

BLaST Intermediate Unit #17
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The BLaST Intermediate Unit #17 Board of Directors held their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 virtually via video-conferencing. The meeting was called to order by Lori Baer, President, at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call:

Lori Baer, President	Present
Julie Preston, Vice President	Present
Debra Agnew, Treasurer	Present
Devin Brown	Present
Doug Eberlin	Absent
Chris Gastrock	Present
Scott Johnson	Present
Christina Kiessling	Present
Dan Martin	Present
Lisa McClintock	Present
Nathan Miller	Present
Kathy Jo Minnick	Absent
Peggi Munkittrick	Absent
Neal Palmer	Absent
Nancy Petrosky	Absent (joined at 7:32)
Dana Pick	Absent
William S. Ruffing	Present
Barbara Shull	Present
Hal Stockdill	Present

Others present were: Brooke Beiter, Tim Confer, Rebecca Gibboney, Erin Hamilton, Robin Holmes, Mike Levin, Amy Martell, Katey Martin, Ardis Mason, Sara McNett, Jon Paulhamus, Maria Pierce, Andra Sauers, Angie Sees, Cheryl Starr, Christina Steinbacher-Reed, Dana Vermilya, and Tracy Wright.

A copy of the agenda is attached as Pages 2535-1 through 2535-4.

Ms. Agnew moved and Mr. Brown seconded to approve the following:

4. Minutes.

Minutes of the meeting held January 20, 2021 as presented.

The motion passed with unanimous affirmative vote.

Mr. Brown moved and Mr. Stockdill seconded to approve the following:

5. Finance.

A. Approval of Bills

Bills for the month of January 2021, for General Operations, Special Education, and Capital Project Fund totaling \$1,305,029.14, attached as Pages 2536-1 through 2536-7.

The motion passed with unanimous affirmative vote.

At 7:08 p.m. the directors went into an Executive Session for safety and attorney advisement.

The directors reconvened the regular board meeting at 7:32 p.m. at which time Nancy Petrosky had joined the virtual meeting.

Ms. Agnew made an omnibus motion to approve the remaining agenda items and Mr. Brown seconded.

7C. Personnel, change of work assignment.

1. Erin Hamilton - Curriculum Specialist

Due to the internal transfer of Dr. Amy Martell, the administration recommends the Board approve the internal transfer of Ms. Erin Hamilton to Curriculum Specialist, with a salary adjustment of \$78,000, 200 days prorated to the actual number of days worked, Effective February 18, 2021. Employment in accordance with Board policy as adopted in the 2020-2023 Administrative Compensation Plan.

7D. Personnel, Substitute Teachers and Substitute Teacher Aides.

1. The administration recommends approval of the list of substitute teachers and substitute teacher aides for the 2020-2021 school term, attached as Page 2536-8.
2. The administration recommends approval of the list of Mission One employees for the 2020-2021 school term, attached as Page 2536-9.

8. Items Requiring Routine Formal Action by the Board.

A. Approval of Pay Dates and Holidays – 2021-2022

Schedule of pay dates and holidays for the fiscal year and school year 2021-2022 is attached as Page 2536-10.

B. 2020-2021 Calendar Revision

The administration recommends that the Board approve the revised 2020-2021 yearly calendar for the following programs: Lycoming Day Treatment, Academy for Integrated Studies - North, Academy for Integrated Studies - South, and BSI/DTAC. The revised calendars are attached as Pages 2537-1 through 2537-4.

Dr. Martell explained that there was another revision to the Academy for Integrated Studies – North. Friday, April 2, 2021 will be a Vacation/Holiday and Monday, April 5, 2021 will be an In-service Day.

C. First and Second Reading of New Policies

- Policy 709** Building Security attached as Page 2537-5
- Policy 805** Emergency Preparedness attached as Pages 2537-6 through 2537-10
- Policy 805.1** Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies attached as Pages 2537-11 through 2537-13
- Policy 904** Public Attendance at Intermediate Unit Events attached as Pages 2537-14 through 2537-16
- Policy 907** Intermediate Unit Visitors attached as Pages 2537-17 through 2537-19

D. Memorandum of Understanding - National School Climate Center

The administration recommends that the Board authorize a MOU with the National School Climate Center to provide training for Scope of Work - Safe Schools, School Climate, effective February 17, 2021 through February 17, 2023 at an annual rate of \$8,075.00.

E. Memorandum of Understanding - Central Intermediate Unit 10

The administration recommends the Board authorize a MOU with Intermediate Unit 10 to cover services left vacant by the resignation of Kelly Swartwood, effective February 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021, at a rate of \$650.00 per day, not to exceed \$1,950.00.

The motion passed with unanimous affirmative vote.

10. Administrative Reports.

A. Report of Investments

The record of investments dated January 31, 2021 is presented as follows:

Year-to-Date Earnings on Investments is \$55,321.90 (1.00% Cash Management Account), First Citizens Community Bank, Canton.

Year-to-Date Earnings on Project Fund is \$8287.92 (1.00% Capital Fund Account), First Citizens Community Bank, Canton.

B. Special Education Update – A. Martell

C. Educational Planning Update – B. Beiter

D. Technology Update - J. Paulhamus

The technology update was presented by Jon Paulhamus and was accompanied by a power point highlighting the Technology Division. This report gave a comprehensive overview of the Technology Department defining who they are and what they do.

E. Executive Director Update – Dr. Steinbacher-Reed

At 8:22 p.m. there was no more business, so Mr. Brown moved and Ms. Preston seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara McNett
Board Secretary