



# April News & Notes

April 21, 2016

## Board Approves Charter School Agreement

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During the April 19, 2016, Board Business Meeting, Board Members unanimously voted to approve a tentative agreement between the Bedford Area School District and the HOPE for Hyndman Charter School, to renew their charter for another five-year term. The agreement is pending approval from the charter school's board.

The original charter, which Board Members voted to revoke back in January 2016, contained nebulous goals that were difficult to measure. Yet, as the

process of appeals progressed, it became clear it would be a long, expensive, and uncertain process for all involved, using resources which could be repurposed for student learning.

The new agreement includes strict adherence to concrete academic goals with yearly benchmarks. These academic goals allow the charter school an opportunity to improve educational performance for the students while also allowing the District to have periodic and incremental oversight and the opportunity to comment and revoke the charter with a much more concrete measurable set of goals to evaluate.

Additionally, the agreement also includes strict adherence to the implementation of the STEM curriculum, full implementation of the individual goal planning forms, and references to educational leadership and staff development.

Dr. Sell explained that the new agreement allows for the concept of setting very specific goals both for structure, governance, and performance of the students.



The Bedford Area School District Board of Education met on April 11, 2016, for a work session, and on April 19, 2016 for a business meeting, in the Board Conference Room at the Bedford High School. Board President, Mr. Tom Bullington, called the meetings to order.

The "News & Notes" is a recapitulation of the business that transpired, written by the Board Secretary.

### BMS School Nurse to Retire



Board Members approved to accept the letter of retirement from Mrs. Michele Down, School Nurse at BMS. Mrs. Down began working for the District in 2010.

The District thanks her for her years of service, helping to care for our students. Join us in wishing her the best in her retirement!

**PERSONNEL APPROVALS**

The following Substitutes were approved at the April Board Meetings for the 2015-2016 School Year (pending receipt of all required documentation):

**Food Services:**

- Autumn Ramsey

**PA Certified/Nurses:**

- Stephanie Breckner, English K-12 & Reading K-12.

**Extra Duty/Extra Pay Personnel Approvals**

The following items were approved at the April Board meeting:

**BE**

- ◇ Kim Arnold as Envirothon Coach.

**BMS**

- ◇ Justin Himmler as Volunteer Coach for Junior High Baseball, retroactive to the start of the season.
- ◇ Resignation of Mr. Pete Bordi as Jr. High Basketball Coach (position 4).

**BHS**

- ◇ Casey Cover as a volunteer Varsity Cheerleading Coach.
- ◇ Stephanie Hinton as Track Coach, position #5.

**Miscellaneous Approvals**

- \* Approval to participate in the Substitute Teacher Consortium through the Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 for the 2016-2017 school year. The fee for participating remains the same as last year at \$500.00.
- \* Approval for Ms. Andrea Gregor to serve as a Tutor for the BMS After 3 program.
- \* Approval to authorize and designate Mr. Mark Pennabaker as the agent representative for the Bedford Area School District for Winter Storm Jonas FEMA-4267-DR-PA.

**Board Policy Manual**

Four amended policies for the Board Policy Manual received **FINAL** approval during the April Board Meeting. The updated policies include:

- Policy # 317 — Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures.
- Policy # 806 — Child Abuse.
- Policy # 824 — Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries.
- Policy # 916 — Volunteers.

*Did you know?* The Bedford Area School District’s Board Policy Manual is available online at the following website: <http://www.boarddocs.com/pa/bedf/Board.nsf/Public>. If you have any questions about accessing the policy website, please contact Casey Cover (ext. 1502). Employees are encouraged to review policies, especially after updates have been made.

**BASD UPCOMING EVENTS**

# May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 7PM- Spring Band Concert Grandparents' Day @ BE	6 Grandparents' Day @ BE	7
8	9 6:30 PM- Work Session	10	11 7PM- BHS Chorus Concert	12	13	14
15	16 6PM- 6th Grade Chorus Concert 7PM- 7th/8th Grade Chorus Concert	17 6:30 PM- Board Meeting	18 7PM- 2nd Grade Musical	19 7PM- BHS Jazz Ensemble Concert	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Last Day for Seniors	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day Holiday- No School	31 Field Day @ BE	1 Last Day of School for Students 7PM- Graduation	2 Act 80 In-Service Day	3 Teacher In-Service Day	4