



February News & Notes

February 27, 2014

The Bedford Area School District Board of Education met on February 10th for a Work Session and on February 18th 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.

Three New Instructional Assistants Join the BASD

During the Tuesday, February 18th, Board Meeting, three Instructional Assistants were approved to be hired to fulfill vacancies:



Mrs. Sheila Gadley was hired for a Life Skills Instructional Assistant position at the Bedford Elementary School. Mrs. Gadley has been a substitute with the district since the beginning of the school year and has worked the last 8 years at the Circle of Love Community Center. She has worked with children most of her life and is passionate about working with the youth of Bedford County.



Mrs. Tara Ickes was hired to fulfill an Instructional Assistant K-5 position at the Bedford Elementary School. Mrs. Ickes has been subbing with the BASD since 2008. She previously worked at Hedstrom until 1999 and for Dr. Rakoczy beginning in 2000. She is the mother of two children and the Indoor Guard Coach at the Bedford Middle School. In her spare time she enjoys spending time with her family, helping with her husband's RedFox Spouting business and is on the worship team at her church.

Mr. Vincent Smith was hired as an Instructional Assistant to support a Bedford Area Student attending the Life Skills program at Everett Middle Senior High School. Mr. Smith has previously worked in the Bedford High School MDS classroom and the Bedford Elementary and Middle School Life Skills Classrooms. He has 3 children and is a drum instructor at SNK Music.

SNOW MAKE UP DAYS:

Many of our staff have been wondering what the make up schedule will be for the cancelled school days. The Superintendent, with input from Administrators, is currently working with PDE to determine what our options may be. We hope to have answers as soon as possible and will share with the entire staff at that time. Included is a list all remaining scheduled make-up days. June 9th is an Act 80 Day. June 10th and 11th are In-service days. This schedule does not yet account for the February 18th and 19th cancelled school days. Regardless of when the last student day may be, the last teacher day, barring any more cancelled school days, will be June 13th. Please feel free to contact the Superintendent's Office with any questions.

Snow Days	Make Up Days
01/21/14	04/22/14
01/28/14	04/21/14
02/03/14	04/17/14
02/05/14	06/05/14
02/13/14	06/06/14

Personnel

Substitute Personnel

The following individuals were approved to be added to the list of Substitute Teachers through the IU08 Substitute Teacher Consortium for 2013-2014:

- ◇ George Lucas
- ◇ Marilyn Lerch

The following individuals were approved to be added to the list of Substitute Instruction-

al Assistants for 2013-2014:

- ◇ Brandy Beegle
- ◇ Amy Costigan
- ◇ Abigail Peeler
- ◇ Sherry Kendall

The following individual was approved to be added to the list of Substitute Cooks for 2013-2014:

- ◇ Brandy Beegle

Extra Duty/Extra Pay

- * Approval was granted to open an activity account for the Bedford High School Junior Classical League.

Coaches:

The following individuals were approved to serve as coaches:

- * Mr. Adam Arnold, Junior High Baseball Head Coach.
- * Mr. Adam Henderson, Junior High Track Assistant Coach.
- * Mr. Justin Himmler, Junior High Volunteer Baseball Coach.

Policy Updates

Recent updates to several policies from the Board Policy Manual were submitted to the Board for approval. These updates received final approval during the February Meeting:

- Policy # 103.1– Nondiscrimination — Qualified Students with Disabilities.
- Policy # 113.1– Discipline of Students with Disabilities.
- Policy # 113.2– Behavior Support.
- Policy # 907– School Visitors.

BASD UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 BMS Talent Show at 6:30 PM	5	6	7 Family Fun Night at BE 6-8 PM	8
		Scholastic Book Fair- March 3-7				
9 Daylight Savings Time Begins	10 School Board Work Session - 7 PM	11	12 6-8th Grade Science Olympiad	13	14	15
			Regional Band at State College March 12-14			
16	17	18 School Board Meeting- 7 PM	19	20 First Day of Spring!	21 BHS Musical- 7PM	22 BHS Musical- 7 PM
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		All State Chorus and Band at Hershey- March 25-28				
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