

August 10, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bradford Area School District was held in the Floyd C. Fretz Large Group Instruction Room, 140 Lorana Avenue, Bradford, Pennsylvania at 7:00 p.m.

Present

Directors: Pat Vigliotta, Vice President; Paul Ridley, Treasurer; Rita Dincher, Asst. Secretary; Shane Oschman, and Joseph Troutman

Absent: Timothy Bean, Helen Cummiskey, Keith Hatch, and Carla Manion

Administrators: Sandra Romanowski, Superintendent; Katy Pude, Sam Johnson, Kathy Kelly, Ken Coffman, David Ray, Gail Herrmann, Brock Benson, Marianne Carrico, Sarah Tingley, Erin Waugaman, John Petruzzi, and Gene Woodmansee

News Media: JoEllen Chesnut - *The Bradford Era*

Visitors: Chuck Hoyt, Chris Magee, Linda Magee, Laura Piccioli, Jarod Piccioli, and Marsha Dowd

Pat Vigliotta, Vice President, called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Recognition of Visitors

There were no visitor's comments.

Approval of Board Agenda

Motion by Rita Dincher, seconded by Joseph Troutman, to approve the Board agenda as presented.

Unanimously carried.

Approval of Minutes

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Motion by Rita Dincher, seconded by Joseph Troutman, to approve the minutes as presented.

Unanimously carried.

Business Office and Financial Affairs

A. Treasurer's Report for the period ending June 30, 2009 and the Fourth Quarter Reports for the Secondary Schools as presented.

Motion by Shane Oschman, seconded by Joseph Troutman, to approve the Treasurer's Report and the Fourth Quarter Secondary Reports as presented.

Unanimously carried.

B. Payment of Bills (General, Capital Reserve, School Lunch, and Athletic Activities)

Motion by Rita Dincher, seconded by Joseph Troutman, to approve the payment of bills as presented.

Unanimously carried.

C. Tax Collection Committee Delegate Appointment Resolution

Motion by Rita Dincher, seconded by Joseph Troutman, to approve the resolution as presented.

Unanimously carried.

D. Plan Con K Project

The Plan Con K project refinancing must be submitted to the Department of Education. This document pertains to the refinancing of the 1998 Bond Series.

Motion by Paul Ridley, seconded by Rita Dincher, to approve the submission of Plan Con K to the Department of Education.

5 Yeas 0 Nays

E. Tax Exonerations

Motion by Paul Ridley, seconded Shane Oschman, to approve the tax exonerations as presented.

Unanimously carried.

F. Permission to Sell Property from the County Repository

1. Richard Middaugh has requested to buy 32 High Street, Bradford, Pennsylvania for \$1,010. Judicial sale starting bids were \$1,526 and there were no bids.
2. Richard Middaugh has requested to buy 233 Jackson Avenue, Bradford, Pennsylvania for \$1,010. Judicial sale starting bids were \$1,823.53 and there were no bids.
3. Richard Middaugh has requested to buy 143 E. Main Street, Bradford, Pennsylvania for \$261. Judicial sale starting bids were \$1,263 and there were no bids.
4. Michael Cahill has requested to buy 2 Collins Court, Bradford, Pennsylvania for \$250. Judicial sale starting bids were \$1,441 and there were no bids.
5. Jim and Mary Amacher have requested to buy 44 Maplewood Avenue, Bradford, Pennsylvania for \$251. Judicial sale starting bids were \$1,108 and there were no bids.
6. Eddie Arnold has requested to buy property on Summit Road for \$250. This is a vacant lot of .65 acres. Judicial sale starting bids were \$813.21 and there were no bids.
7. Eddie Arnold has requested to buy property on South Avenue for \$250. Judicial starting bids were \$1,178 and there were no bids.

Motion by Rita Dincher, seconded by Shane Oschman, to grant consent to the Tax Claim Bureau to sell the above properties as presented.

Unanimously carried.

8. Richard Middaugh has requested to buy 25 Oxford Street, Bradford, Pennsylvania for \$651.
Jenny Carpenter has requested to buy 25 Oxford Street, Bradford, Pennsylvania for \$250.
Judicial sale starting bids were \$974 and there were no bids.

Motion by Rita Dincher, seconded by Paul Ridley, to grant consent to the Tax Claim Bureau to sell the above property to Richard Middaugh.

