



May News & Notes

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The "News & Notes" is a recapitulation of the business that transpired during the Board Business Meetings in April & May, 2017, written by the Board Secretary.

2016-2017 Retirements

During the May and April Board Business meetings, Board Members accepted retirement letters from several employees within the District.



Mr. Steve Waltman, Bedford High School Guidance Counselor, will be retiring effective June 6, 2017, after 29 years working for the District.



Mrs. Susan Price, Bedford High School Transition Coordinator, will be retiring effective October 18, 2017. Susan has been working with the District since 2002.



Mrs. Judy Eller, Director of IT, will be retiring effective June 1, 2017, following a 24 year career with the District.



Ms. Sandra Goodman, Food Services employee at BHS, will be retiring effective June 6, 2017, after working for the District for 31 years.



Mrs. Gena Miller, Food Service employee at BE, will be retiring with a November 15, 2016 effective date. She has been working with the District since 2003.

Please join the entire District as we thank these employees for their years of service and wish them the best in their retirements!

New BHS Guidance Counselor Hired



During the May 16, 2017 Board Business Meeting, Ms. Jennifer Ferraro was unanimously approved as the new BHS Guidance Counselor for the 2017-2018 school year. Ms. Ferraro most recently worked at the Salisbury-Elk Lick School District and has a Bachelor's from Frostburg State University and a Master's from California University. Join us in welcoming Ms. Ferraro to the District!

Restructuring of Tech Department

During the April Board Meeting, the Board approved for the District to restructure the Technology Department. The restructuring coincided with the news that Mrs. Judy Eller, Director of Information and Communication Technology, would be retiring effective June 1, 2017. It also aligns with some future plans the District has relating to technology in education. As part of the restructuring, leading the department will be the Director of Technology Services/Chief Information Officer. Mr. John Diehl was approved to fill this role, which is part of the Act 93 Agreement, at the May 16, 2017, Board Business Meeting.



Additionally, the restructuring led to the creation of a new position of Lead Computer Technician. Mr. Steven Harman was approved to fill this position at the May Board Meeting. Mr. Harman will be joining our current Computer Technicians, Gary Cooper and Justin Roberts, on June 1, 2017.

Also during the April 18, 2017, Board Business Meeting, approval passed for Technology Infrastructure Improvement, to be paid from Capital Reserve Fund. The breakdown of those improvements is as follows:

- (1) Presidio for wireless access points- \$188,452.50
- (2) UDNI (United Datacom Networks Inc.) for switching- \$77,250.95
- (3) UDNI (subcontracted to PA Networks) for cabling- \$78,408.00
- (4) ApplianSys for caching server- \$13,111.00

The total cost of the Project is \$357,222.45, with \$194,874.46 to be reimbursed by Erate.

Tentative Budget Approved

On a 5 to 3 vote, Board Members voted to approve a tentative budget for the 17-18 school year. This tentative approval includes:

- Projected Expenditures: \$29,988,162.00;
- Projected Revenues: \$28,794,457.00;
- Fund Balance needed to balance the budget: \$1,193,707.00.

The tentative budget also includes a millage rate increase from 9.222 to 9.526. Following tentative approval, the Board must allow 30 days to pass before they can consider and vote to approve a final budget for the upcoming school year. This will most likely take place at the business meeting on June 20, 2017.

Miscellaneous Approvals

- * Approval of draft Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook for 2017-2018.
- * Approval of Building Handbooks for BE, BMS, and BHS for 2017-2018.
- * Renewal of the BASD's PSBA Membership for the 2017-2018 school year.
- * Approval of School Physician, Dr. Jeanne Pfeilsticker, with the Hyndman Health Center.
- * 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).
- * Approval to contract with Laurel Life to operate transition classrooms at the Bedford High School and Bedford Middle School.
- * Approval of MOU with the BAEA concerning the Laurel Life contract.
- * Approval of Combi Oven purchase from Clark Food Services, to be paid out of the Capital Reserve Fund.
- * Approval of Resolution to amend the Consortium Agreement between Reschini Group and the Bedford Area School District.
- * Approval of the 2017-2018 School Calendar (approved at March 21, 2017 Business Meeting), with an August 21, 2017, return date for teachers and an August 23, 2017, back to school date for students. (Calendar available on the District website.)

Act 93 Agreement Renewed

On Tuesday, May 16, 2017, Board Members voted unanimously to renew the Act 93 Agreement, effective from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020.

2017-2018 Substitute Approvals

The following Substitutes were approved for the 2017-2018 School Year (pending receipt of all required documentation):

Support Staff:

- Danny Robosson
- Amy Elliott
- Donna Whitowrth

Spring 2017 Promotional Campaign

The District will once again be working on an informational campaign to highlight our achievements from the second half of the school year.

We strive to be inclusive of all achievements, academic and athletic. If you are a coach or advisor of a team or club, can you please send any information you may have on your group's achievements from the second half of the school year? We are looking to celebrate our successes so include any instances where you may have won or placed high in a competition or tournament. If you are not an advisor or coach, perhaps you may have an idea of an achievement that we may not be thinking of so please feel free to share any ideas.

Please send information to Mrs. Casey Cover: coverc@bedfordasd.org. We would like to have this advertisement completed by the end of June so please send any information you may have as soon as possible!



Extra Duty/Extra Pay Personnel Approvals

The following items were approved at the May Board meeting:

BE

- ◇ Vanessa Wiand as BE Reading Coach

BHS

- ◇ Mr. Adam McKinley as Girls' Varsity Volleyball Coach.
- ◇ Mr. Leo Brunelli as Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach
- ◇ Approval for the football team to attend camp at Clarion University August 3-5, 2017.
- ◇ Approval for TSA team members to compete in the National TSA competition in Orlando, FL, June 21-25, 2017, at a cost of approximately \$5,680.00.
- ◇ Kelsey Hillegass, Carrie Taylor, and Amber Kaspar to be added to the list of District Game Help for the 2016-2017 school year.

Bedford Elementary Summer Camps Approved

The following Bedford Elementary Summer Camps were approved during the May Board Business Meeting: KinderCamp, Title I Summer Camp, and BE Summer Fun, from June 12 through 23, 2017.

Additionally, the following teachers and instructional assistants were approved to teach and aide at the BE Summer Camps:

Lori Fox, Heather Eberhart, Leigh Hershey, Jessica Pencil, Terri Zimmerman, Patty Cowan, Vanessa Wiand, Lisa Stahlman, Carrie Murphy, and Nanette Schnably.

Board Policy Manual

One amended policy for the Board Policy Manual received **TENTATIVE** approval during the May Board Meeting. The updated policies include:

- Policy # 246 — School Wellness.

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

- Policy # 707.1 — Facility Advertising, Sponsorship, and Naming.
- Policy # 913 — Non-School Organizations/Groups/Individuals.

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

June 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 Last Day of School 7PM- Graduation | 2 Act 80 In-Service Day | 3 |
| 4 | 5 In-Service Day Bison Talks @ BHS | 6 In-Service Day | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 6:30 PM- Board Work Session | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 6:30 PM- Board Meeting | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | |