

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 27, 2009**

The Bangor Area School Board met for a Regular Board Meeting in the Slater Conference Room on Monday, April 27, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 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	Present
Robert Blake	Present	Kevin Pruett	Present
Steve Bussenger	Present	Albert Ronca	Present
Bruce Cameron	Absent	Joseph Boyle	Present
Pamela Colton	Present		

Everyone joined in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADMINISTRATION

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

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Asher Schiavone was present.

SOLICITOR

Jessica Moyer was present.

BANGOR AREA EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Mr. Olson and Mr. Miller were present.

BANGOR AREA EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Harrington was present.

PUBLIC

There were 9 people and 3 students from the public present.

PRESS

The Express-Times – Doug Brill was present.

The Morning Call – Tom Coomb 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. (8 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 March 23 and Work Session of April 20, 2009.

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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)

**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 \$2,011,330.70.

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

Dr. Baird asked what services were being paid with check #51165 to East Stroudsburg University.

Mr. Wiencek stated the check is for assistant athletic trainer services.

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 March 31, 2009.

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Ippolito local representative forPAGE, Pennsylvania Association Gifted Education, requested the board consider employing an additional gifted teacher for the elementary schools.

Mr. Ippolito stated the PAGE is planning a field trip to the New Jersey Aquarium however the destination of the field trip may change.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATION REPORT**

Mr. Reinhart introduced Matt Mezger who is the recently received of the Donley Award for Excellence. Mr. Reinhart stated Matt is also the Bangor Scholar Athlete this year.

Mr. Vlasaty stated Matt will be the Salutatorian for this year's graduating class and he is an Express-Times Academic All Star.

Mr. Jeff Miller introduced seniors Sean Carlin and John Martocci from the TSA club. Mr. Carlin and Mr. Martocci placed first in the state TSA competition for Technology Dare and will be competing in the national competition this summer in Denver, Colorado. Mr. Miller stated two other groups placed 5<sup>th</sup> at the competition.

**ACTION AGENDA**

**STAFF RESIGNATIONS**

**09-04-P/NP-01**

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

- 1. Constance Firing, English teacher at Bangor Area High School, effective at the conclusion of the 2008-2009 school year, 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. (8 Yes, 0 No)

**CHILD-REARING LEAVE**

**09-04-C-02**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the following requests for child-rearing leave:

- 1. Laura McGinley, middle school learning support teacher, effective approximately May 22, 2009, through the balance of the 2008-2009 school year;
- 2. Darlene Pagano, high school learning support teacher, effective approximately May 6, 2009, through the balance of the 2008-2009 school year;
- 3. Toni Bush, middle school social studies teacher, effective approximately September 1, 2009, continuing until January 4, 2010;
- 4. Extension of child-rearing leave for Amanda Miernicki, middle school social studies teacher, continuing for the 2009-2010 school year;
- 5. Rebecka Kranich, middle school music teacher, effective with the start of the 2009-2010 school year, continuing until early January, 2010.

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)

**MENTOR PAYMENT**

**09-04-P-03**

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

Melissa Perrotta for mentoring Elizabeth Smith	\$225.00 (07-08)
	\$237.50 (08-09)
Ann Smith for mentoring Danielle Gennusa	\$225.00 (07-08)
	\$237.50 (08-09)
Melissa Morton for mentoring Adria Tafel	\$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. (8 Yes, 0 No)

**FIELD TRIPS AND CONFERENCES**

**09-04-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. Blake moved the motion and Mrs. Colton seconded the motion.

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Dr. Baird asked for details on the conference at Pleasant Valley High School that Officer Dannels and Ms. Rowlands are attending.

Mr. Reinhart stated the conference is on cutting.

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

**CREDIT RECOVERY SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

**09-04-C-05**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the attached 2009 Credit Recovery Summer School Program for students at Bangor Area High School at a cost of \$175 per registered course.

