

August 19, 2021

The special board meeting of the Berwick Area School Board was held on Thursday, August 19, 2021, in the Line Street Administrative Office. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President, Mrs. Susy Wiegand.

**PRESENT:** Mrs. Susy Wiegand, Ms. Carol Bodwalk, Mr. Joseph DeMelfi, Mrs. Maryann Kovalewski, Mrs. Brenda Post, Mr. Ronald Robsock, Mrs. Sandra Slavick (by phone)

**ABSENT:** Mr. Keith Hess, Mr. Jon Morell,

Also **PRESENT:** Mrs. Wendy Kupsky, Mrs. Janet Kovach, Mr. Robert Croop, Susan Swartz, Theresa Wark

## **Agenda**

### **Academic Affairs:**

#### **AA-1 Approval to accept a non-resident student from the Benton Area School District on a tuition basis for the 2021-2022 school year. (enc.)**

On motion of Maryann Kovalewski, seconded by Joseph DeMelfi we accept a non-resident student from the Benton Area School District on a tuition basis for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried. All members voting "Aye". "Nay" - None and no abstentions.

### **Extra Curricular:**

#### **Approve Items EC-1 through EC-2 With One Motion**

#### **EC-1 Approval to recognize the Berwick Football Champions as a Booster Club for the 2021-2022 school term. (enc.)**

#### **EC-2 Approval to recognize the Berwick Band Boosters as a Booster Club for the 2021-2022 school term. (enc.)**

On motion of Maryann Kovalewski, seconded by Brenda Post and Joseph DeMelfi we approve Items EC-1 through EC-2 With One Motion. Motion carried. All members voting "Aye". "Nay" - None and no abstentions.

### **Transportation:**

#### **T-1 Approval of Bill Perkins as bus driver for FishingCreek Transportation for the 2021-2022 school term.**

On motion of Ronald Robsock, seconded by Joseph DeMelfi we approve Bill Perkins as bus driver for FishingCreek Transportation for the 2021-2022 school term. Motion carried. All members voting “Aye”. “Nay” - None and no abstentions.

**Personnel:**

**Approve Items P-1 through P-4 With One Motion**

- P-1 Approval of Karen Preston as a long term substitute teacher at the Salem Elementary for six (6) months (92.5 school days) beginning August 18, 2021 ending January 18, 2022 based upon the present school calendar in effect as of August 19, 2021. Ms. Preston will be compensated at Bachelor’s Step 1, \$42,837.00 pro-rated.**
- P-2 Approval to hire Kathleen Mason as a part-time paraeducator, pending receipt of appropriate paperwork. Compensation will be at the rate of \$12.96 per hour.**
- P-3 Approval to hire April Sink as a part-time paraeducator, pending receipt of appropriate paperwork. Compensation will be at the rate of \$12.96 per hour.**
- P-4 Approval to hire Alishia Hardeman as a part-time paraeducator, pending receipt of appropriate paperwork. Compensation will be at the rate of \$12.96 per hour.**

On motion of Maryann Kovalewski, seconded by Carol Bodwalk and Brenda Post we approve Items P-1 through P-4 With One Motion. Motion carried. All members voting “Aye”. “Nay” - None and no abstentions.

- P-5 Approval to hire Elizabeth Rinehimer as a Temporary Professional Employee, effective at the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year, pending receipt of appropriate paperwork. Ms. Rinehimer will be employed as a Special Education Teacher at the Bachelors Step 1, \$42,837.00. (ROLL CALL VOTE)**

On motion of Maryann Kovalewski, seconded by Brenda Post we approve hire Elizabeth Rinehimer as a Temporary Professional Employee, effective at the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year, pending receipt of appropriate paperwork. Ms. Rinehimer will be employed as a Special Education Teacher at the Bachelors Step 1, \$42,837.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE: “Ayes” – Maryann Kovalewski, Joseph DeMelfi, Ronald Robsock, Brenda Post, Carol Bodwalk, Sandra Slavick, Susy Wiegand

“Nays” – None

“Abstaining” – None

Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

Wendy Kupsky – A robo call will be going out Sunday for the mandate for masks on buses. In light of trying to keep our kids in school, I will also be informing the parents as per the CDC

guidelines, that we do recommend because we are currently in High and Substantial rate as read on the CDC website that close contact exception is considered in K-12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who are within 3-6 feet of an infected student, if both the infected student and the exposed student are correctly and consistently wearing a mask the entire time. What that is saying is the student who tests positive does have to follow those guidelines which is 10 days but the students who was sitting next to them does not have to quarantine. It is still the parent's choice. Outside sports no mask. Inside sports while they are in play, no masks. I will be putting something on our website also.

Susan Swartz – Questioning teacher and guest masking. Discussion followed.

Susan Swartz – Questioned students wearing masks vs not wearing masks.

On motion of Joseph DeMelfi, seconded by Maryann Kovalewski we adjourn the meeting.  
Motion carried. All members voting “Aye.” “Nay”- none and no abstentions.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Janet K. Kovach, Secretary to the Board