

CENTRAL COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
4777 Old Berwick Road  
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

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**MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL COLUMBIA BOARD MEETING**

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015

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**Call to Order:** A meeting of the Central Columbia Board of School Directors was held at 6:00 p.m., on Monday, March 2, 2015, at the district office board room, President Coates presiding.

**Roll Call:**        Members Present:       Mr. Coates, President  
  Mr. Sitler, Vice President  
  Mr. Fogarty, Treasurer  
  Mr. Chyko  
  Mr. Crawford  
  Mr. Klingerman  
  Mr. Markowski  
  Mr. Rafel  
  Mr. Rhoads

Staff Present:   Christina Fish, Special Education Director  
  Jeff Groshek, High School Principal  
  Chad Heintzelman, Middle School Principal  
  Tracy Krum, Curriculum Coordinator  
  Annette Lowery, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
  Kimberly MacDonald, Assistant Business Administrator/Food Services Director  
  Harry Mathias, Superintendent  
  John Monick, Technology Director  
  Dwayne Prosceno, Director of Buildings and Grounds  
  Carla Sauer, Elementary/Middle School Assistant Principal  
  Thomas Sharrow, Elementary School Principal  
  Chris Snyder, High School Assistant Principal

**Recognition of Guests:** Michele & Tom Chamberlain, community members, Kelsey Diltz, teacher, Marla Diltz, teacher, Andrea Empie, community member, Caroline Farr, community member, Korin LaCroix, teacher, Wendy Schafer, community member, Kelly Shannon, community member, Lorraine Tewell, community member, Kaitlyn Thursby, teacher, Renee Williams, community member.

**Academic Presentation:** None

**Construction Project Update:** Mr. Rick Hueholt reported Howard is getting ready to transfer a power feed and this is a major milestone for the high school project.

**Informational Items:** Requests for buildings and facilities was presented for review.

**Old Business:** None.

**Board Committee Reports and Action Items:**

*Comprehensive Plan Representative* – Mr. Rafel, chairperson, no report.

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Activities and Personnel Committee —**Consent Agenda:** Mr. Fogarty moved, seconded by Mr. Chyko, for approval of the following activities and personnel actions. This motion passed as a result of the following vote tally: (9-0)

Mr. Chyko	Yes
Mr. Coates	Yes
Mr. Crawford	Yes
Mr. Fogarty	Yes
Mr. Klingerman	Yes
Mr. Markowski	Yes
Mr. Rafel	Yes
Mr. Rhoads	Yes
Mr. Sitler	Yes

ES/MS Assistant Principal Resignation – Approval was granted to accept the resignation of Carla Sauer, elementary/middle school assistant principal, effective April 6, 2015.

Support Staff Retirement Resignation – Approval was granted to accept the retirement resignation of Dawn Young, life skills classroom aid, effective the end of the 2014-15 school year. Mrs. Young has been with the district for 15 years and is eligible for a retirement stipend of \$900.

**Consent Agenda:** Mr. Fogarty moved, seconded by Mr. Chyko, for approval of the following activities and personnel actions. This motion passed as a result of the following vote tally: (9-0)

Mr. Chyko	Yes
Mr. Coates	Yes
Mr. Crawford	Yes
Mr. Fogarty	Yes
Mr. Klingerman	Yes
Mr. Markowski	Yes
Mr. Rafel	Yes
Mr. Rhoads	Yes
Mr. Sitler	Yes

Appoint Coach – Approval was granted to appoint Kim MacDonald as 3<sup>rd</sup> assistant field hockey coach (junior high) effective immediately. Ms. MacDonald will receive a stipend \$1,965 (15 units @ \$131/unit).

Approve Child Bearing/Rearing Leave– Approval was granted for Dominique Thompson, 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, to take child bearing/rearing leave beginning on or about April 7, 2015 and continue through the end of the 2014-15 school year.

Approve Intermittent FLMA– Approval was granted for Michele Schrader, van driver/operations personnel, to take intermittent family medical leave beginning on February 19, 2015 and continue through September 30, 2015.