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)

**SUBSTITUTE LISTS**

**09-04-P/NP-06**

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 Dr. Baird seconded the motion.

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

**FMLA STATUS**

**09-04-P/NP-07**

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

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

**HOMEBOUND/TUTORIAL INSTRUCTION**

**09-04-C-08**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the attached requests for homebound/tutorial instruction for students #207728, #204473 and #085164.

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

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

**POLICIES - FIRST READING**

**09-04-B-9**

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

- 249 Bullying
- 109 Selection of Resource Materials

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)

**POLICIES - SECOND PUBLIC READING, FINAL APPROVAL**

**09-04-B-10**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the second public reading, final approval 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 Mr. Pruett seconded the motion.

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

**TAX EXONERATIONS**

**09-04-B-11**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District exonerate local tax collectors from collecting 2008 real estate taxes from the taxpayers on the attached lists.

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)

**SUMMER CUSTODIAL EMPLOYEES**

**09-04-NP-12**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District authorize employing up to six (6) summer student workers to assist the district's custodial department in cleaning and moving furniture in the district buildings, at the rate of \$7.75 per hour, for up to nine weeks during the summer break at an estimated total cost of \$18,420.

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

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

**DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTIONS**

**09-04-B-13**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District exonerate tax collectors from further collection of the 2008 real estate tax duplicate issued on August 1, 2008 and interim real estate tax bills issued prior to July 1, 2008 and turn over all unpaid taxes to the Northampton County Revenue Office for collection, sum of collections are as follows:

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<b>Municipality</b>	<b>2008 Taxes</b>	<b>Unpaid Interims</b>	<b>Penalty</b>	<b>Total Collectable</b>
<b>Bangor Borough</b>	\$ 288,968.71	\$ 1,029.96	\$ 29,236.57	\$ 319,235.24
<b>East Bangor Borough</b>	\$ 60,490.44	\$ .00	\$ 6,049.08	\$ 66,539.52
<b>Portland Borough</b>	\$ 31,892.08	\$ .00	\$ 3,189.21	\$ 35,081.29
<b>Roseto Borough</b>	\$ 109,178.79	\$ .00	\$ 10,963.84	\$ 120,142.63
<b>Lwr Mt Bethel Twp</b>	\$ 194,915.09	\$ .00	\$ 19,491.54	\$ 214,406.63
<b>Upr Mt Bethel Twp</b>	\$ 424,817.46	\$18,193.52	\$ 44,301.24	\$ 487,312.22
<b>Washington Twp</b>	\$ 331,325.93	\$12,253.22	\$ 34,357.92	\$ 377,937.07
<b>Total Collectable</b>	<b>\$1,441,588.50</b>	<b>\$31,476.70</b>	<b>\$147,589.40</b>	<b>\$1,620,654.60</b>

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

Dr. Baird asked why there was a change from the work session.

Mr. Wiencek stated the numbers given at the work session were only an estimate.

Mr. Blake asked if the delinquent taxes were higher or lower this year.

Mr. Wiencek stated there was an increase in delinquent taxes this year.

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

**SUMMER TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANT**

**09-04-P/NP-14**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District create the position of summer technology assistant starting June 15, 2009, at the rate of \$7.75 per hour, for seven hours per day, for nine weeks.

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)

**STAFF APPOINTMENTS**

**09-04-P/NP-15**

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

1. Molly Pyne, PE, instructional technology coach, at Bachelor's +15 scale, step 7, \$40,723, effective for the 2009-2010 school year, funded through Classrooms for the Future Grant;
2. Zoraida Jimenez, TPE, Spanish teacher at Bangor Area Middle School, Bachelor's scale, step 1, \$37,958, effective April 28, 2009.

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

Dr. Baird asked if Ms. Pyne will be certified by the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year.

Mr. DeFelice stated she will not have her certification by the beginning the new school year but will complete it during the school year.

Dr. Mulroy stated the grant does not require the certification for this position.

