

BELLEFONTE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Notes

January 11, 2022

School Board News

At the regular meeting of the Bellefonte Area School District Board of School Directors held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, the following took place:

- Health and Safety Plan
- Approved the Minutes from the Regular and Reorganization Meetings of December 7, 2021.
- Approved the Minutes from the Work Session of December 14, 2021.
- Approved the Minutes from the Work Session of January 4, 2022.

PERSONNEL

- Approved the retirement of Mrs. Melissa Hockenberry from the position of Teacher at Pleasant Gap Elementary School, effective at the end of the 2021-22 school year. Mrs. Hockenberry has been with the district since August 2000.
- Approved the resignation of Mrs. Erin Chapman from the position of Special Education Teacher at Marion-Walker Elementary School, effective upon release from her current position. Mrs. Chapman has been with the district since August 2016.
- Updated start date: Appointed Ms. Marlee Jones as a temporary professional employee to the position of Learning Support Teacher at Benner Elementary School, Bachelor's+30, Step 3, at a salary of \$49,483, effective date January 4, 2021. Ms. Jones replaces Ms. Sara Wolfe who transferred. All wages and benefits are in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- Appointed Ms. Bonnie Folmar to the position of Utility Clerk at Pleasant Gap Elementary School, Level 1, Step C, at \$13.45 an hour, effective date January 12, 2021. Ms. Folmar replaces Ms. Jamie Jolley who transferred. All wages and benefits are in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- Appointed Ms. Evelyn Eicher to the position of Attendance Clerk at Bellefonte Elementary School, Level D, Step C, at \$14.20 an hour, effective date January 13, 2021. Ms. Eicher replaces Ms. Dawn Yates who resigned. All wages and benefits are in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- Appointed Ms. Mikayla Hubbs as a temporary professional employee to the position of Long-Term Substitute Fifth Grade at Marion-Walker Elementary School, Bachelor's, Step 1, at a salary of \$47,701, effective date January 25, 2022. Ms. Hubbs replaces Mr. Christopher Cipro who transferred. All wages and benefits are in accordance with the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- Approved the following Extra Duty/Extra Pay resignation for the 2022-22 school year:
Evan Reese Assistant Coach Varsity Football
- Approved a child-rearing leave for Employee ID #1751, Teacher, at Bellefonte Area High School, beginning in March 2022, through June 10, 2022, per Article 15: Child Rearing Leave.

- Approved the Family Medical Leave for five District employees as per detailed backup. Detailed leave listing included as backup to the Minutes.
- The following request is subject to guidelines within Board Policy for Short-Term Uncompensated Leaves. All requested leaves are for personal reasons.

Prestie Headings	Paraeducator/PCA	Bellefonte Area High School	11/15-16/2021 (12 hours) 11/18/21 (3 Hours, 11/19/2021 (6 hours)
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- Approved the job description as attached for the position of High School, Vice Principal.
- Approved the job description as attached for the position of Elementary, Vice Principal.
- Approved the job description as attached for the position of Elementary School Principal.
- Approved the job description as attached for the position of Director of Special Education.
- Approved the job description as attached for the position of Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent.
- Approved a sabbatical leave for Mrs. Jennifer Kroboth, learning support teacher at Bellefonte Area Middle School, for the second semester of the 2021-2022 school year.
- Approved the following Volunteers for the 2021-22 School Year:
 - Jeffrey Gardner Wrestling
 - Harrison Horner Swimming
 - Alexis Clifford Fine Arts
 - Annalee Schmidt Fine Arts
- Approved the following internships for the 2021-2022 school year:

Semester	Student Teacher's First Name	Student Teacher's Last Name	Cooperating Teacher's First Name	Cooperating Teacher's Last Name	Grade/Subject	District Placement	University	Date Begin	Date End
2	Katherine	Kuhn	Rachael	Davis	LS	HS	PSU	01-Feb-22	17-Mar-22
2	Samantha	Albor	Jennifer	Moody	LS	HS	PSU	01-Feb-22	17-Mar-22
2	Chase	Tackett	Doug	Bates	PE/Health	BE	LHU	21-Mar-22	11-May-22
2	Kiara	MacMath	Paula	Hendershot	2	PG	LHU	25-Jan-22	11-Mar-22
2	Rachael	Savio	Nicholas	Downs	Math	BN	PSU	10-Jan-22	29-Apr-22
2	Madison	Alesi	Renee	Besecker	Math	MS	PSU	10-Jan-22	29-Apr-22
2(pre)	Emily	St.Laurent	Rachel	Griel	Nursing	MS	PSU	07-Feb-22	17-Mar-22
2(pre)	Danielle	Voysest	Alexandra	O'Brien	Nursing	HS	PSU	07-Feb-22	17-Mar-22

EDUCATIONAL AND STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- Approved Homebound Instruction for one Bellefonte Area High School student.
- Approved the following field trip for the 2021-2022 school year:

- FBLA students to attend workshops at a Regional Leadership Conference in Dubois on January 18, 2022. Transportation costs of approx. \$450 will be paid out of the FBLA Account. #0561
- Recognize the following affiliate booster club for the 2021-2022 school year; and that the clubs must act in accordance with Bellefonte Area School District policies and procedures to qualify for coverage under school district insurance:
 - Baseball Booster Club
- Approve Junior High Baseball to be a Club Sport for the Spring 2022 season. This sport has the approval of the Athletic Director, Middle School Principal, and High School Principal.

FINANCIAL

- Approved the proposal from Michael Norris & Associates to design an irrigation system hookup for the practice field at the stadium for a cost of \$3,000.00.
- Approved Michael L. Norris and Associates, Inc..for engineering services for the rooftop unit replacement project at the High School in the amount of \$20,000.00.
- Approved the purchase of six rooftop units for Marion-Walker as lead times are so long that we want to ensure we receive them and have them installed during the summer.
- Approved the purchase of an AO Smith DRE-120-54 water heater for Benner Elementary at a cost of \$9,377.76.
- Approved the Contract between the Bellefonte Area School District and the Central Intermediate Unit 10 to provide services as needed per contract.

OTHER

- Approved the following donations for the 2021-22 school year:
 - Five metal-raised garden beds for the students to plant and maintain the Pleasant Gap Elementary School garden from Vego Garden
 - Hats and gloves to Bellefonte Elementary from Nittany Country Club
 - \$300 from Betsy Futterman to the Bellefonte Elementary School Library
- Accepted the resignation of Dr. Mark Badger from the Board of School Directors effective January 4, 2022.
- Approved the Beard Legal Group with Carl Beard as primary contact as Solicitor for the Bellefonte Area School District at a rate of \$165 per hour effective January 11, 2022, until December 6, 2022.
- Approved Dr. Scott Etter of Etter Law Firm, LLC, as Special Council for the Bellefonte Area School District at a rate of \$145 per hour effective January 11, 2022, until December 6, 2022.
- Approved The Express as our newspaper of general circulation that all legal notices will be advertised.
- Approved the current Health and Safety Plan.
- Approved to rescind the action taken on the motion on April 13, 2021, that all Native American imagery used throughout the District be officially and respectfully retired. All existing images would be removed within one year unless items containing the images needed to be replaced or needed maintenance prior to removal.
- Approved to rescind the action taken on the motion on April 28, 2021, to drop the word “Red” and retain the word “Raiders” as its future nickname or moniker, beginning with the 2021-22

school year. Furthermore, it is recommended that the district create a committee that will solicit public input on a graphical representation of the nickname that is not centered on any one group's race, ethnicity, or national origin. The committee shall include representatives from the student body, community, teachers, and administration drawn from the District, and shall submit their top three recommendations to the Board for further consideration no later than the first board meeting in November.

- Appointed Nate Campbell as a member of the Bellefonte Area School District Board of School Directors effective January 11, 2022, until December 6, 2023 (Board Re-organization meeting). This is a position vacated by Dr. Mark Badger's resignation from the Board on January 4, 2022.