Unanimously carried.

G. Children's Center for Treatment and Education

The first agreement is for alternative education services for residential, non-residential, foster, and state ward education. A daily rate established by the Department of Education is paid for regular education. The special education rate is \$96.26 per day.

The second agreement is for the purchase of services at the emergency shelter for alternative education. The cost of services is \$57.20 per day.

The third agreement is for alternative education for fifteen high school students. The cost of the program is \$212,645.

Motion by Rita Dincher, seconded by Joseph Troutman, to approve the agreements as presented.

5 Yeas 0 Nays

H. Update on Capital Projects

Mr. Gene Woodmansee gave an update on the many projects that were completed over the summer months.

Students and Curriculum

A. *Through the Eyes of a Child*, Pearson Prentice Hall, 2007 (Children's Literature-BAHS)

Motion by Rita Dincher, seconded by Paul Ridley, to approve the textbook adoption as presented.

5 Yeas 0 Nays

B. Academic Standards and Assessment Midpoint Review

This plan has been updated and is presented for your 30-day review. No action is necessary at this time.

C. Technology Plan and Professional Development Plan

Presented for your review are the new Technology and Act 48 Professional Development Plans for the 2009-12 school years. No action is necessary at this time. Plans will be available on-line for public display and will need to be submitted to the state by September 30, 2009. These will be presented at the September Board Meeting for approval.

D. Curriculum Update

Mrs. Pude reported that school would soon begin on August 25th. Curriculum teams have been working all summer on developing learning targets and common benchmark assessments. They have been creating lessons, reorganizing and decorating their rooms, and ordering materials in anticipation of the upcoming school year

Many orientations have been planned. George G. Blaisdell's open house for Pre-K is scheduled for August 17th and the kindergarten students on August 20th. School Street has scheduled a tour on August 17th. Fretz has a sixth grade orientation and tour scheduled for August 20th.

GGB teachers will begin training on LETERS or Learning ESSEntials for teachers of English and spelling.

Fretz and BAHS will have the Key Three Training for teaching reading as well as training in the use of their new classroom smartboards.

Thank you to John Petruzzi and his staff for all their hard work over the summer.

Personnel

A. Resignations

1. Brian Pelka, Social Studies Teacher, Bradford Area High School, effective August 1, 2009.

Recommendation: To approve the resignation of Mr. Pelka as presented above, with regrets and appreciation for his four years of service to the staff and students of the District.

2. Mary Nahlen, Special Education Teacher at Fretz Middle School, for the purpose of retirement, effective August 1, 2009.

Recommendation: To approve the resignation of Ms. Nahlen, as presented above, with regrets and appreciation for her 26 years of service to the students and staff of the District.

3. Joe Pinskey, Technology Education Teacher at Fretz Middle School, effective August 10, 2009.

Recommendation: To approve the resignation of Mr. Pinskey, as presented above, with regrets and appreciation for his one year of service to the students and staff of the District.

4. Linda Magee, Bus Driver, for the purpose of retirement, effective July 27, 2009.

Recommendation: To approve the resignation of Ms. Magee, as presented above, with regrets and appreciation for her 29 years of service to the staff and students of the District.

Motion by Rita Dincher, seconded by Shane Oschman, to approve the resignations as presented.

Unanimously carried.

B. Employment

1. Teacher

Jennifer Snow, Social Studies Teacher at Bradford Area High School, B.S., University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, Pennsylvania Certified: Social Studies. Salary will be at Bachelor, Step 1, \$36,848, effective August 19, 2009.

Motion by Rita Dincher, seconded by Paul Ridley, to approve the employment of Ms. Snow, for the position, as shown above, pending completion of all necessary paperwork and in accordance with Board policy and the current agreement between the Board and BAEA.

5 Yeas 0 Nays

2. Aides

- a. Laura Piccioli, General Building Aide at Fretz Middle School, B.A., Houghton Liberal Arts College, effective August 25, 2009. Rate of pay is \$10.38 per hour for 7.5 hours per day and 180 days per year.
- b. Laura Bierbower, General Building Aide at George G. Blaisdell School, M.S.E.D., Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, effective August 25, 2009. Rate of pay is \$10.38 per hour for 7.25 hours per day and 180 days per year.

