

**BOARD WORK SESSION
MARCH 17, 2008**

The Bangor Area School Board met for a Board Work Session in the Slater Conference Room on Monday, March 17, 2008. The meeting was called to order at 7:31 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:

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

ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Reinhart, Ms. Mulroy, Mr. DeFelice, Mr. Lucrezi, Mrs. Bustos, Mr. Gunnels, Mr. Farnan, Mr. Kondisko, Mr. Tripler, Mr. Holmes, 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

No one was present.

BANGOR AREA EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

No one was present.

PUBLIC

Kelly Woods from Krise Bus Service, 6 students and 18 people from the public were present.

PRESS

The Express-Times – Doug Brill was present.

The Morning Call – No one was present.

SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATION REPORT

Mr. Reinhart introduced Mr. Craig Roberts and Mr. Robert Taiber from the Bangor Elks Club who presented certificates and checks for \$100.00 each to the local winners of the "What is An American" essay contest. The students who also received a certificate from board president Joseph Boyle were Erin Snyder, Shane Reider, Elizabeth Bina, Christelle Reglas, Sierra Henderson and Jennifer Castner.

ATHLETIC REPORT

Mr. Farnan reported that the spring sports season began with a tennis match earlier in the day. The first baseball and softball games will be on Thursday, March 20, 2008 and the first track meet will be on Tuesday, March 25, 2008.

Mr. Farnan stated he attended the first Bangor Borough Recreation Board meeting and the board will be working on their rules and by-laws.

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Mr. Ronca asked who chooses the location for the District XI basketball game.

Mr. Farnan stated the locations are chosen by the District XI committee.

Mr. Ronca stated the Stroudsburg gymnasium was not handicapped accessible and he believes they should be accessible.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED MOTIONS:

1. Create the extra-curricular position of Bangor Area High School Scholarship Coordinator at an annual stipend of \$3,000, as attached.

Mrs. Colton asked if this will become an extra-curricular position.

Ms. Mulroy stated it will be paid by the Project 720 grant.

Mr. Reinhart stated that this should become an extra-curricular position.

Mr. Reinhart stated it will need to be a part of future budgets because the district needs to assist the students and make sure they are aware of all the scholarships available.

Mr. Blake asked if this would be the duties of the counselor hired by the Project 720 grant.

Mr. Reinhart stated that it would be part of the duties however, the district has not been successful in hiring someone to fill the counselor position.

2. Create the position of part-time technology assistant, beginning immediately and continuing until December 1, 2008, at a rate of \$ _____ per hour, for a maximum of 25 hours per week, as attached.

Mr. Boyle asked why there is an expiration date on the position.

Mr. Reinhart stated he wants to be able to look at the performance of the position prior to the expiration and then come back to the board with any changes that may need to be made.

Mrs. Colton suggested that since this is a part-time position without benefits the wage should be \$20.00 per hour.

3. Approve the following staff appointments:

1. Melissa Schmick, 3rd shift custodian at Bangor Area High School, at the contracted rate of \$16.86 per hour, effective March 10, 2008.

Mrs. Colton asked if this is a new position or a replacement.

Mr. Reinhart stated it is a replacement position.

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

Mr. Blake stated the costs of some of the conferences are extremely high and he wonders if they are worth the cost.

Mr. Blake asked if the support staff union state conference days are reimbursed.

Mr. Wiencek stated the state conference days will be reimbursed by the union.

Mr. Reinhart stated in the future he will include a column that lists the funding source for the conferences.

5. Approve the attached lists of district substitutes.

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:

French IV

Melissa Perrotta

Mrs. Mulroy stated that she will need to make some adjustments to the grading scale.

