

February 14, 2011

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; Paul Ridley, Treasurer, Keith Hatch, Secretary; Carla Manion, Shane Oschman, and Joseph Troutman,
- Absent: Helen Cummiskey and Dave Feely
- Administrators: Sandra Romanowski, Superintendent; Katy Pude, Sam Johnson, Kathy Boyd, Ken Coffman, Dave Ray, Tina Slaven, Dara Signor, Marianne Carrico, Erin Waugaman, Kelly Compton, Lori Hannon, John Petruzzi, and Gene Woodmansee
- News Media: Ruth Bogdan – *The Bradford Era*
- Visitors: Shilah Hassek, Kara Piganelli, Caitlin Holland, Lauren Greenwalt, Kyle Lange, Monica Beers, Jean Ross, David Taylor, Vanessa Abers, Jeff Puglio, Steve Schiappaje, Pat Pascarella, Hollie Rapp, Barbara Allen, Jeremy O'Teele, Chris Kuttbarrs, Linda South, Bob South, Cy Emerson, Gerald Conklin, Jeff Pascarella, Mike Pascarella, Barry Bryan, 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 visitors' comments.

Presentation of School Bells

School bells were presented in recognition of retirement to Cy Emerson, custodian, with 24 years of service; Gerald Conklin, custodian, with 25 years of service; and Robert South, custodian, with 27 years of service. Not present but also being honored was George Cole, custodian, with 23 years of service.

Recognition of District X Breakout Players of the Year for Football

Pat Pascarella was recognized at the District X Go Erie Breakout Player of the Year for football.

Recognition of Race to the Top Naming Contest Winners

The winning entry was "Owl STARS (Students and Teachers Accepting Responsibility for Success). Winners were Jean Ross and Travis Faulkner. They received \$250 to be used in their classrooms.

PSSA Keystone Awards

In order for a building to receive a Keystone Award, they must make AYP for two consecutive years. Those receiving the awards this year are: George G. Blaisdell Elementary, School Street Elementary, and Fretz Middle School.

Approval of Board Agenda

Motion by Paul Ridley, seconded by Joseph Troutman, to approve the Board agenda as presented.

Unanimously carried.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting – January 10, 2011

Motion by Carla Manion, 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 December 31, 2010 as presented.

Motion by Pat Vigliotta, seconded by Carla Manion, to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented.

Unanimously carried.

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

Motion by Keith Hatch, seconded by Joseph Troutman, to approve the payment of bills as presented.

Unanimously carried.

C. Bids for Basketball Electric Backboards

Bids were received for Basketball Electric Backboards:

- 1. Sports Locker of Olean \$15,795
- 2. Maffei Strayer of Pittsburgh \$19,250

Motion by Paul Ridley, seconded by Pat Vigliotta, to award the bid to the Sports Locker in the amount of \$15,795.

7 Yeas 0 Nays

D. Transfer to Capital Reserve Fund

Permission is requested to transfer \$884,781 from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund.

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

Unanimously carried.

E. LERTA Ordinance

The City of Bradford passed a LERTA Ordinance on January 25, 2011 for a five-year period. It is identical to the 1984, 1989, 1995, 2000, and 2006 ordinances. It does not affect the existing real estate tax yield, only improvements to existing structures and to new construction. The program provides for partial abatement of city, county, and school real estate taxes in order to encourage the rehabilitation, expansion, and construction of buildings used for industrial and commercial purposes. The exemption rate shall be: 100%, year one; 80%, year two; 60%, year three; 40%, year four; and 20%, year five.

Motion by Paul Ridley, seconded by Shane Oschman, to approve the LERTA Ordinance in accordance with the rules and regulations put forth by the City of Bradford.

7 Yeas 0 Nays

F. 2011-2012 Intermediate Unit Nine General Operating Budget

The operating budget for the Intermediate Nine is presented for your approval. Bradford's total is \$84,158.

Motion by Keith Hatch, seconded by Joseph Troutman, to approve the 2011-12 Intermediate Unit Nine General Operating Budget as presented.

7 Yeas 0 Nays

Policies

- A. Policy #113.2: Behavior Support for Exceptional Children, revised
- B. Policy #906: Public Complaints, new

These policies are being placed on the table for the requisite period of time. No action is required at this time.

Students and Curriculum

A. Presentation (PVAAS) – Ms. Kelly Compton

A. 2011-12 School Calendar

Motion by Shane Oschman, seconded by Pat Vigliotta, to approve the 2011-12 School Calendar as presented.

Unanimously carried.

B. Overnight Trip

Motion by Carla Manion, seconded by Paul Ridley, to approve the overnight trip as presented.

Unanimously carried.

C. Curriculum Update

PDE is in the process of developing a comprehensive website to assist school districts to filter field lesson planning. Sandra Caparotta, one of our pre-school teachers submitted a lesson plan "Beautiful Stuff" that will be published by OCDEL for use by other teachers.

Personnel

A. Resignation

Emily Fury, Learning Support Teacher at School Street Elementary School, effective July 1, 2011.

