

**BOARD WORK SESSION
APRIL 20, 2009**

The Bangor Area School Board met for a Board Work Session in the Slater Conference Room on Monday, April 20, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by President, Joseph Boyle.

The 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	Arrived 7:57 p.m.	Joseph Boyle	Present
Pamela Colton	Present		

ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Reinhart, Dr. Mulroy, Mr. DeFelice, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Vlasaty, Mrs. Kocher, Mrs. Walker, Mr. Borden, Mrs. Bustos, Mr. Lucrezi, Ms. Kropf, Mr. Farnan, Mrs. Awigena and Mr. Wiencek represented the Administration.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Asher Schiavone was present.

SOLICITOR

Don Spry was absent.

BANGOR AREA EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Mr. Olson was present.

BANGOR AREA EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Harrington was present.

PUBLIC

One parent was present.

PRESS

The Express-Times – No one was present.

The Morning Call – No one was present.

SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATION REPORT

Dr. Mulroy showed a video prepared by the faculty to motivate the students taking the PSSAs.

Mr. DeFelice reviewed the Not in Our House Program being held on April 23, 2009. This program is held annually with Pen Argyl High School and Pius X High School prior to the prom season. The program discusses social hosting of parties involving alcohol.

Mr. DeFelice stated the administration is considering making attendance at the Not in Our House Program mandatory for each student and a parent who wish to attend the prom next year. Mr. DeFelice stated there will be three separate programs in order to give the students opportunity to attend. Mr. DeFelice stated the administration is also considering making it mandatory that all students ride the bus to the prom.

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Mr. DeFelice stated the \$30,000 CPR grant has trained 15 staff members to be CPR instructors. Mr. DeFelice stated the staff will begin training High School Juniors and Seniors and hopefully 900 students will be trained by the end of 2009.

Dr. Mulroy reviewed several summer school programs that will be held this year in conjunction with the Totts Gap Art Institute and the Upper Mt. Bethel Township Recreation Board. Dr. Mulroy stated the district is also applying for grants that would offer programs to students in the transition program, students ages 14 to 17 and GED students in the 18 to 24 year age group.

Mr. Cameron arrived.

Mr. Reinhart stated the STAR (Superior Technology Achievement Recognition) Awards program will be held at the Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 on Tuesday, April 21, 2009. Mr. Reinhart stated the district has several people nominated.

Mr. Boyle stated he enjoyed the concert held on April 18, 2009 with the Green Mountain College and the High School Music Department.

ATHLETIC REPORT

Mr. Farnan made conference reports available to the board members from the football, baseball, soccer and track conferences recently attended by the respective coaches.

Mr. Farnan stated he recently attended the Athletic Directors meeting where he learned the school will need to see the background checks for all officials.

Mr. Farnan stated he believes there are two athletic projects the board needs to consider.

1. Changing the baskets at the Middle School gymnasium. Mr. Farnan stated the district has the old glass backboards from the high school but has been unsuccessful in finding anyone to fit the backboards to the middle school setup. Mr. Farnan stated he received an estimate of \$5,700 to replace the backboards.
2. Resurface the tennis courts. Mr. Farnan stated he received an estimate from \$17,000 to \$24,000 to refinish the tennis courts.

Mr. Boyle stated the PIAA is considering moving girls soccer program to the fall which will create a problem because of lack of space for the team.

Mr. Farnan stated the sound system in the high school gymnasium will be completed this week.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Mark Ippolito from the PAGE, gifted parents association, spoke to the board members about the reestablishment of the PAGE organization. Mr. Ippolito stated there some problems where the GIEP's were not being delivered to the students and the organization has been working with the administration in resolving the problems. Mr. Ippolito asked the board to consider reinstating the additional gifted teacher position that was eliminated.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED MOTIONS:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Approve payment to the following mentor:

Melissa Perrotta for mentoring Elizabeth Smith	\$225.00 (07-08)
	\$237.50 (08-09)
4. Approve the attached lists of field trips and conferences.
5. Approve the attached 2009 Credit Recovery Summer School Program for students at Bangor Area High School at a cost of \$175 per registered course.
6. Approve the attached lists of district substitutes.
7. Approve the attached list of employees on FMLA status.
8. Approve the attached requests for homebound/tutorial instruction for students #207728 and #204473.
9. Approve the first public reading for the following policies:

249	Bullying
109	Selection of Resource Materials
10. 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
11. Exonerate local tax collectors from collecting 2008 real estate taxes from the taxpayers on the attached lists.
12. Authorize employing up to six (6) summer 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.
13. 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

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all unpaid taxes to the Northampton County Revenue Office for collection, sum of collections are as follows:

Municipality	2008 Taxes	Unpaid Interims	Penalty	Total Collectable
Bangor Borough	\$	\$	\$	\$
East Bangor Borough	\$	\$	\$	\$
Portland Borough	\$	\$	\$	\$
Roseto Borough	\$	\$	\$	\$
Lwr Mt Bethel Twp	\$	\$	\$	\$
Upr Mt Bethel Twp	\$	\$	\$	\$
Washington Twp	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Collectable	\$	\$	\$	\$

14. 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.

Mr. Reinhart stated with all the students on campus this summer the district may need to have a nurse on staff during the summer programs. Mr. Reinhart stated the Twenty-First Century grant will be able to pay for 4 hours per day but the district may need to fund the other two hours per day.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

Mr. Reinhart stated there will be a motion to accept the bid for the sewer line repairs next week.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Reinhart stated Mr. Richard Ott was withdrawing his name from the upcoming election. Mr. Reinhart made available a letter from Mr. Ott to the board members for their review and consideration.

Dr. Baird stated the board needs to consider endorsing the local effort to build a YMCA in the area. Dr. Baird stated the YMCA could possibly be used to support a swim team from the district.

Dr. Baird asked if all the high school classes offered are college preparation classes and if they are all inclusive classes.

Dr. Mulroy stated with the Project 720 grant all students need to be prepared for continued education or for entering the work force. All students need to be exposed to Algebra I & II and Geometry but not all classes are inclusive.

Mr. Reinhart stated the distinguished educators have been a great asset for the district. Mr. Reinhart stated the distinguished educators have worked with the administration to make changes that will hopefully improve the PSSA test scores.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Baird asked for the status of the budget.

Mr. Wiencek stated he has heard several options but has not seen anything in writing. Mr. Wiencek stated he has heard the governor's budget, as presented, will not be the budget approved the legislature. Mr. Wiencek stated he has heard that the basic education funding will be combined with the Accountability Grant and the PACT Grant to become the new basic

education funding and there will be no increase in the basic education funding. The only increase in the budget will be the stimulus funding which is a once and done payment.

Mr. Wiencek stated the board will need to pass a tentative budget on May 26, 2009 and the final budget on June 29, 2009. Mr. Wiencek stated this would require the board to move their meetings to the 4th and 5th Mondays in June.

Dr. Baird stated the Northampton Community College is holding a legislative dinner on May 26, 2009 and the district should have representatives attending.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

The work session was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

An audio recording of this meeting is available for review.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen G. Wiencek
Board Secretary