Motion by Paul Ridley, seconded by Rita Dincher, to approve the employment of the above-listed individuals for the positions, as shown above, pending completion of all necessary paperwork and in accordance with Board policy and the current agreement between the Board and BAESPA.

Unanimously carried.

C. Lead Teachers (2009-10)

1. Jeff Weiss - Graduation Projects
2. Chris Gooch - High School Mathematics
3. Larry Stillman - High School Social Studies
4. Chad Young - High School Humanities
5. Kelly Compton - High School English
6. Matt DeGolier - High School Career and Technical Education

Motion by Rita Dincher, seconded by Joseph Troutman, to approve the lead teachers, as presented above, in accordance with Board Policy and the current agreement between the Board and BAEA.

Unanimously carried.

D. Mentor Teachers (2009-10)

1. Heidi Blatchley – George G. Blaisdell for Angela Comilla
2. Katrina Douglass – George G. Blaisdell, Kindergarten LTS
3. Chris Gooch – Fretz Middle School, Math LTS
4. Heather Hennigan – Fretz Middle School, Math LTS
5. Keri Baldwin – School Street Elementary School for Charles Bell
6. Ann Nuzzo – Bradford Area High School, Social Studies for Jennifer Snow
7. Kathy Kresge – Bradford Area High School, English for Laura Kossack
8. Leslie Mongillo – Bradford Area High School, Business for Cathie Vincent

Motion by Rita Dincher, seconded by Paul Ridley, to approve the mentor teachers, as presented above, in accordance with Board policy and the current agreement with BAEA, effective August 19, 2009.

Unanimously carried.

E. Coaching Staff (2009-10)

Jacqueline Kunze, Cross Country Middle School Head Coach

Motion by Paul Ridley, seconded by Rita Dincher, to approve the employment of Ms. Kunze, as presented, effective August 11, 2009, pending completion of all necessary paperwork and in accordance with Board policy and the current agreement between the Board and BAEA.

5 Yeas 0 Nays

F. Substitutes

1. Teachers

- a. Cathie Vincent, Substitute Teacher, Business/Education Tech. Certification, effective August 19, 2009.
- b. Christopher J. VonVolkenburg, Music Education Certification, effective August 19, 2009.
- c. Jennifer Feidt, Emergency Permit, effective August 19, 2009.
- d. Jacqueline N. Kunze, Emergency Permit, effective August 19, 2009.
- e. Brittany Ochs, Elementary and Middle School Math Certification, effective August 19, 2009.

2. Bus Driver

Robert Curcio, effective August 19, 2009.

Motion by Rita Dincher, seconded by Joseph Troutman, to add the above-listed individuals to the District's approved substitute listing, in accordance with Board policy and pending the completion of all necessary paperwork.

Unanimously carried.

G. Leave of Absence

Nichole Boylan has requested a maternity/childrearing leave of absence under FMLA Guidelines and District policy beginning August 25, 2009 through December 22, 2009.

Motion by Shane Oschman, seconded by Rita Dincher, to approve the leave as presented.

Unanimously carried.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Romanowski thanked everyone who worked so diligently to prepare our school for the return of students for their first day of school.

The bus schedules have been sent out for the 2009-10 school year. There are new start times as follows:

Elementary Schools	Start Time: 9:05 a.m.	Dismissal Time: 3:45 p.m.
Fretz Middle School	Start Time: 7:50 a.m.	Dismissal Time: 2:30 p.m.
High School	Start Time: 8:05 a.m.	Dismissal Time: 2:45 p.m.

These times will be posted on our web page and on WOWL.

We are still awaiting the state budget to be passed. It is difficult starting the new year while unsure of the actual allocations we will receive. We are hoping they will work diligently to pass a budget which will be considerate of the local tax payers and our most important resource which is our children.

Other Business

None

Announcements

- A. An executive session was conducted prior to this meeting at 6:00 p.m. to confer with the school solicitor.
- B. An executive session may be conducted for the reason stated in Section 8 of the Sunshine Law between now and the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Recognition of Visitors

There were no visitor's comments.

Adjournment

Motion by Rita Dincher, seconded by Joseph Troutman, that the meeting be adjourned.

Unanimously carried.

Rita Dincher
Assistant Secretary