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

B. Employment

Paraprofessional

Vicki Peterson, General Building Aide at George G. Blaisdell Elementary School, effective February 28, 2011 through June 8, 2011 (as advertised) at a rate of \$10.88 per hour for 6.5 hours per day.

Recommendation: To approve the employment of Ms. Peterson, 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 with BAESPA.

C. Mentor Teachers 2010-11 and 2011-12

Rebecca Bennett and Anna Wellek for Meghan Whitcomb at School Street Elementary School.

Recommendation: To approve the Mentor Teachers for the 2010-11 and 2011-12 school years as presented, effective February 13, 2011.

D. Coaching Staff (Spring 2011)

1. Baseball

- a. JV Baseball Coach - Ron Smith
- b. Volunteer Baseball Coach - Jim Newhouse

2. Girls' Track

Assistant Middle School Girls' Track Coach - Bart Simpson

3. Boys' Track

- a. Assistant Middle School Boys' Track Coach - Charles Bell
- b. Volunteer Middle School Track Coach - Nancy Crissman

Recommendation: To approve the employment of the above-listed individuals for the positions, as shown above, for the spring of 2011 (pending adequate enrollment in the program), pending completion of all necessary paperwork, pre-employment drug test (where applicable), and in accordance with Board policy and the current agreement with BAEA.

E. Coaching Staff (2011-12)

Soccer

Head Middle School Boys' Soccer Coach - Matthew Gilligan

F. Tennis

Girls' Tennis Coach - Ashley Eschrich

Recommendation: To approve the employment of the above listed individuals for the positions, as shown above, for the 2011-12 school year (pending adequate enrollment in the program), pending completion of all necessary paperwork, pre-employment drug test (where applicable), and in accordance with Board policy and the current agreement with BAEA.

G. Leaves of Absence

1. Meghan E. Lama has requested a maternity/childbearing leave of absence under FMLA Guidelines, District policy, and the current agreement between the Bradford Area School District Board of Education and BAEA, beginning April 11, 2011 through May 31, 2011.
2. Katie Dart has requested a maternity/childbearing leave of absence under FMLA Guidelines, District policy, and the current agreement between the Bradford Area School District Board of Education and BAEA, beginning March 4, 2011 through April 14, 2011.
3. Abbie Rhoades has requested a maternity/childbearing leave of absence under FMLA Guidelines, District policy, and the current agreement between the Bradford Area School District Board of Education and BAEA, beginning April 27, 2011 through June 8, 2011.

Recommendation: To approve the requests as presented.

H. Substitutes

1. Substitute Teachers

- a. Rebecca Confer, substitute teacher, effective February 15, 2011.
- b. Cara Cumiskey, substitute teacher, effective February 15, 2011.
- c. Amy Raught, substitute teacher, effective February 15, 2011.
- d. Saree Frederick, substitute teacher, emergency certification, effective February 15, 2011.

2. Substitute Aides

- a. Alyssa Ruffner, substitute aide, effective February 15, 2011.
- b. Sandra Burkhouse, substitute aide, effective February 15, 2011.

3. Substitute Bus Driver

Catherine Kraemer, substitute bus driver, effective February 15, 2011.

Recommendation: To add the above-listed individuals to the District's approved substitute listing, in accordance with Board Policy, pre-employment drug test, and pending the completion of all necessary paperwork.

Motion by Keith Hatch, seconded by Pat Vigliotta, to approve Items A-H as presented.

Superintendent's Report

Congratulations to Rebecca Stahl, a senior at Bradford High School and student librarian worker for winning the Pennsylvania School Librarians Association contest titled "Who me? A School Librarian?" The contest required that she submit two essays – one stating the best thing about her school library and the other stating one thing she would like to change. She will receive an all expense paid trip to the Pennsylvania School Librarians Association Conference in Hershey, where she will meet student librarians from colleges across the state and library leaders from the Department of Education. She will also be recognized at the Awards Breakfast. Rebecca's career goal is to one day become a school librarian.

This month Tim Bean and I presented the Scholar Athletes Awards at the High School Academic Pep Assembly on February 11th. We made the change because we thought it would be more appropriate for them to be recognized in front of their peers. We will continue this practice in the future.

On February 9th-12th, Sam Mellon, Tim Puglio, and Alex Swackhamer attended the District 2 Band Festival. Tim Puglio took 1st chair, Tenor Sax and will advance to the Regional Band Competition in March. On February 17th – 19th, Sam Mellon, Tim Puglio, Tess Rhinehart, Andrew Scanlan, Alex Swackhamer, and Beth Swan will be attending the District 2 Jazz Band Festival. Tim Puglio is playing Lead Tenor Sax in Band #1. This is an outstanding achievement by a sophomore.

We have been proceeding with bids for the Fitness Center. We are hoping we will have a successful contractor to submit at the March meeting for a board vote who will be able to complete the project within our budget. Slides were shown of the current weight and wrestling rooms to show that this is not a luxury, it is a need for our students. The current rooms are unsafe and too small to accommodate physical education classes or strength training by our athletic teams.

Other Business

None

Announcement

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.

Keith Hatch
Board Secretary