

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 23, 2009**

The Bangor Area School Board met for a Regular Board Meeting in the Slater Conference Room on Monday, March 23, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 7:36 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	Arrived 7:44 p.m.
Robert Blake	Present	Kevin Pruett	Present
Steve Bussenger	Present	Albert Ronca	Present
Bruce Cameron	Arrived 7:50 p.m.	Joseph Boyle	Present
Pamela Colton	Present		

Everyone joined in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Reinhart, Dr. Mulroy, Mr. DeFelice, Mrs. Kocher, Mr. Hendershot, Mrs. Bustos, Mr. Lucrezi, Mr. Gunnels, Mr. Vlasaty, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Borden, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Awigena and Mr. Wiencek represented the Administration.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Asher Schiavone was present.

SOLICITOR

Don Spry and Jessica Moyer were present.

BANGOR AREA EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Mr. Olson and Ms. Ronco were present.

BANGOR AREA EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Harrington was present.

PUBLIC

The Girls' Varsity Basketball Team players, coaches and parents, Ron Angle and Marilyn Rettaliata were present.

PRESS

The Express-Times – Doug 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 as an order of business:

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 23 and Work Session of March 16, 2009.

Mrs. Colton 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 \$3,854,270.08.

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

Mr. Pruettt asked what service was provided by check #50874 to Wood Services. Mr. Wiencek stated the check was for residential services for one student.

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 February 28, 2009.

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

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATION REPORT

Mr. DeFelice introduced the Girls' Varsity Basketball team as Mr. Boyle and Mrs. Colton presented the team and coaches with certificates and pens. Mr. DeFelice also reviewed highlights of the girls' season.

Mr. Goffredo arrived.
Mr. Cameron arrived.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ACTION AGENDA

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

09-03-P/NP-01

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

1. Kathy Carlton, TPE full-time speech and language support teacher, step 5 of the Master's scale, \$45,141, prorated, effective April 14, 2009;
2. Kimberly Brill, TPE full-time elementary learning support teacher, at DeFranco Elementary, step 1 of the Bachelor's scale, \$37,958, prorated, effective March 9, 2009; (replaces J Csencsits)
3. Casey Trimper, long-term substitute math teacher, at Bangor Area Middle School, step 1 of the Bachelor's scale, \$37,958, prorated, effective for the second semester of the 2008-2009 school year;

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4. Joan Traute, full-time (12 month) secretary at Five Points Elementary, at the contracted rate of \$17.04 per hour, effective March 16, 2009; (replaces D Fieldhouse)
5. Promote Marion VanHorn, cafeteria worker at DeFranco Elementary, from 4.75 hours per day to 5.0 hours per day, at the contracted rate of \$13.42 per hour, effective March 24, 2009;
6. Promote Diane Rushin, cafeteria worker at DeFranco Elementary, from 4.75 hours per day to 5.0 hours per day, at the contracted rate of \$13.42 per hour, effective March 24, 2009;
7. Promote Kristine Happel, cafeteria worker at DeFranco Elementary, from 4.0 hours per day to 4.25 hours per day, at the contracted rate of \$13.42 per hour, effective March 24, 2009;
8. Promote Ruth VanBuskirk, cafeteria worker at DeFranco Elementary, from 3.5 hours per day to 3.75 hours per day, at the contracted rate of \$13.42 per hour, effective March 24, 2009;
9. Promote Lisa VanHorn, cafeteria worker at DeFranco Elementary, from 3.5 hours per day to 4.0 hours per day, at the contracted rate of \$13.42 per hour, effective March 24, 2009;
10. Melissa Mastrogiovanni, cafeteria worker at DeFranco Elementary, from 3.0 hours per day to 3.25 hours per day, at the contracted rate of \$13.42 per hour, effective March 24, 2009;
11. Susan Bellis, part-time N.E.S.T. home visitor, \$25.00 per hour, up to 30 hours per week, effective March 24, 2009.

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

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (9 Yes, 0 No)

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

09-03-C-02

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding with Bangor High Rise as a job training site for students at Bangor Area School District.

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

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (9 Yes, 0 No)

VOLUNTEER COACH

09-03-NP-03

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve Nolan Fry as a volunteer coach with the baseball program, effective for the 2009 season.

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

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (9 Yes, 0 No)

SUMMER SCHOOL STAFF

09-03-P/NP-04

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the attached 2008-2009 summer school positions, all of which will be paid through the district's federal and state grants for this year.

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

Mr. Reinhart stated there is approximately \$25,000 in budgeted district funds being used for the summer school programs.

