



January News & Notes

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Board Appreciation Month

January is the Pennsylvania School Board Association’s School Director Recognition Month, a time to

celebrate our elected school board members who serve our students and educational system. This month during the January Board Business Meeting, the Bedford Area School District showed appreciation for our nine school



board members for their time, effort, and dedication to public education’s advancement. The successes of our students are being highlighted in a PSBA statewide campaign called “PA Public Schools: Success Starts Here.” School Directors play a special part in this campaign in that they set the foundation for a strong education system in our local area.

As we continue to celebrate the success stories in our schools, let’s not forget our elected school directors who play a significant role in creating the environment where those successes can happen. We thank our School Directors for the special part they play in setting the foundation at the Bedford Area School District.



The Bedford Area School District Board of Education met on January 9th for a Work Session meeting, on January 17th 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.

Assistant Superintendent’s Contract Renewed

Board Members voted unanimously to approve a contract renewal for the Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Paul Ruhlman, for another five years. Dr. Ruhlman’s current contract will be up on June 30, 2017. Mr. Bullington, Board President, expressed confidence in Dr. Ruhlman’s role within the District. His newly approved contract is effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022. In a statement from Dr. Ruhlman, he expressed, “ I’m incredibly proud of the students and staff at BASD and I’m looking forward to continuing to serve them for the next five years.”

Jr. High Soccer and Cross Country Programs Approved

Board Members voted unanimously to approve Jr. High Girls and Boys Soccer and Jr. High Cross Country programs to begin at the Bedford Middle School in the 2017-2018 school year. Board Members discussed some concerns over starting these programs at the Junior High level, including the impact they might have on outside soccer programs. But based on a student interest survey conducted at BMS, student interest is high, with approximately 42 boys and 44 girls expressing interested in the soccer programs.

2016-2017 Substitute Approvals

The following Substitutes were approved for the 2016-2017 School Year (pending receipt of all required documentation):

IU08:

- Josh Teklinsky
- Ryan Cherry

21st Century:



- Approval for the following to serve as After 3 Tutors at the Bedford Middle School:
 - ◆ Beth Ruffley
 - ◆ Jackie Logue
 - ◆ Kayla Gates
- Approval of contract for the Weikert Center to provide technical assistance and training to continue the Program Quality Assessment System in the 21st program.

Miscellaneous Approvals

- Approval of maternity leave for Mrs. Casey Cover, beginning approximately March 2, 2017, lasting approximately 8 weeks.
- Approval of the following School physicians and dentists for the Bedford Area School District:
 - Physicians: Bedford Wellness Center, Dr. Ruth Jones and Associates, 342 South Richard Street, Bedford, PA
 - Dentists: Bedford Dental Professional Corp, Drs. William Stiffler and Randall Stuart, 902 Echo Vale Drive, Bedford, PA
 - Big Smiles Dental (mobile dental services)
- Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the Bedford Area Education Association and the Bedford Area School District regarding lump sum selection for teachers.
- Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the Bedford Area Education Association and the Bedford Area School District regarding retirement benefits.
- Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the Bedford Area School District and Bedford (CCYA) to establish transportation procedures agreement for foster children.
- Approval to transfer Charlie Feathers Bus Contract to his wife, Rita Feathers, as of January 14, 2017.
- Permission to accept requests for proposal for banking services for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years.
- Approval to adopt a resolution to not raise taxes above the index.

BASD UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 	3 BMS Job Shadowing Day	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 6:30 PM- Board Work Session	14 	15	16 Blood Mobile @ BHS	17 President's Day Holiday- No School (Possible Make-up Day)	18
19	20 President's Day Holiday- No School (Possible Make-up Day)	21 6:30 PM- Board Meeting	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				