

**BOARD WORK SESSION
JANUARY 21, 2008**

The Bangor Area School Board met for a Board Work Session in the Slater Conference Room on Monday, January 21, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 7:56 p.m. by President, Joseph Boyle.

ROLL CALL

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

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| Michael Baird | Present | Michael Goffredo | Present |
| Robert Blake | Present | Kevin Pruett | Present |
| Steve Bussenger | Present | Albert Ronca | Present |
| Bruce Cameron | Present | Joseph Boyle | Present |
| Pamela Colton | Present | | |

ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Reinhart, Ms. Mulroy, Mr. DeFelice, Mrs. Jacobi, Mr. Lucrezi, Mr. Douvanis, Mrs. Bustos, Mrs. Walker, Mr. Gunnels, Mr. Farnan, Mrs. Kocher, Mrs. Awigena and Mr. Wiencek represented the Administration.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Carly Boos was absent.

SOLICITOR

Don Spry was absent.

BANGOR AREA EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Bruch and Ms. Cyphers were present.

BANGOR AREA EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

Mr. Salvemini and Mrs. Brewer were present.

PUBLIC

One person from the public was present.

PRESS

The Express-Times – Douglas Brill was present.

The Morning Call – No one was present.

SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATION REPORT

Mrs. Pam Nelson, DeFranco Elementary Librarian and Department Head, and Mrs. Robin Hughes, Middle School Librarian displayed a power point presentation on the process for selecting books for the school libraries. The librarians also answered questions about the book "Give a Boy a Gun" which was recently questioned by a parent and approved by the reconsideration committee to remain in the middle school library.

Mr. Reinhart requested the board members review the information he gave them on the Accountability Block Grant.

Mr. Pruett asked the board members if he should proceed with the collection of information on organic fuel.

ATHLETIC REPORT

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Mr. Farnan presented the board members with copies of the Holiday Hoops Classic Program and the Fall Sports Report. Mr. Farnan had available reports from coaches who recently attend sports clinics for the board members to review.

Mr. Farnan invited the board members to attend the following senior nights for the winter sports program.

- Girls Basketball Tuesday, January 22, 2008
- Boys Basketball Saturday, January 26, 2008
- Wrestling Saturday, February 2, 2008

Mr. Farnan stated there will be a Bangor vs. Pen Argyl varsity basketball doubleheader scheduled at the Bangor High School gymnasium on Friday, February 1, 2008. The girl's game will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the boys will play at 8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED MOTIONS:

1. 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.

Mrs. Colton stated this amount is more than the district pays for homebound instruction.

Mrs. Jacobi stated the service is for a student in an IU run class and the district teachers are unable to support this student.

2. Appoint _____ 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.
3. Approve the following staff appointments:
 1. Amanda Herold, LTS elementary teacher at DeFranco Elementary, at step 1 of the Bachelor's scale, \$37,750, prorated, effective for the second semester of the 2007-2008 school year;
 2. Tracey Inglee, part-time, five hours per day, instructional/latchkey aide, at the contracted rate of \$13.80 per hour, effective January 29, 2008;
 3. Promote Juanita Hower from LTS to TPE special education teacher, at Bangor Area Middle School, at step 1 of the Bachelor's scale, \$37,750, prorated, effective with the start of the second semester of the 2007-2008 school year.

4. Approve the attached lists of field trips and conferences.

Dr. Baird asked if Mrs. Schooley's expenses are being funded through the Project 720 grant. Ms. Mulroy responded that some of the expenses are funded through the grant.

Dr. Baird asked when training on the new SunGard Pentamation computer program will begin.

Ms. Mulroy stated training will begin the week of January 28, 2008.

5. Approve the attached lists of district substitutes.

Mr. Pruett asked is substitute teachers are interviewed.

Ms. Mulroy stated substitutes are not interviewed to be a substitute but often they are candidates that were interviewed for positions that were filled by a different candidate.

6. Approve the attached list of employees on FMLA Status.
7. 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

Mr. Boyle asked if the class scheduling has room for these classes.

Ms. Mulroy stated these classes are 45 minute classes and there is room in the schedule for them.

8. 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 stated this property is very close to the school.

9. Approve the attached request for homebound/tutorial instruction for students #201324, #203298, #203395, #207237, and #204174.

10. 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

11. Approve the reappointment of the following coaches for the 2008 fall season, as per the attached list.

12. Approve the attached 2008-2009 school calendar.

Mr. Reinhart stated the calendar is modeled after the CIT calendar. Currently the only school not to follow the CIT calendar is Nazareth.

Mr. Reinhart stated he has not heard any complaints from the residents about school starting before the Labor Day Holiday.

Mr. Blake suggested increasing the number of instruction days to accommodate all the instruction lost for state required tests.

13. Approve and authorize the Superintendent to submit PDE Form 4085, Request for Act 80 Exemption in accordance with Section 1504 of the Pennsylvania School Code of 1949, Title 24 Education, for the 2007-2008 school year as revised.

14. Adopt a preliminary school district budget for the fiscal year 2008-2009 in the amount of \$_____ utilizing \$_____ from the district fund balance and including the following tax levies (tax rates after sharing provisions go into effect): Real Estate - _____

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mils; Earned Income Tax - 0.7%; Real Estate Transfer Tax - 0.5%; Occupational Privilege Tax - \$5.00 and Local Services Tax - \$5.00.

Mr. Wiencek recommended a budget of \$45,860,000 utilizing \$0 from district fund balance and Real Estate taxes at 48.0 mils.

Mr. Goffredo expressed his concern that the budget keeps increasing each year.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

The work session was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

An audio and a video recording of this meeting are available for review.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen G. Wiencek
Board Secretary