

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2008**

The Bangor Area School Board met for a Regular Board Meeting in the Slater Conference Room on Monday, January 28, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Board President Joseph Boyle.

ROLL CALL

Board Secretary, Stephen G. Wiencek, called the roll and recorded the following board members in attendance:

Michael Baird	Present	Michael Goffredo	Absent
Robert Blake	Present	Kevin Pruett	Present
Steve Bussenger	Present	Albert Ronca	Present
Bruce Cameron	Present	Joseph Boyle	Present
Pamela Colton	Arrived 8:06 p.m.		

Everyone joined in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Reinhart, Ms. Mulroy, Mr. DeFelice, Mr. Gunnels, Mr. Kondisko, Mr. Lucrezi, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Tripler, Mr. Farnan, Mr. Stonehouse, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Awigena and Mr. Wiencek represented the Administration.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Carly Boos was present.

SOLICITOR

Don Spry and Jessica Moyer were present.

BANGOR AREA EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Ms. Ronco was present.

BANGOR AREA EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

Mr. Salvemini was present.

PUBLIC

Mr. Ron Angle and Mr. Randy Galiatto from Spillman, Farmer and Associates were present.

PRESS

The Express-Times – Douglas Brill was present.

The Morning Call – No one was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the Agenda deleting item # 4 from motion # 17 as an order of business:

Dr. Baird moved the motion and Mr. Pruett seconded the motion.

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (7 Yes, 0 No)

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of December 17, 2007, the Budget Hearing of December 17, 2007, the Budget Hearing of January 7, 2008, the Work Session of January 21, 2007 and the Special Meeting of January 21, 2008.

Dr. Baird moved the motion and Mr. Blake seconded the motion.

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (7 Yes, 0 No)

PAYMENT OF BILLS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the Payment of Bills in the amount of \$2,586,805.23.

Mr. Pruettt moved the motion and Mr. Blake seconded the motion.

Mr. Ronca requested information on the following checks:

- Check #45521 payable to LTS Builders
Mr. Wiencek responded that LTS paid their property tax twice.
- Check #45619 payable to Super Heat
Mr. Stonehouse stated two boilers at the Middle School were not working and Super Heat repaired the boilers.
- Check #45634 payable to Trane
Mr. Wiencek stated it was for controls for the Middle School system.
- Check #45691 payable to Knowles LP Gas
Mr. Wiencek stated the check is for propane fuel to maintain minimal heat in the one room school house.
- Check #45699 payable to Novell
Mr. Holmes stated the payment was for the annual software license.
- Check #45713 payable to 21st Century Security
Mr. Wiencek stated the payment was for service to repair the security and fire alarms at DeFranco Elementary School.

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (7 Yes, 0 No)

TREASURER'S REPORT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the Treasurer's Report for the period ending December 2007.

Mr. Pruettt moved the motion and Mr. Cameron seconded the motion.

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (7 Yes, 0 No)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Angle spoke about his disappointment that Majestic Athletic will be moving from their location in Bangor to a location in Palmer Township. Mr. Angle stated the Lehigh Valley Economic Development Authority (LVEDC) and VF Imagewear, the parent company of Majestic, kept the move a secret from the school district and the county. Mr. Angle stated he and Mr. Reinhart were told of the move after the decision to move was made. Mr. Angle stated it is time for the LVEDC to help the Bangor Area School District.

Mr. Reinhart stated the LVEDC and Northampton County do not work in favor of the taxpayers of the Bangor Area School District.

Mrs. Colton arrived.

Mr. Salvemini stated he was happy to see that Mrs. Michele Possinger was being recommended for an assistant track coach position. Mr. Salvemini stated both his daughters had fantastic experiences while being coached by Mrs. Possinger.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Blake reported that an executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss contracts, personnel, student issues and possible litigation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATION REPORT

Mr. Farnan stated he had a request from Mr. Walter Wilson of the Hope Springs Community of Faith Church to use the Middle School Auditorium, cafeteria and two classrooms each Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. beginning in March 2008 and all religious holidays. Mr. Farnan stated they also requested space for storage which he told them would not be possible.

Mrs. Colton expressed her concern with the group using classrooms that may have some confidential information inside them.

Mr. Stonehouse stated he is concerned that there is not enough custodial staff to cover these additional hours.

Dr. Baird stated he is concerned with their use of the kitchen and not having the proper sanitary training.

Mr. Farnan stated they will not be allowed to use the kitchen in the cafeteria area.

Dr. Baird and Mr. Cameron expressed their concern if the district opens the schools to this group then other groups will want to use the other schools on Sunday mornings and the district was trying to limit the use of the facilities on Sunday mornings.

Mr. Spry stated he will research the limiting of use of the facilities and report back to the board in February.

Mr. Farnan stated beginning next month he will present the board with a list of requests for use of the facilities for their approval.

ACTION AGENDA

CONTRACTED SERVICE

08-01-B-01

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve contracting with IU #20 to provide specialized homebound instruction for the period January 21, 2008 through June 15, 2008, three hours per week at \$34.40 per hour.