Dr. Baird stated that Ms. Pyne’s replacement needs to be informed that the position is controlled by a grant.

Dr. Mulroy stated the position will be filled with a long-term substitute.

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

**SUMMER GUIDANCE HOURS-RESCINDED**

**09-04-P-16**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the attached request for summer hours for the district’s guidance staff:

High School/Middle School	15 days per diem
Elementary	10 days per diem
(DeFranco, Five Points, Washington)	

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)

Mr. Reinhart stated this motion was incorrectly written, it should have been written at contracted rate instead of the per diem.

**RESCIND MOTION 09-04-P-16**

Dr. Baird made a motion to rescind motion 09-04-P-16 and Mrs. Colton seconded the motion.

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

**SUMMER GUIDANCE HOURS**

**09-04-P-16**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the attached request for summer hours for the district’s guidance staff:

High School/Middle School	15 days at contracted rate
Elementary	10 days at contracted rate
(DeFranco, Five Points, Washington)	

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)

**WAIVERS OF EXPULSION**

**09-04-C-17**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the attached terms for Waivers of Expulsion Hearings for the following students:

#202532	#202602
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Mr. Pruettt moved the motion and Mrs. Colton seconded the motion.

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Dr. Baird asked if counseling is required before the return of these students to the school district.

Mr. Reinhart stated counseling will be required as condition of return to the school district.

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

**REHABILITATION OF SANITARY SEWER MAINS BID  
09-04-B-18**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District award the bid for rehabilitation of sanitary sewer mains at the main school campus by excavating and removing existing terra cotta replacing with high density polyethylene pipe to DeKorte Excavating, Inc. Andreas, PA in the amount of \$89,090.00 as follows:

BASE BID	\$36,560.00
Alternate #GC-4	\$52,530.00

Bid award subject to review and approval by the solicitor.

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

Mr. Wiencek stated the bidder may possibly withdraw their bid which they are allowed to do so within 2 days. Mr. Wiencek stated the bidder wants to review their bid. Mr. Wiencek asked for a motion to allow the bid to be awarded to the second lowest bidder if the first lowest bidder withdraws their bid.

Mrs. Colton made a motion to amend the motion to read as follows.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District award the bid for rehabilitation of sanitary sewer mains at the main school campus by excavating and removing existing terra cotta replacing with high density polyethylene pipe to DeKorte Excavating, Inc. Andreas, PA in the amount of \$89,090.00 as follows:

BASE BID	\$36,560.00
Alternate #GC-4	\$52,530.00

In the event DeKorte Excavating, Inc. withdraws it's bid within 2 days providing notice to the district the next lowest bidder, Grand Prix Excavation in the amount of \$158,090.00 as follows:

BASE BID	\$ 49,940.00
Alternate #GC-4	\$108,150.00

Bid award subject to review and approval by the solicitor.  
Mr. Pruett seconded the motion.

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

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

**2009-2010 WINTER SPORTS COACHES  
09-04-P/NP-19**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the attached list of winter sports coaches for the 2009-2010 sports season.

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

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

**PROJECT SUCCESS SUMMER PROGRAM**

**09-04-C-20**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the attached request for a Project Success summer program from June 22, 2009 and August 1, 2009, including the hiring of three teachers at \$37.00 per hour, two assistants at \$14.00 per hour, and four high school student mentors at \$7.75 per hour.

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

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

**COMPENSATED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**09-04-P-21**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the attached request for a compensated leave of absence for employee #66 for professional development, for the 2009-2010 school year.

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

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

**CONTRACTED SERVICE**

**09-04-B-22**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the attached contract with Dr. Timothy Silvestri for services delivered to the district on April 23, 2009.

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

Dr. Baird asked if the \$2,000 payment made this month was for this contract.

Mr. Wiencek responded that the payment made is for this contract.

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

**VAN AIDE POSITION**

**09-04-NP-23**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the creation of a van aide position, as attached.

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

Mrs. Colton asked if this is Individual Education Program (IEP) driven.