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (9 Yes, 0 No)

FIELD TRIPS AND CONFERENCES

09-03-C-05

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

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

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (9 Yes, 0 No)

MENTOR PAYMENT

09-03-P-06

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve payment to the following mentors:

Lori Pellegrino for Michele Thomas	\$225.00	07-08
	\$237.50	08-09
Susette Casagrande for Lisa Loeser	\$225.00	07-08
	\$237.50	08-09

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

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (9 Yes, 0 No)

SUBSTITUTE LISTS

09-03-P/NP-07

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. Pruettt seconded the motion.

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (9 Yes, 0 No)

**PLANCON K - PROJECT REEFINANCING
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES A & B OF 2009**

09-03-B-08

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve and submit Plancon Part K, Project Refinancing for General Obligation Bonds Series A & B of 2009 used to refinance General Obligation Bonds Series B & C of 1999.

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

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (9 Yes, 0 No)

KOZ RESOLUTION – NEW PROPERTIES - DEFEATED

09-03-B-09

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District endorse the attached Resolution No. 09-03-B-09 which identifies the described properties as newly designated Keystone Opportunity Zone properties within the Borough of Bangor.

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

Mr. Reinhart reviewed his meeting with Victor Rodite from the COG and Alicia Karner from the Northampton County Economic Development Office. Mr. Reinhart stated they presented a good case for some of the properties to be designated as KOZ properties.

Mrs. Rettaliata stated she would work with the district to develop a PILOT program for in kind services to the district in lieu of tax payments.

Mr. Goffredo stated the Bangor Area School District is not going to get developed until there are traffic and road updates to the area.

Roll Call was recorded as follows: Dr. Baird-No, Mr. Blake-No, Mr. Bussenger-No, Mr. Cameron-No, Mrs. Colton-No, Mr. Goffredo-Abstained, Mr. Pruett-No, Mr. Ronca-No and Mr. Boyle-No. (0 Yes, 8 No, 1 Abstention) The motion was defeated.

Mr. Pruett stated he will reintroduce this motion under new business for the Borough owned Ridge Road property only.

KOZ RESOLUTION – EXTENSION OF DESIGNATION – APPROVED – RECONSIDERED - DEFEATED

09-03-B-10

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District endorse the attached Resolution No. 09-03-B-10 which identifies the described properties as part of the new Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone for a period of seven years.

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

Roll Call was recorded as follows: Dr. Baird-No, Mr. Blake-Yes, Mr. Bussenger-Yes, Mr. Cameron-No, Mrs. Colton-No, Mr. Goffredo-Yes, Mr. Pruett-Yes, Mr. Ronca-Yes and Mr. Boyle-No. (5 Yes, 4 No,) The motion carried.

MENNELL HIRING DATE ADJUSTMENT

09-03-P/NP-11

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District amend motion #09-02-P/NP-01 from the February, 2009 minutes to revise Kelly Mennell's effective date to February 3, 2009.

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

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (9 Yes, 0 No)

DISTRICT PSYCHOLOGISTS COMPENSATION CHANGE

09-03-P-12

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the changes in base salary for the district's psychologists as noted, effective immediately:

Dr. Richard Shillabeer	\$67,000
Mr. Scott Barrett	\$59,500

Note: This salary adjustment for Dr. Shillabeer includes the \$1,500 award for achieving his doctoral degree.

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

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (9 Yes, 0 No)

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

09-03-P-13

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District appoint Dr. Linda Mayo as school psychologist at a salary of \$65,000, including the \$1,500 award for achieving her doctoral degree, prorated, with benefits through Act 93, effective upon release from her current employer.

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

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (9 Yes, 0 No)

KOZ RESOLUTION NO. PORTLAND BOROUGH EXTENSION - DEFEATED

09-03-B-14

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District endorse the attached Resolution No. 09-03-B-14 which identifies the described properties as part of the new Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone.

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

Roll Call was recorded as follows: Dr. Baird-No, Mr. Blake-No, Mr. Bussenger-No, Mr. Cameron-No, Mrs. Colton-No, Mr. Goffredo-No, Mr. Pruett-Yes, Mr. Ronca-No and Mr. Boyle-No. (1 Yes, 8 No) The motion was defeated.

STAFF RESIGNATIONS

09-03-P/NP-15

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

1. Patricia Eichlin, elementary teacher, effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year, with intent to retire;
2. William Doncsecz, Coordinator of Educational Technology, effective July 1, 2009, with intent to retire.

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

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (9 Yes, 0 No)

WINTER INTRAMURAL PROGRAM PAYMENT

09-03-B-16

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the attached request for compensation for the supervision of the Winter Middle School Intramural Program.