Dr. Baird moved the motion and Mr. Pruettt seconded the motion.

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (8 Yes, 0 No)

IU #20 BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT

08-01-B-02

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Bangor Area School District appoint Pamela Colton to serve on the Intermediate Unit #20 Board of Directors for a three year term, beginning July 1, 2008 and ending on June 30, 2011.

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Mr. Ronca moved the motion and Mr. Blake seconded the motion.

All members present voted and the motion carried. (7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstained). Mrs. Colton abstained.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

08-01-P/NP-03

APPROVED AT 1/21/08 SPECIAL MEETING

CONFERENCES & FIELD TRIPS

08-01-C-04

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the attached lists of field trips and conferences.

Dr. Baird moved the motion and Mr. Pruettt seconded the motion.

Dr. Baird asked if the chorus will be performing only once on their trip to Williamsburg. Mr. Reinhart stated it is one formal competition but there will be several informal performances.

Mr. Pruettt asked for an explanation of the term "CCF".

Ms. Mulroy responded it stands for Classrooms for the Future.

All members present voted and the motion carried. (7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstained). Mrs. Colton abstained.

SUBSTITUTE LISTS

08-01-P/NP-05

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the attached lists of district substitutes.

Mrs. Colton moved the motion and Mr. Blake seconded the motion.

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (8 Yes, 0 No)

FMLA STATUS

08-01-P/NP-06

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the attached list of employees on FMLA Status.

Mr. Pruettt moved the motion and Mr. Cameron seconded the motion.

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (8 Yes, 0 No)

COURSE DOCUMENTS

08-01-C-07

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the attached written course documents and authorize the payment of \$250 to the authors:

Elements of Musical Theatre
Guitar Class

Christopher Connelly
Jolene Connelly

Mrs. Colton moved the motion and Mr. Ronca seconded the motion.

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (8 Yes, 0 No)

CIT BUILDING LOT PURCHASE

08-01-B-08

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the Career Institute of Technology Operating Committee's request to purchase a building lot, County ID: J9-1-4A-1A, located at 1410 Church Lane in Forks Township, PA from Karen Presby for the amount of \$113,000, for the purpose of a student-built house project, pending the approval of the five participating school boards.

Mr. Pruettt moved the motion and Dr. Baird seconded the motion.

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (8 Yes, 0 No)

HOMEBOUND/TUTORIAL INSTRUCTION

08-01-C-09

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the attached request for homebound/tutorial instruction for students #201324, #203298, #203395, #207237, and #204174.

Mr. Pruettt moved the motion and Dr. Baird seconded the motion.

All members present voted and the motion carried. (7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstained). Mrs. Colton abstained.

MENTOR TEACHERS

08-01-P-10

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the following mentors, at the contracted rate of \$450 per year:

Susette Casagrande for Lisa Loeser
Nicole Moschberger for Nicole Mina
Mary Tafel for Maryann Zaroda
Mary Tafel for Danielle Weiss
Sue Edwards for Hillary Hunter

Mr. Blake moved the motion and Mrs. Colton seconded the motion.

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (8 Yes, 0 No)

2008 FALL COACHES REAPPOINTMENTS

08-01-NP-11

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the reappointment of the following coaches for the 2008 fall season, as per the attached list.

Mr. Blake moved the motion and Mr. Cameron seconded the motion.

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (8 Yes, 0 No)

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2008-2009 SCHOOL CALENDAR

08-01-C-12

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the attached 2008-2009 school calendar.

Mr. Cameron moved the motion and Mrs. Colton seconded the motion.

Mr. Blake stated he still believes there needs to be additional days for state tests.

Dr. Baird asked what is planned for the days in August prior to the start of the school year.

Ms. Mulroy stated there are several workshops planned as well as SunGard Pentamation training scheduled.

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (8 Yes, 0 No)

ACT 80 EXEMPTION FOR 2007-2008 REVISED

08-01SM-B-13

APPROVED AT 1/21/08 SPECIAL MEETING

PRELIMINARY SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET 2008-2009

08-01SM-B-14

APPROVED AT 1/21/08 SPECIAL MEETING

STAFF RESIGNATIONS

08-01-P/NP-15

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District accept the following staff resignations:

1. Devon McCaa, reading teacher, effective upon release by the Superintendent of Schools.

Mr. Pruettt moved the motion and Dr. Baird seconded the motion.

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (8 Yes, 0 No)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS

08-01-P/NP-16

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the following extra-curricular appointments:

1. Kirsten Rotzell, Michele Possinger, and Glen Miller as assistant track coaches, at the contracted rate of \$2,430 each, beginning with the 2008 season.

Mrs. Colton moved the motion and Mr. Ronca seconded the motion.

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (8 Yes, 0 No)

ADDITIONAL STAFF APPOINTMENTS

08-01-P/NP-17

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the following staff appointments:

1. William Thornton be promoted from maintenance helper to groundskeeper, at the contracted rate of \$16.64 per hour, effective January 29, 2008;
2. Trudy Murray, LTS elementary/ESL teacher, at step 9 of the M+45 scale, \$46,950, prorated, effective February 12, 2008;
3. Victoria Kropf as special education intern beginning immediately and continuing until the end of the 2007-2008 school year;

Mr. Pruett moved the motion and Dr. Baird seconded the motion.