Mr. Pruettt asked if this is only for the balance of the current school year.

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Mr. Reinhart stated it is IEP driven and he is not sure about how long the position will be necessary.

Dr. Mulroy stated the IEP is for one year.

All members present voted and the motion carried. (7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention) Mr. Blake abstained.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

No report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**COLONIAL INTERMEDIATE UNIT #20**

Mrs. Colton reported the roof at the Colonial IU will be completed by the end of May and the parking lot work will begin in June.

Mrs. Colton stated Dr. Mulroy and Mr. Holmes were nominated for STAR awards and Barbara Wismer won the STAR award for use of Technology in the Social Studies classroom.

Mrs. Colton stated the annual Excellence in Education Awards Ceremony will be held on May 5, 2009 and board members are invited to attend.

Mrs. Colton handed out three issues of the monthly "Twenty" newsletters.

Mrs. Colton stated she attended the PSBA conference and sat in on discussions on the stimulus program and the new open records policy.

**CAREER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (CIT)**

No report.

**POLICY COMMITTEE**

Mr. Blake stated the policy committee will meet on Friday, May 8, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Mr. Reinhart stated the committee is planning a ribbon cutting possibly in July, 2009.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE**

No report.

**BANGOR AREA EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

No report.

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Dr. Baird reported he will be meeting this week to discuss the matching grant for the education foundation.

Mr. Blake asked if there is any way the college can supply the number of students who received jobs at the new Sands Casino. Dr. Baird stated the training classes at the college will not begin until the Fall Semester 2009.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

No report.

**PROPOSED/POSSIBLE NEW CONSTRUCTION**

Mr. Blake reported the High School construction/renovation project is on time and the concrete work is completed. Mr. Blake stated the crane has arrived and the construction company will begin installing the steel tomorrow, Tuesday, April 28, 2009.

Mr. Blake stated they will begin working on the old auditorium the day after classes end for summer recess.

**COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT (COG)**

Mr. Pruett reported the COG is working on four current projects:

- The E-cycle program at the Washington Elementary on May 16, 2009.
- The quarry filling project that they have turned over to the Lehigh Valley Economic Development Authority.
- Working with the Nazareth Area COG to get a member on the gaming board for the Sands Casino.
- Funding for the YMCA from the stimulus package.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Pruett asked for the status of the summer school grants.

Dr. Mulroy stated the grants should be completed by tomorrow in time for submission prior to the April 30, 2009 deadline. Dr. Mulroy stated it will take approximately two weeks to receive a response.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Colton stated she is concerned with the COG sign that is supporting an athletic program for only Pen Argyl, Wind Gap and Plainfield. Mrs. Colton expressed her concern that the COG is supporting something that does not include Bangor.

Mr. Pruett stated the COG supports anything that includes two or more of its members. Mr. Pruett stated this program is financially supported by the Green Knights Economic Development Authority and has no financial support from the COG.

Mr. Blake stated he heard that Berkheimer Associates will be moving from their present locations due to lack of space. Mr. Blake stated the Majestic Building should be suggested as a possible location for them to occupy.

Mr. Reinhart introduced Mr. David White, Boys Varsity Soccer Coach.

Mr. White stated since he became head coach he has been working on improving team unity with the students. Mr. White asked the board for approval and financial support for the team to play in a soccer tournament in Lake Placid, New York. Mr. White stated the team would stay and eat at the U.S. Olympic Training Center for a minimal charge.

**OPEN AGENDA**

Mr. Blake made a motion to open the agenda. Mrs. Colton seconded the motion.

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

**FIELD TRIP**

**09-04-C-24**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the Bangor Area School District approve the attached field trip for the boys soccer team to Lake Placid, NY from September 18, 2009 to September 20, 2009.

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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)

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Baird and Mr. Blake seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

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

An audio recording of this meeting is available for review.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen G. Wiencek  
Board Secretary