

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2008**

The Bangor Area School Board met for a Regular Board Meeting in the Slater Conference Room on Monday, February 25, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 7:45 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	Present		

Everyone joined in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Reinhart, Ms. Mulroy, Mr. DeFelice, Mr. Gunnels, Mrs. Bustos, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Kocher, Mr. Tripler, Mr. Stonehouse, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Awigena and Mr. Wiencek represented the Administration.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Carly Boos was present.

SOLICITOR

Jessica Moyer was present.

BANGOR AREA EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Ms. Ronco, Mr. Olson, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Gebhart, Mrs. Nicholas and Mr. Repsher were present.

BANGOR AREA EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

Mr. Salvemini and Mrs. Gassler were present.

PUBLIC

There were approximately 18 people and 13 students 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 adding item #6 to motion #11 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. (8 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 Regular Board Meeting of January 28, 2008 and the Work Session of February 18, 2008.

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)

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 \$4,855,981.86.

Mrs. Colton moved the motion and Dr. Baird seconded the motion.

Mr. Ronca requested information on check #45989 payable to Wood Services.
Mr. Wiencek responded the check is for a student who lives at this residential facility.

Mr. Ronca asked why the district is paying for repairs to instruments with check #45990 to Woodwinds & Brasswinds.

Mr. Reinhart stated the repairs are to the equipment owned by the school district and not student instruments.

Dr. Baird asked what services were provided by 21st Century Security.

Mr. Stonehouse stated 21st Century Security repaired the security equipment at DeFranco Elementary School.

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (8 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 January 2008.

Mrs. Colton moved the motion and Dr. Baird seconded the motion.

Dr. Baird stated he noticed approximately \$1.8 million left in the construction fund and asked when the Washington Elementary project would be finished.

Mr. Wiencek stated the project is expected to be complete within the next month.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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. Reinhart introduced Eagle Scout Robert Richards who reviewed his Eagle Scout project. Mr. Richards replaced the flag pole and added electric to illuminate the flag at Pennico Park in Bangor. Mr. Reinhart stated that William Webb also achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

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Mr. Boyle presented Samantha Rodriguez, Andrew Golden and Kiarra Powell with certificates for the achievements in the local spelling bee. Mrs. Hughes stated Samantha and Andrew were the co-runners-up and Kiarra was the winner of the Middle School spelling competition. Kiarra has continued through the first round of the regional competition and will be participating in the second round on Thursday, February 28, 2008.

Mr. Boyle presented certificates of achievements to Liane Makatura, Graceanne Ruggiero, Alex Colton, Justin Ringland, Casey Baker, Corrin Dylnicki and Benjamin Hagan for their participation in the local Math Counts Competition. The team placed 16th in a field of 36 and received the best new school award since this was their first year of competition.

Mrs. Walker introduced Mrs. Sandee Gebhart, 6th Grade Teacher at DeFranco Elementary who recently participated in an exchange program in Belize and Ms. Zoila Augustine a teacher from Belize who is currently observing Mrs. Gebhart's class. Mrs. Gebhart presented a power point presentation on her time spent in Belize.

ACTION AGENDA

CONTRACTED SERVICE

08-02-B-01

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve contracting with Jessica Lenhart to provide special education law consulting services, at the rate of \$65 per hour, effective January 22, 2008.

Dr. Baird moved the motion and Mrs. Colton seconded the motion.

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

FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT ENTITLEMENT APPLICATIONS

08-02-B-02

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Bangor Area School District appoint the following individuals to prepare the district's Federal and State Grant Entitlement Applications for the 2008-2009 school year:

John F. Reinhart
Frank DeFelice
Stephen Wiencek

Patricia Mulroy
Rosemary Kocher

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)

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

08-02-P/NP-03

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

1. Frank Wahler as part-time instructional aide (hall monitor) at Bangor Area High School, 5 hours per day, at the contracted rate of \$17.80 per hour, effective February 26, 2008;

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2. Michele Thomas, LTS learning support teacher at Bangor Area Middle School, at step 1 of the Bachelor's scale, \$37,750, prorated, effective for the second semester of the 2007-2008 school year.

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)

CONFERENCES & FIELD TRIPS

08-02-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.

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)

SUBSTITUTE LISTS

08-02-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. Cameron seconded the motion.

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

FMLA STATUS

08-02-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

08-02-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:

French I
French II
French III

Sarah Brown
Melissa Perrotta
Melissa Perrotta

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)

STAFF RESIGNATIONS

08-02-P/NP-08

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

1. Devon McCaa, Title I after-school tutor, effective upon finding a replacement;
2. Louise Loehmann, middle school business teacher, effective at the end of the 2007-2008 school year, with intent to retire;
3. Gabrielle Moshier, instructional aide at DeFranco Elementary, effective immediately;
4. Lorraine Handelong, field hockey coach, effective immediately.

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

08-02-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 #204016, #206792, #085116, #200946 and #206574.

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

Mr. Cameron asked if the number of homebound students has increased over previous years.

Mr. Reinhart stated the number of homebound students is about the same as previous years.

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

CHILD-REARING LEAVE

08-02-P-10

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve child-rearing leave for Danielle Muessig, elementary teacher, beginning approximately April 28, 2008 and continuing through the end of the 2007-2008 school year.