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (8 Yes, 0 No)

“WONDERFUL TOWN” POSITIONS

08-01-P/NP-18

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the attached list of people to fill the positions for the 2007-2008 musical “Wonderful Town.”

Mrs. Colton moved the motion and Mr. Cameron seconded the motion.

Mr. Blake asked if the board approved the amount of payment for each position.

Mr. Wiencek stated the amounts for each position were approved with the creation of the positions in November, 2007.

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (8 Yes, 0 No)

STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACH POSITION CHANGES

08-01-P/NP-19

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the following changes in the Strength and Conditioning Coach position:

- A. Using the current salary of \$6,480, the position should be divided into 3 positions:
Fall Winter Spring
- B. The coach hired for each season will be paid \$2,160 for responsibilities during each season.

Mrs. Colton moved the motion and Mr. Blake seconded the motion.

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (8 Yes, 0 No)

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MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD PROGRAM STATUS CHANGE

08-01-C-20

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve a change in status of the Middle School Track and Field program to a club/intramural team beginning with the spring season of 2008.

Mrs. Colton moved the motion and Mr. Cameron seconded the motion.

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (8 Yes, 0 No)

BHS DANCE TEAM

08-01-C-21

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the creation of "BHS Dance Team" as a sanctioned extra-curricular activity with the stipend of the advisor set at \$1,645.00.

Mr. Pruett moved the motion and Mr. Blake seconded the motion.

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (8 Yes, 0 No)

PLANCON A - PROJECT JUSTIFICATION AND PLANCON PART B - SCHEMATIC REVIEW FOR ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS TO BANGOR AREA HIGH SCHOOL

08-01-B-22

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve Plancon Part A - Project Justification and Plancon Part B - Schematic Review for Additions and Alterations to Bangor Area High School and submit them to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Dr. Baird moved the motion and Mr. Pruett seconded the motion.

Randy Galiatto stated the estimated cost for the project is \$12,165,625 plus borrowing fees. Mr. Galiatto stated the plan is for the project to go out to bid in June 2008 and the project to be finished by January 2010.

Mr. Wiencek stated the district's master plan will need to be updated to include information on the Washington School and for projected enrollment.

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (8 Yes, 0 No)

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COLONIAL INTERMEDIATE UNIT #20

Mrs. Colton reported the IU has a full slate of board members now that East Stroudsburg and Delaware Valley appointed new members. Mrs. Colton stated currently the board is working on Dr. Brennan's goals. Mrs. Colton stated students at Colonial Academy raised \$1,200 for the parents of a student who was recently killed in a vehicle accident. Mrs. Colton reported the police are investigating the recent bomb scares at Colonial Academy.

CAREER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (CIT)

Mr. Pruett reported he is no longer chairman of the board. Mr. Pruett stated the school is working on expanding its adult education program.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Mr. Blake reported the committee will meet on February 7, 2008.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

No report.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

No report.

BANGOR AREA EDUCATION FOUNDATION

No report.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Dr. Baird stated the college held its first winter graduation. Dr. Baird stated the Monroe campus is joining forces with the Tobyhanna Army Depot to train students in the technology field to replace the excessive number of retirements expected at the Depot in the next three years.

Mr. Blake suggested the board petition the college to build a swimming pool that could be used by the districts in the county who do not have a pool.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

No report.

PROPOSED/POSSIBLE NEW CONSTRUCTION

No report.

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT (COG)

Mr. Pruett stated Mr. Charles Palmeri is the new chairman replacing Mr. Joe Batillio who was not re-elected to his position as supervisor of Upper Mt. Bethel. Mr. Pruett stated COG is working on Bio Fuels.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Reinhart stated the district has a proposal to update the security equipment at the high school and the middle school.

Dr. Baird asked if the update would be paid from the fund balance.

Mr. Wiencek replied the payment would be taken from the fund balance.

Mr. Wiencek stated the district has always had cameras but they are obsolete.

Mr. Reinhart stated he tried to get volunteers to sit at the entrances of the school but no one was willing to volunteer.

Mrs. Colton asked if the handicapped parking spots along side of the middle school were eliminated.

Ms. Mulroy stated the spots are there but probably need to be repainted to make them visible.

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Mr. Blake expressed his concern that the graffiti at Bangor Park has not been cleaned and the spring track season will soon begin.

Mr. Reinhart stated the board has two choices one is to not use the property and the other would be to withhold payment for the rent.

Mr. Farnan stated he was told the borough would be discussing two quotes they received for the cleanup at their work session this week.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Ronco asked if there has been a decision on the location of graduation this year.

Mr. Boyle stated as of right now graduation will be held in the district.

Mr. Reinhart stated the district is looking at other venues as well as having a Friday night graduation with a Saturday morning rain date.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Baird and Mrs. Colton seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (8 Yes, 0 No)

An audio recording of this meeting are available for review.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen G. Wiencek
Board Secretary