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

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (9 Yes, 0 No)

POLICIES - FIRST PUBLIC READING

09-03-B-17

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the first public reading for the following policies:

- 140.1 Extra-Curricular Participation by Charter/Cyber Charter and Homeschool Students
- 917 Parent/Family Involvement
- 226.1 Audio and Video Surveillance

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

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (9 Yes, 0 No)

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE

09-03-B-18

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the attached Settlement Agreement and Release for student #203850.

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

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (9 Yes, 0 No)

C.W. FITNESS PAYMENT

09-03-B-19

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve payment of \$1,400.00 to C.W. Fitness, 1971 Cricklewood Cove, Fogelsville, for 14 sessions of speed and agility training between November, 2008 and February, 2009, at \$100 per session.

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

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (9 Yes, 0 No)

2009 TRACK AND FIELD WORKERS

09-03-P/NP-20

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the attached list of track and field workers for the 2009 season.

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

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (9 Yes, 0 No)

COORDINATOR OF EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

09-03-NP/P-21

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District appoint Hollie Schooley, Coordinator of Educational Technology, at a salary of \$80,000, prorated, with benefits through Act 93, effective April 1, 2009.

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

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (9 Yes, 0 No)

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COLONIAL INTERMEDIATE UNIT #20

Mrs. Colton reported the bids for the roof and parking lot paving at the Intermediate Unit came in below budget and the work has begun.

CAREER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (CIT)

No report.

POLICY COMMITTEE

No report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

No report.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

No report.

BANGOR AREA EDUCATION FOUNDATION

No report.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Dr. Baird reported the college has lost a lot of value in their endowment foundation.

Mr. Pruettt stated he has heard the professor who is teaching the psychology class at the high school is missing a lot of classes.

Mrs. Colton stated she is receiving a lot of negative feedback on the class.

Mr. Reinhart stated the administration will investigate the claims against the class.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

No report.

PROPOSED/POSSIBLE NEW CONSTRUCTION

Mr. Blake reported the project is on time and the contractor should be able to start demolishing the old auditorium during the summer break.

Dr. Baird asked if the new auditorium will be ready for the winter concerts.

Mr. Wiencek stated the high school will be without an auditorium from the start of school until December. Mr. Wiencek stated the music department is aware that they may need to use the Middle School Auditorium for the winter concerts. Mr. Wiencek stated that is a sacrifice they are willing to make.

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT (COG)

Mr. Pruett reported the COG is sponsoring an electronic recycling program on May 16, 2009 at the Washington Elementary School.

NEW BUSINESS

OPEN AGENDA

Mr. Pruett made a motion to open the agenda. Mr. Blake seconded the motion.

All members present voted and the motion carried. (8 Yes, 1 No) Dr. Baird voted against the motion.

Mr. Pruett stated he wants item # 9 reintroduced for the Ridge Road property only.

KOZ RESOLUTION – NEW PROPERTY - DEFEATED

09-03-B-09

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District endorse the attached Resolution No. 09-03-B-09 which identifies property D9-19-3-0102 as newly designated Keystone Opportunity Zone property within the Borough of Bangor.

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

Roll Call was recorded as follows: Dr. Baird-No, Mr. Blake-Yes, Mr. Bussenger-No, Mr. Cameron-No, Mrs. Colton-No, Mr. Goffredo-No, Mr. Pruett-Yes, Mr. Ronca-No and Mr. Boyle-No. (2 Yes, 7 No) The motion was defeated.

RECONSIDER MOTION 09-03-B-10 - DEFEATED

Mr. Goffredo made a motion for the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District to reconsider motion 09-03-B-10. Mr. Bussenger seconded the motion.

All members present voted and the motion carried. (7 Yes, 2 No) Dr. Baird and Mr. Pruett voted against the motion.

KOZ RESOLUTION – EXTENSION OF DESIGNATION

09-03-B-10

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Mr. Goffredo moved the motion and Mr. Bussenger seconded the motion.

Roll Call was recorded as follows: Dr. Baird-No, Mr. Blake-Yes, Mr. Bussenger-No, Mr. Cameron-No, Mrs. Colton-No, Mr. Goffredo-No, Mr. Pruett-Yes, Mr. Ronca-No and Mr. Boyle-No. (2 Yes, 7 No) The motion was defeated.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Angle asked what plans the district has for the Ott Tree Farm property. Mr. Angle stated the property is growing weeds and saplings.

Mr. Wiencek stated the district has a proposal to remove the tree stumps and a farmer is interested in farming the land. Mr. Wiencek stated the district is also researching the possibility of using the farm for a source of grasses for biofuel.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Baird and Mr. Blake seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

All members present voted in favor and the motion carried. (9 Yes, 0 No)

An audio recording of this meeting is available for review.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen G. Wiencek
Board Secretary