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

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

EXTRA-CURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS

08-02-P/NP-11

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

1. Michael Vidumsky as high school/middle school assistant track and field coach, at the contracted rate of \$1,275, effective for the spring 2008 season;
2. Kyle Sandt as strength and conditioning coach for the spring sports season, at the contracted rate of \$2,160, effective immediately;
3. Nicholas Ambrosius as middle school girls' soccer coach, at the contracted rate of \$1,945, effective for the spring 2008 season;

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4. Brian Schriener as assistant junior varsity softball coach, at the contracted rate of \$2,310, effective for the spring 2008 season;
5. Lisa Sommer as assistant varsity softball coach, at the contracted rate of \$2,430, effective for the spring 2008 season;
6. Edward Nelson as head junior varsity softball coach, at the contracted rate of \$2,550, effective for the spring 2008 season.

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)

VOLUNTEER COACHES

08-02-P/NP-12

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve Lauren Waldron and Nikita Kline as volunteer coaches for the girls' soccer program, effective for the 2008 season.

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

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

PLANCON K - PROJECT REFINANCING

08-02-B-13

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve Plancon Part K - Project Refinancing, for General Obligation Bond Series B of 2007 for an advance, partial refunding of General Obligation Notes Series 2003 used to finance construction at the Washington Elementary School, and submit it to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

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

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

REPOSITORY PROPERTY

08-02-B-14

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District accept a bid of \$30,000.00 for property (E9 17 5) located in Washington Township which was placed in repository when it did not sell at the 1993 Judicial Sale.

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

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

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE STATE TAX LIST

08-02-B-15

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the attached Section 356 Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding with the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue and Berkheimer Associates to provide Berkheimer Associates with a listing of the year 2006 state tax information.

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)

BEFORE SCHOOL PROGRAM

08-02-C-16

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District create two 21st Century Grant funded tutorial positions for the program's "Before School" experience at DeFranco School beginning as soon as possible and continuing until May 23, 2008. The stipend for these positions is set at \$30 per hour.

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)

FIRST READING – POLICY #802

08-02-B-17

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve policy #802 School Organization, for first reading.

Mrs. Colton moved the motion and Dr. Baird seconded the motion.

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

FIRST READING – POLICY #302

08-02-B-17

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve policy #302 Employment of Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent, for first reading.

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)

RESIDENT PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES

HIGH SCHOOL ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS

08-02-B-19

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve a contract with Spillman Farmer Architects from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, to provide resident project management services for the proposed Bangor Area High School Additions and Renovations not to exceed a fee of \$339,000.00, subject to the approval of the Solicitor.

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

Mr. Blake stated the district received 8 bids and interviewed four bidders.

Mr. Pruettt stated the amount of the fee for the services should be less than the stated amount.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

COLONIAL INTERMEDIATE UNIT #20

No report.

CAREER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (CIT)

No report.

POLICY COMMITTEE

No report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Reinhart stated he and Mr. Wiencek met with Vanity Fair earlier in the day to discuss efforts to coordinate economic development in the Slate Belt.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

No report.

BANGOR AREA EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Mr. Reinhart stated the account has taken a big hit with the current market conditions.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Dr. Baird stated the college has entered into an agreement with The Sands to provide training for prospective employees of the casino and hotel that are under construction in Bethlehem.

Mrs. Colton stated there were three graduates of Bangor High School on the state champion girl's basketball team at the college.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

No report.

PROPOSED/POSSIBLE NEW CONSTRUCTION

Mr. Blake stated the project at Washington Elementary is nearing completion and the high school auditorium project is moving along.

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT (COG)

Mr. Pruettt stated he was approached about using some of the Ott property for a leaf recycling project.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Boyle requested the sign in front of the high school be changed to announce the upcoming musical.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Baird asked for a status of the school board meetings going paperless.

Mr. Reinhart stated that he met with representatives from several companies at the convention he attended and stated a committee needs to explore the different programs available before the district purchases a program.

Dr. Baird asked for a status on the security equipment at the middle school library.

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Ms. Mulroy stated Mrs. Nelson is reviewing information on the different types of security equipment that is available. Ms. Mulroy stated the administration also needs to see if there are any funds available in the budget to purchase security equipment at this time.

Mr. Reinhart thanked the board members for allowing him to attend the recent American Association of School Administrators convention.

Mr. DeFelice and Mr. Reinhart reviewed information from the staff PIMS report that was recently filed with the State Department of Education.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Walter Wilson, pastor of the Hope Springs Church, asked if the board made a decision on their request to use the facilities at the Bangor Middle School on Sundays and various religious holidays.

Mr. Reinhart stated that the opinion of the Solicitor is that the district does not need to open the school for such an extended period.

Mr. Blake expressed his concern with the group using classrooms.

Mr. Wilson stated they would not necessarily need actual classrooms just an area where they could conduct instruction for various age groups during the actual worship service.

Mr. Cameron asked if the fee to use the auditorium is the same fee charged to other users.

Attorney Moyer stated the fee was established under the new Use of Facilities Policy that the board adopted on July 18, 2007.

The board members and Mr. Stonehouse expressed their concern about having enough custodial staff to cover the additional hours that a commitment like the church's request would require. It concluded that the board would collect additional information before making a decision on this request.

Mr. Salvemini asked why the district needed to hire a special education law consultant.

Mr. Boyle stated the consultant is needed because currently the district does not have a director of special education.

Mr. Salvemini stated he was under the impression that students would not be allowed to use the facilities at Bangor Park until the graffiti was removed.

Mr. Blake stated the graffiti was painted over and the park will be ready for the start of spring sports.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Baird and Mr. Blake seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 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. Wienczek
Board Secretary