Extra/Co-Curricular Position – Approval was granted to appoint the following supplemental extra/co-curricular position for the 2014-15 school year at \$131/unit stipend based on the current Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement.

	<u>Units</u>
Salary, Theatrical Production, Orchestra Director.....Brett Hosterman .....	9

Professional Substitute(s) – Approval was granted to appoint the following professional substitute(s):

Name	Certification
Lauren Strauch	Grades PK-4

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Support Staff Substitute(s) – Approval was granted to appoint the following support staff substitute(s):

Name	Position
Lori Rector	Nurse
Patricia West	Food Service/Secretarial

Support Staff Transfer – Approval was granted to transfer Carol Rakich from a 7hr/day, 181 days/yr, half-benefits classroom aide to a 7 ½ hr/day, 181 days/yr individual student aide. She will also be eligible for full-benefits. Ms. Rakich will continue to receive her hourly rate. Her transfer is effective March 1, 2015.

Buildings & Grounds Committee – Mr. Crawford, chairperson, no report.

Curriculum, In-Service & Textbooks Committee – Approve Revised 2014-15 School Calendar – Mr. Markowski moved, seconded by Mr. Chyko to grant approval of the revised the 2014-15 school calendar. The revised calendar reflects making April 2<sup>nd</sup> a school day, moving the last day of school to June 9<sup>th</sup> and making commencement June 10<sup>th</sup>. (*attached*)

Mr. Mathias explained to the Board the adjustments to 2014-15 school calendar. Mr. Mathias stated with these adjustments it allowed flexibility for any additional cancellation days and seniors reaching their 180 days of required school. Mr. Mathias noted keeping graduation on June 6 would mean they would need to go to school on two Saturdays and we would have no wiggle room for additional school cancellations.

Parents of seniors expressed their concerns about moving graduation to the 10<sup>th</sup>. They stated family members from out of town would not be able to attend graduation if it was moved to a week day. The parents expressed their concern of announcements already being printed with the wrong date and time. They requested taking the Monday from Easter break and having seniors go to school on two Saturdays to allow graduation to stay on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Mathias and Mrs. Krum expressed their concern of taking both Thursday and Monday from Easter break, noting between Christmas break and the end of the school year Easter is the only time students get a long break. Mrs. Krum stated she was worried about kids not getting a break before major testing starts to occur.

This motion failed as a result of the following vote tally: (0-9)

Mr. Chyko	No
Mr. Coates	No
Mr. Crawford	No
Mr. Fogarty	No
Mr. Klingerman	No
Mr. Markowski	No
Mr. Rafel	No
Mr. Rhoads	No
Mr. Sitler	No

Student Field Trip Request(s) –Mr. Markowski, moved, seconded by Mr. Chyko to grant approval for the following field trip requests:

Staff Member(s)	Location & Purpose	No. of Students	Date(s)	Fund	Cost
Kim Bolig (BU) & Harry Mathias	Harrisburg, PA STEM Magnet Activity	6	03/13/15		N/C
Kristina Unger & Sandra Mowery	Morris Family Restaurant 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Guidance Activity	38/trip	05/07, 05/12, 05/14 & 05/19	PTO Lunch Cost General	\$20
Kristina Unger & Sandra Mowery	Middle School 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Middle School Visit	150	05/12/15	General	\$30

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Student Field Trip Request(s) cont.

Staff Member(s)	Location & Purpose	No. of Students	Date(s)	Fund	Cost
Nathan Johnson	Harrisburg, PA 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Activity	155	05/14/15	General	\$3,252
Melanie Hosler	Reptiland 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Activity	140	06/03/15	PTO	\$1,310

This motion passed as a result of the following vote tally: (9-0)

Mr. Chyko	Yes
Mr. Coates	Yes
Mr. Crawford	Yes
Mr. Fogarty	Yes
Mr. Klingerman	Yes
Mr. Markowski	Yes
Mr. Rafel	Yes
Mr. Rhoads	Yes
Mr. Sitler	Yes

Revised 2014-15 School Calendar – Mr. Sitler moved, seconded by Mr. Fogarty, to grant approval to the following changes to the 2014-15 school calendar:

- Graduation will stay on June 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> will become a school day.
- Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> will become a school day, if needed, and an announcement of this adjustment will be made clear on the calendar.
- Seniors will have to attend school on one Saturday and if another snow day occurs they will have to attend two Saturday school days.
- If more than two cancellations occur graduation will have to be moved and the use of Bloomsburg University will be lost.

