



June News & Notes

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Board Approves New Hires



The Bedford Area School District welcomes four new teachers to their staff for the 2014-2015 school year, following the Board of Directors vote at the June 19, 2014 Board Meeting. The Board voted unanimously to approve the following new hires (Listed according to picture, from L to R):

Mrs. Vanessa Wiand will be joining the staff at the Bedford

Elementary as a Learning Support Teacher. Wiand received her Bachelor's in Kindergarten and Elementary Education from Penn State University and her Master's in Special Education from Western Governor's University. She has already been working with the school district as an Incredible Years Facilitator and Americorps Teacher since 2012.

Miss Stefanie Hinton will be joining the staff at the Bedford High School as their newest Physical Education Teacher. Hinton is a 2012 graduate of Penn State University, with her certification in K-12 Health and Physical Education. Since graduating, Miss Hinton has been substitute teaching in various school districts around Bedford and Blair county.

Mr. Matt Barkman will be joining the staff at Bedford Elementary as the Physical Education Teacher. Barkman is a 2006 graduate of Slippery Rock University, with a certification in Health and Physical Education. He has been a Coordinator for the After 3 program since 2008, while also substitute teaching throughout the District and serving as the Golf Coach for BHS.

Mrs. Sarah Bordi will be joining the staff at the Bedford High School as an English Teacher. Bordi is a graduate of Penn State University, with certification in English 7-12. She has been substitute teaching in the District since 2009, most recently as a long-term sub during the 2013-2014 school year.

Please join us in welcoming our new teachers to the Bedford Area School District!

The Bedford Area School District Board of Education met on June 9th for a Work Session and on June 19th 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.

Additional Personnel

In addition to the new teacher hires (featured on page 1), the following personnel items were approved during the June Business Meeting:

- Approval for Mrs. Melissa Dague to return from a leave of absence to an open teaching position at Bedford Elementary School, beginning at the start of the 2014-2015 school year.
- Approval of maternity leave for Mrs. Julie Livengood, to begin on August 25, 2014, and to return January 5, 2015.
- Approval to hire Mrs. Casey Cover as the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent/Marketing Coordinator/Board Secretary, effective July 1, 2014.

Extra Duty/Extra Pay Personnel/Fund Raisers

The following items were approved during the June 19, 2014 Board Meeting:

- Approval for BHS Football team to travel to Clarion University July 31– August 3, 2014.
- Approval for a Bedford Soccer (boys and girls) clinic at BHS July 7-12, 2014, on the school soccer facilities.
- Approval for Mr. Josh Krupa to be added to the game help list for athletics retroactive to March 1, 2014.
- Approval of Mrs. Janell Henderson as volunteer Cheer Assistant.
- Approval of the letter of resignation from Mrs. Bobbie Jo Rose as Junior High Assistant Volleyball Coach.

Board Policy Manual

Five amended policies for the Board Policy Manual received final approval during June’s Board Meeting. The updated policies include:

- Policy # 209.1 — Food Allergy Management.
- Policy # 209.2 — Head Lice.
- Policy # 210 — Medications.
- Policy # 246 — Student Wellness.
- Policy # 808 — Food Services.

Did you know? The Bedford Area School District is currently working with PSBA to update our Board Policy Manual. Employee Sections 300, 400, and 500 will soon be condensed into one Employee Section. This merger should be complete in the coming months!

FOOD SERVICES

The Board approved the following recommendations:

- ◆ Recommendation to accept the bread proposal from Schmidt Baking Company to supply our bakery items for the 2014-2015 school year.
- ◆ Request approval to use Ritchey’s Dairy to supply our milk items for the 2014-2015 school year.
- ◆ Request approval to use Galliker’s Dairy to supply our ice cream and tea items for the 2014-2015 school year. Their ice cream and tea items meet the new Smart Snack requirements.

2014-2015 Approved Budget

The Board of Education voted unanimously during the Thursday, June 19th, Board Meeting to approve the following 2014-2015 Budget:

- Millage Rate change from 8.4808 to 8.7182
- Projected Expenditures: \$27,987,960.00
- Projected Revenues: \$26,768,748.00
- Fund Balance Needed to Balance the Budget: \$1,219,212.00

Taxes Included for the 2014-2015 school year:

- Per Capita: Per Capita Tax for \$5.00 per person on all persons 18 years or older, living within territorial limits of Bedford Area School District under Section 679 of the School Code;
- Per Capita: Per Capita Tax of \$5.00 per person on all persons 18 years or older living within territorial limits of Bedford Area School District Under Act 511;
- Earned Income Tax: An Earned Income Tax of 1% net profits of business, professions, and other activities conducted by residents of Bedford Area School District;
- Act 1 Earned Income Tax: An Earned Income Tax of .5% net profits of business, professions, and other activities conducted by residents of Bedford Area School District;
- LST/Emergency Municipal Services Tax: An Emergency Municipal Services Tax of \$10.00 annually upon persons that are gainfully employed with the Bedford Area School District;
- Real Estate Transfer: A Real Estate Transfer Tax of 1% on all real estate transferred within the Bedford Area School District under the authority of the Act of 1965, December 31, P.L. 1257.

Miscellaneous Business Items

- ◆ Approval of the Homestead Farmstead Exclusion Resolution.
- ◆ Approval of the resolution to refinance the 2009 bonds, along with a second resolution adopting post-issuance SEC and IRS compliance procedures.
- ◆ Approval of the Appalachia IU 08 bid for paper.
- ◆ Approval to continue to use the services of Powell Rogers and Speaks as delinquent per capita tax collector for the 2014-2015 school year.
- ◆ Approval of AG Administrators to provide coverage for the 2014-2015 school year for Student Athletic Insurance. Coverage includes all sports, band, and cheerleading, at a cost of \$19,825.00. Volunteer student insurance will be \$28.00 for school time and \$124.00 for 24-hour coverage.



School Highlights

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BHS

- Will Kachman (2nd in 3200) and Cody DeMoss (5th in Javeline) represented BHS very well at the state track meet.
- Baseball advanced to the state quarterfinals and had a very successful year.

BMS

- Each grade participated in a “Leave It Outside” day where they joined their classmates in various outside events and activities.
- BMS Awards Day program was held on June 9th where students received recognition for their accomplishments during this school year.
- All Staff participated in the ALICE Drill on Tuesday, June 10th. We all learned valuable lessons that will help us make our school a safer place for everyone.



(Pictured: BMS sixth graders and teachers having fun in the sun with a bit of competition!)

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- The end of the school year finished very smoothly with many different activities for the students, including: Zoo Day Presentations, Fun Day, and Field Day.
- The 5th Grade Awards Assembly was held on Friday, June 6th.
- Teachers were very busy for the professional development days: ALICE Drills, Study Island Training, Bison Talks, Learning Team Meeting, Transition Meeting for 5th and 6th grade teachers, and Student Assistance Program Meeting.