

August 9, 2010

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: Timothy Bean, President; Pat Vigliotta, Vice President; Helen Cummiskey, Dave Feely, Carla Manion, and Shane Oschman

Absent: Keith Hatch, Paul Ridley and Joseph Troutman

Administrators: Sandra Romanowski, Superintendent; Sam Johnson, Katy Pude, Kathy Boyd, Ken Coffman, Dave Ray, Tina Slaven, Dara Signor, Dave Jones, Sarah Tingley, Erin Waugamann, Kelly Compton, Lori Hannon, Gene Woodmansee, and John Petruzzi

News Media: Amanda Nichols – *The Bradford Era*
Anne Holliday – WESB

Visitors: Kara McDeWitt, Chuck Hoyt, Barry Bryan, Robin Ackerman, David Ackerman, Brian Abers, Val Abers, Amber Abers, Leslie Mongillo, Meagan Hillard, Sue Hillard, Bonnie Scanlan and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Andress, Diane Gardner, Elizabeth Gardner, Sue Lee, and Marsha Dowd

Timothy Bean, 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 Shane Oschman, seconded by Pat Vigliotta, to approve the Board agenda as presented.

Unanimously carried.

Scholar Athletes

We were proud to honor our scholar athletes for the spring season. To qualify students must have a 95% grade point average, letter in their sport, and complete the season.

Approval of Minutes

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Motion by Shane Oschman, seconded by Carla Manion, to approve the minutes as presented.

Unanimously carried.

Business Office and Financial Affairs

- A. Treasurer’s Reports for the periods ending May 31, 2010 and June 30, 2010 and the Fourth Quarter Reports for the Secondary Schools as presented.

Motion by Shane Oschman, seconded by Carla Manion, to approve the Treasurer’s Reports and Fourth Quarter Reports for the Secondary Schools as presented.

Unanimously carried.

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

Motion by Pat Vigliotta, seconded by Shane Oschman, to approve the payment of bills as presented.

Unanimously carried.

- C. Tax Exonerations/Additions/Homestead Adjustments

Motion by Shane Oschman, seconded by Pat Vigliotta, to approve the tax exoneration, additions, and homestead adjustments as presented.

Unanimously carried.

- D. General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2010

Plan Con K documents need to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Our reimbursement will be determined from these documents.

Motion by Carla Manion, seconded by Shane Oschman, to approve the submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

6 Yeas 0 Nays

- E. 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 \$99.15 per day.

The second agreement is for the purchase of services at the emergency shelter for alternative education. The cost of services is \$58.92 per day.

The third agreement is for alternative education for fifteen high school students. The cost of the program is \$216,898.

The fourth agreement is for education services for ten middle school students. The cost of the program is \$75,000.

Motion by Shane Oschman, seconded by Carla Manion to approve the agreements as presented.

5 Yeas 0 Nays 1 Abstention (Bean)

F. Intermediate Unit Nine Contract for Hearing & Vision Services. The proposed contract is for \$43,499. The cost is based upon services provided.

Motion by Helen Cumiskey, seconded by Pat Vigliotta, to approve the contract as presented.

6 Yeas 0 Nays

G. Contracts for Transportation of School Pupils to Private School

Motion by Pat Vigliotta, seconded by Shane Oschman, to award the contracts as presented.

6 Yeas 0 Nays

H. Permission to Sell Property from the County Repository

Kimberly Edwards Coleman has requested to buy ten properties in the school district, Bradford, Pennsylvania from the County Repository. Any property in the repository is not on the tax roll.

Motion by Pat Vigliotta, seconded by Shane Oschman, to not grant consent to the Tax Claim Bureau to sell these properties to Ms. Coleman. Two of the properties are beyond rehabilitation and will be demolished. Ms. Coleman is surfing the net and we do not feel she will “rehab them to code” as she has stated. Ms. Coleman lives in Yonkers, NY.

6 Yeas 0 Nays

Addendum

Resolution – Approval of Offer to Purchase Real Estate

RESOLVED, to purchase read estate from Jean Perry, 24 Willard Avenue, Bradford, PA for the purchase price of \$21,480.

Motion by Carla Manion, seconded by Pat Vigliotta, to approve the resolution as presented.

6 Yeas 0 Nays

Policy

Policy #819 Whistleblower, new

Motion by Shane Oschman, seconded by Carla Manion, to approve the policy as presented.

Unanimously carried.

Students and Curriculum**A. Textbook Adoptions**

1. *Holt Environmental Science*, Holt, Rinehart, and Winston, 2008, for use in 11th grade Contemporary/Scholars' Science courses.
2. *Environment and Ecology for Pennsylvania*, Globe Fearon, 2003, for use in 11th grade Environmental Science 101.

Motion by Pat Vigliotta, seconded by Helen Cummiskey, to approve the textbook adoptions as presented.