This motion passed as a result of the following vote tally: (9-0)

Mr. Chyko	Yes
Mr. Coates	Yes
Mr. Crawford	Yes
Mr. Fogarty	Yes
Mr. Klingerman	Yes
Mr. Markowski	Yes
Mr. Rafel	Yes
Mr. Rhoads	Yes
Mr. Sitler	Yes

Equipment, Supply and Cafeteria Committee – Mr. Rhoads, chairperson, no report.

Transportation Committee – Mr. Chyko, chairperson, no report.

Policy, Legislative, Goals & Evaluation Committee – Mr. Rhoads, chairperson, no report.

Tax Exoneration & Local Revenue Committee – Mr. Klingerman, chairperson, no report.

Vo-Tech Operating Committee – Mr. Fogarty reported SAC will be meeting to complete the transfer of leadership from Bill Forsythe to David Bacher as Administrative Director.

Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit – Mr. Rhoads announced Chuck Peterson will be replacing Bill Martz at the IU.

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Finance, Budget & Insurance Committee – Mr. Sitler, chairperson, no report.

**Budget Discussion** –Mr. Mathias reported the following:

- Preliminary Budget Summary – projected expenditures are \$29,368,616; projected revenues are \$28,402,395, projected deficit is \$966,221. The preliminary budget was edited to reflect a reduction in the high school debt service payment \$121,219.
- Earned Income Tax Credit and Delinquent Property Trend were presented.
- Retirements/Resignations/Positions – High School Guidance Counselor (Mike Currey) retirement, ES/MS Assistant Principal (Carla Sauer) resignation, Life Skills Classroom Aide (Dawn Young) retirement, Transportation/Receptionist Secretary (Kim Tucker) resignation, and Individual Student Aide (new).
- Substitute Teacher Plan – Hire a Monday, Wednesday, Friday and a Tuesday, Thursday substitute for both the middle and high schools at \$100/day with no benefits. Hiring these four substitutes would replace the need for all other regular subs in the middle school and all subs in the high school. This change would cost the district \$36,000, with an estimated cost savings of \$30,000.
- Act 1 Exceptions – The Board is eligible for exceptions up to \$210,000 or 0.74mills.
- Act 48 Calculation – In no additional changes to the budget, the Board will need to “Commit/Assign/Reserve” \$1, 075,000. The recommendation is to place \$800,000 in the PSERS committed account and \$275,000 in the Capital Reserve account. For every dollar that we reduce the deficit, we will need to “Commit/Assign/Reserve” an additional dollar.
- Budget Unknowns – Governor’s Budget and Policy Plan, Health/Dental/Vision care, Professional and Support Contracts, ES Digital Conversion Plan.

Discussion Items – No report.

Student Report – No report.

**Representative Reports:**

Faculty Report – None.

Administrative Reports –

Carla Sauer, Elementary/Middle School Assistant Principal, thanked the Board and administration for the professional opportunity allotted to her at Central Columbia.

Principals, Jeff Grosbek, Chad Heintzelman, and Tom Sharrow noted how Central Columbia is going to miss Mrs. Sauer.

Tom Sharrow, Elementary School Principal, informed the Board Read Across America is this week and there are many activities happening the Elementary School.

Harry Mathias, Jr., Superintendent, thanked Mrs. Sauer for her time as assistant principal at Central Columbia.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Future Meetings:**

- Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m., on Monday, March 16, 2015, in the district office board room.

**Adjournment:** Having no further business, Mr. Fogarty moved, second by Mr. Chyko to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. This motion passed with a 9-0 voice vote.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Rosemary J. Nagle, Recording Secretary