No School- First Day of Deer Season					