6 Yeas 0 Nays

B. Curriculum Report

PSSA Reading and Math – We have received the results of our Reading and Math assessment scores for the 2009-10 school year. All buildings made AYP. BAHS made substantial improvements in math and with their economically disadvantaged subgroups. Because that building was in School Improvement last year, they will be noted as “Making Improvement.” Both School Street and Fretz did a phenomenal job.

Summer School and Autism Kids' Camp – In the month of July, we held our summer school and ESY Programs at the elementary and middle school levels. Another one of the highlights of the summer was the Autism Kids' Camp that was run by Candice Saquin as part of our grant. The feedback from the parents was phenomenal and the communicative progress of the students in such a short time was impressive. Some of the students would like to come to our September Board meeting to share their experiences. Autistic students typically do not do well in social settings, so I am very excited to see this happen.

National Core Standards – On July 1st, Pennsylvania adopted the National Core Standards. Our coaches had been meeting with Kelly Compton throughout the summer to clearly define learning targets and to adjust curriculum according to the new expectations for student learning. By December, we will know how the standards will impact future PSSA and Keystone exams. For the fall, the District has been chosen to pilot both diagnostic tests and Keystone Exams at the high school level. We will be piloting diagnostic assessments at the elementary and middle school levels.

Special Education – We have received word that we will have our Compliance Monitoring this coming May. It is typically a six-year monitoring, but they moved it to five. There is a high probability that Beacon Light will be included in the monitoring with the Bradford Area School District being accountable for their programming.

Under the state performance plan indicators for special education, we are responsible for transition services and high school to post-secondary outcomes for this population of students. We will be utilizing a new transitional program that we have purchased with Federal ARRA funding, as well as maintaining

the autism transition services that we have started this school year. We also aspire to become part of the Pennsylvania Verbal Behavior Project this upcoming school year to better serve the needs of our non-verbal autistic population. Indications from area pre-schools are that the numbers of students with an autistic diagnosis is increasing in our area. We need to be prepared in order to offer these students the best in programming.

Personnel

A. Resignations

1. Steve Mongillo, Guidance Counselor at Bradford Area High School, effective June 29, 2010.

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

2. Joy Schubert, Library Science Teacher at George G. Blaisdell Elementary School, effective June 28, 2010.

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

3. Valerie Woodring, Reading Specialist at George G. Blaisdell Elementary School, effective July 5, 2010.

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

4. Katie Wright, Elementary Teacher at School Street Elementary School, effective August 6, 2010.

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

5. Gerald Conklin, Custodian at George G. Blaisdell Elementary School, for the purpose of retirement, effective November 1, 2010.

Recommendation: To approve the resignation of Mr. Conklin, as presented above, with regrets and appreciation for his 25 years of service to the staff and students of the District.

6. Matthew Gilligan, Fretz Middle School Assistant Wrestling Coach, effective July 21, 2010.

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

7. Josh Holleran, Junior Varsity Football Coach, effective July 21, 2010.

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

8. Jacqueline Kunze, Fretz Middle School Cross Country Coach, effective July 7, 2010.

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

9. Randy Ruffner, Head Freshman Football Coach, effective July 22, 2010.

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

Motion by Carla Manion, seconded by Helen Cummiskey, to approve the resignations of the above-listed individuals as presented.

Unanimously carried.

B. Employment

1. Lauren Stull, Reading Specialist at George G. Blaisdell Elementary School, M.S. Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania Certified: Reading Specialist and Elementary Education Teacher. Salary will be at Master, Step 1, \$38,948, effective August 23, 2010.

Motion by Carla Manion, seconded by Shane Oschman, to approve the employment of Ms. Stull, for the position, as shown above, pending completion of all necessary paperwork, pre-employment drug test, and in accordance with Board Policy, and the current agreement between the Board and BAEA.

6 Yeas 0 Nays

2. Mary Anne Eckert, Elementary Library Science Teacher at George G. Blaisdell Elementary School, M.S., Dominican University. Pennsylvania Certified: Library Science and Elementary Education. Salary will be Masters, Step 1, \$38,948, effective August 23, 2010.

Motion by Carla Manion, seconded by Pat Vigliotta, to approve the employment of Ms. Eckert, for the position, as shown above, pending completion of all necessary paperwork, pre-employment drug test, and in accordance with Board Policy and the current agreement between the Board and BAEA.

6 Yeas 0 Nays

3. Andrea Silverstrim, Secondary School Guidance Counselor at Bradford Area High School, M.S.E.D., Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania Certified: Secondary School Counselor. Salary will be Masters, Step 1, \$38,948, effective August 23, 2010.

Motion by Carla Manion, seconded by Shane Oschman, to approve the employment of Ms. Silverstrim, for the position, as shown above, pending completion of all necessary paperwork, pre-employment drug test, and in accordance with Board Policy, and the current agreement between the Board and BAEA.