8. Approve the child-rearing leave for Gemella McNally, high school guidance counselor, for the fall semester of the 2008-2009 school year.
9. Approve the attached request for homebound/tutorial instruction for students #085173 and #204249.
10. Approve the attached list of track and field workers for the 2008 season.
11. Approve the following extra-curricular appointments:
 1. Lindsay Turnbull and Hillary Hunter as substitute teachers for the Title I Extended Day Program at Five Points and Washington, at the established rate of \$20 per hour.
12. Approve the following mentors for the upcoming twelve months, at the contracted rate of \$450:

Michele Possinger for Amanda Herold (1 semester only)
Lori Pellegrino for Michele Thomas (1 semester only)
Greg Hartman for Bron Holland

13. Approve the Colonial Intermediate Unit #20 General Operating Budget for the 2008-2009 school year as per the attached document totaling \$2,822,580 with the Bangor Area School District's contribution estimated at \$18,200.89.
14. Approve the 2008-2009 Northampton Community College Sponsors' Share of the General Operating and Capital Budget totaling \$5,314,095 with the Bangor Area School District's contribution estimated at \$380,996.

Dr. Baird stated all the other districts in the county have approved this budget.

15. Enter into an agreement with Bus Radio to provide radios capable of global position service tracking and 911 emergency notification, in all buses contracted with Krise Bus Service Inc./STA of Pennsylvania transporting Bangor Area School District students.

Kelly Woods from Krise Bus Service stated this equipment has three stations, age appropriate for elementary, middle school and high school students and one that can be played during field trips or athletic trims as well as regular radio stations. Ms. Woods stated the main reason she likes this system is the global position service (GPS). Currently the GPS times and coordinates would be down loaded at night but the company will soon have real time GPS available. Ms. Woods stated the system would be free until the real time GPS was available then the cost would be from \$7.00 to \$10.00 per bus per month. Mr. Wiencek stated that this offer is free to both the school district and bus company.

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16. Authorize employing up to ten (10) summer workers to assist the district's custodial department in cleaning and moving furniture in the district buildings, at the rate of \$7.50 per hour, for up to nine weeks during the summer break, at an estimated total cost of \$29,700.

Mr. Blake asked if it is possible to have some students begin working after school in May to help teachers move items that are ready to be placed in their new rooms.

Mr. Wiencek stated it would be possible if the rooms have been cleaned and waxed.

17. Approve the attached terms for Waivers of Expulsion Hearings for the following students:

Student # 203136

Student # 207051

Student # 203828

Student # 206610

Student # 206077

18. Approve the attached list of Summer School Programs for Summer 2008.

Mr. Goffredo departed.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Reinhart stated the board needs to make a decision on the use of facilities for the church group wanting to use the middle school on Sunday mornings.

Board members felt the discussion needed to be delayed until more members are available at next week's meeting.

Mr. Reinhart stated he believes graduation can be held at the park or the high school since the numbers in the class has significantly decreased.

Dr. Baird asked if the board is going to have demonstration of programs for board members to use during school board meetings.

Mr. Reinhart stated the members need to do site visits at districts that use these programs and then decide if they want to purchase a packaged program or have a program written.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Baird stated the Northampton County Community College is requesting each school district approve new Articles of Agreement. Dr. Baird stated the current Articles of Agreement do not expire until 2026 however the college is looking to extend the date because of bond issuing reasons. Most bonds are issued for 20 years or more and financial institutions are concerned that the expiration date exceeds the Articles of Agreement.

Dr. Baird stated he spoke to the community college board about building a pool for the local school districts to use and the board has concerns about the liability of a pool. Dr. Baird stated that the board members from Easton and Bethlehem were opposed to the suggestion since they already have pools in their districts.

Ms. Mulroy stated the end of course tests being studied by the state are being slowed by PSBA. Ms. Mulroy stated PSBA believes the test will have economic hardship on the smaller school districts.

Mr. Wiencek stated there does not seem to be much support for the Governor's proposed budget from several House committees.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Lenhart thanked the board members for allowing her to work at the athletic events over the years.

ADJOURNMENT

The work session was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

An audio recording of this meeting are available for review.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen G. Wiencek
Board Secretary