6 Yeas 0 Nays

4. Carl Andress, Custodian at Fretz Middle School, second shift (3:00 – 11:30 p.m.). Hours may be adjusted at the discretion of the building level administration and/or Custodial/Maintenance Supervisor. Rate of pay is \$16.15 per hour with an additional \$.40 per hour above the posted rate for the second shift work, effective August 20, 2010.

Motion by Carla Manion, seconded by Pat Vigliotta, to approve the employment of Mr. Andress, for the position, as shown above, pending completion of all necessary paperwork, pre-employment drug test, and in accordance with Board Policy and the current agreement between the Board and Teamsters.

Unanimously carried.

5. Toni Vickery, 205-Day Secretary at School Street Elementary School, effective August 20, 2010. Rate of pay is \$14.00 per hour for 7.5 hours per day.

Motion by Shane Oschman, seconded by Carla Manion, to approve the employment of Ms. Vickery, for the position, as shown above, pending completion of all necessary paperwork, pre-employment drug test, and in accordance with Board Policy and the current agreement between the Board and BAESPA.

Unanimously carried.

C. Lead Teachers

1. Dennis Morrisroe, High School English
2. Cory Placer, High School Student Services

Motion by Pat Vigliotta, seconded by Shane Oschman, to approve the Lead Teachers for the 2010-11 school year as presented.

Unanimously carried.

D. Advisors (2010-11)

1. Andrea Kelly, Assistant Cheerleader
2. Douglas Lloyd, Student Council

Recommendation: To approve the above-listed individuals for the 2010-11 school year as presented above.

E. Mentor Teachers

1. Kimberly Swanson for Lauren Stull, Reading Specialist at George G. Blaisdell
2. Cory Placer for Andrea Silverstrim, Secondary Guidance Counselor at Bradford Area High School
3. Lorraine Coles for Mary Anne Eckert, Elementary School Librarian at George G. Blaisdell
4. Patty Lindstrom for Maria D'Onofrio, Special Education Teacher at School Street

Recommendation: To approve the Mentor Teachers for the 2010-11 school year as presented.

F. Transfers

1. Nancy Traina, 205-Day Secretary at School Street Elementary School to 205-Day Secretary at Fretz Middle School, effective August 10, 2010.
2. Debbie Hayden, P.T. Latchkey Aide at School Street Elementary School and Bus Aide to full-time General Aide at Bradford Area High School, effective August 30, 2010.
3. John Siffrinn, Assistant Freshman Football Coach 2010-11 to Assistant Junior Varsity Coach 2010-11, effective August 10, 2010.

Recommendation: To approve the transfers as presented.

Motion by Carla Manion, seconded by Helen Cummiskey, to approve the Advisors, Mentor Teachers, and Transfers as presented.

Unanimously carried.

G. Coaches 2010-11

1. Larry Stillman - Head Middle School Cross Country Coach
2. Steve Burgess - Assistant Middle School Girls' Basketball Coach
3. Charles Bell - Assistant Middle School Boys' Soccer Coach
4. Kirk Stauffer - Boys' Golf Coach
5. Barry Stauffer - Volunteer Boys' and Girls' Golf Coach
6. Andy Reid - Head Freshmen Football Coach
7. Tom Reid - Assistant Freshmen Football Coach

Motion by Carla Manion, seconded by Pat Vigliotta, to approve the employment of the above-listed individuals for the coaching positions for the 2010-11 school year, as shown above, pending completion of all necessary paperwork, pre-employment drug test (where applicable), and in accordance with Board Policy and the current agreement between the Board and BAEA.

6 Yeas 0 Nays

H. Substitutes

1. Substitute Teachers

- a. Brianne Pedine, substitute teacher, effective August 23, 2010
- b. Maria D'Onofrio, substitute teacher, effective August 123 2010
- c. Stacie Wolfel, substitute teacher, effective August 23, 2010

2. Substitute Aide

Susan Dennis, effective August 10, 2010

Motion by Shane Oschman, seconded by Carla Manion, to approve the above listed individuals as presented.

Unanimously carried.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Romanowski announced that the third annual "Ripple Effect" awards ceremony at the Governor's Institute on Financial Education was held on July 16th. Four Pennsylvania teachers working to improve financial education in their schools and communities were honored. We are very pleased to report that Kimberly Preston, Family and Consumer Science teacher at Bradford Area High School was among the four teachers honored.

Other Business

None

Announcements

- A. An executive session was conducted prior to this meeting at 5:00 p.m. for personnel reasons.
- 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

None

Adjournment

Motion by Carla Manion, seconded by Pat Vigliotta, that the meeting be adjourned.

Unanimously carried.

Helen Cumiskey
Assistant Secretary