

November 9, 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: Timothy Bean, President; Pat Vigliotta, Vice President; Paul Ridley, Treasurer; Helen Cummiskey, Carla Manion, Shane Oschman, and Joseph Troutman

Absent: Rita Dincher and Keith Hatch

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

News Media: JoEllen Chesnut - *The Bradford Era*

Visitors: Paul Piccioli, Heather Colwell, Jennifer Morgan, Charles Munn, Natalie Munn, Linda Magee, Julie Boyle, Chris Magee, Daneille Reams, Emily Reams, Erika Seagren, Dennis Morrisroe, Ashlyn Morrisroe, Captain Deborah Weigner, Hilary Digel, Sam Mellon, Stephen Wilber, Linda Wilber, Camila Autieri, Victor Autieri, Ashlyn Kelly, Maria Kelly, Byrn Manion, Tim Dincher, Barry Bryan, and Marsha Dowd

Timothy Bean, President, called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Ms. Kristina Wilday sang the National Anthem in honor of Veterans Day.

Recognition of Visitors

There were no visitor's comments.

Approval of Board Agenda

Motion by Paul Ridley, seconded by Carla Manion, to approve the Board agenda as presented.

Unanimously carried.

Presentation of School Bells

A school bell was presented to Linda Magee in honor of her 29 years of service to the district. Those not present to receive their bells were Mary Nahlen, Mary Ann Fensel, and Mary Lou Sapko.

Approval of Minutes

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

Unanimously carried.

Business Office and Financial Affairs

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

Motion by Paul Ridley, seconded by Carla Manion, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Unanimously carried.

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

Motion by Carla Manion, seconded by Shane Oschman, to approve the payment of bills as presented.

Unanimously carried.

C. Tax Exonerations, Homestead Adjustments, and Tax Refunds

Motion by Paul Ridley, seconded Pat Vigliotta, to approve the tax exonerations as presented.

Unanimously carried.

D. Children's Center for Treatment and Education

This agreement is for alternative education services for middle school students for ten students at a cost of \$75,000.

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

6 Yeas 0 Nays 1 Abstention (Bean)

E. Collaboration Agreement for Vocational Programs

The District has authorized students in the Intermediate Unit Nine to attend our Vocational Program if our enrollment allows. The agreed upon tuition for the half-day program is \$4,889.22. This is the second year of the agreement.

Motion by Paul Ridley, seconded by Pat Vigliotta, to approve the budget transfers as presented.

Unanimously carried.

F. Tax Commission Committee

The first meeting of the Tax Commission Committee was held for McKean County. Tina Action Baker was elected Treasurer. Permission is requested for the District to provide this service to the committee.

Motion by Carla Manion, seconded by Shane Oschman, to approve the service to the Tax Commission Committee.

Unanimously carried.

G. Resolution for Non-Reimbursable Construction Projects

BE IT RESOLVED, the Bradford Area Board of School Directors approves and authorizes the submission of the Application for Non-Reimbursable Construction Projects for 1) Replacement of the parking lot at George G. Blaisdell, 2) Electric Switch Gear Replacement at George G. Blaisdell, 3) Bathroom Renovation and Gym Glass Block Replacement at Floyd C. Fretz, and 4) Bathroom Renovation and Vocational Ceiling and Lighting Replacement at Bradford High School to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for review and approval.

FURTHER, the Board Secretary is authorized to sign the necessary documents.

Motion by Shane Oschman, seconded by Pat Vigliotta to approve the resolution as presented.

7 Yeas 0 Nays

Students and Curriculum

A. Presentation – Erika Seagren’s Marketing Students re Salvation Army Project.

Students from Ms. Seagren’s class presented a Powerpoint Presentation to show how they reorganized the various departments, painted, and put up signs for the various departments. Students who worked on the project did so on their own time after school. Captain Deborah Weigner from the Salvation Army thanked the students for their hard work and all the improvements they made to the store.

B. Overnight Trip

Permission is requested for the Girls’ Basketball Team to compete in a tip-off tournament in Franklin, PA on Friday and Saturday, December 11 and 12. This would be an overnight stay for the night of December 11th. The Booster Club will cover the cost of the rooms.

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

Unanimously carried.

C. Curriculum Update

We have received notice from PDE that the Technology Plan has been received and approved. This plan will be in effect for the next three years. Thank you to John Petruzzi for his dedication in finalizing the plan.

We applied for a grant through the Department of Special Education to assist us in transitioning autistic students from school to the workplace. We recently received notice that the grant was approved in the amount of \$43,425. This will allow us to partner with local businesses, provide training for community members, parents and teacher, contract job trainings for students, and provide funds for other transition services. Although the funding is for one year, we have already secured commitments from Futures, Wal-Mart, and Care for Children to assist in our endeavors to better serve this population of students. A special thank you goes to Sarah Schreiber for submitting this proposal/

Foreign Lab – Through grant funding the District was able to purchase a digital language mobile lab system for use in our Foreign Language Department at Bradford High School. The mobile lab system provides our students the ability to listen and speak into the system in their language of study, while teachers are provided with tools to monitor their success and coordinate student activities. The mobile lab system consists of 30-student audio stations with headsets and microphones. The teacher can play and record lessons for classroom activities as well as record assessments for AP testing. We will have the Foreign Language teachers provide a demonstration at a Board Meeting in the near future.

Keystone Exams – The Graduation Exam proposal has been passed. This will call for end-of course exams, beginning with English Literature, Algebra 1, and Biology that students must pass in order to graduate (beginning with the class of 2015). The plan is that other end of course exams will be phased in through 2016-17. The school district would be required to count the exams for at least one-third of a student’s final grade. Districts will also be given the option to set up a project for students who repeatedly fail the exam. The details will be more clearly spelled out as the exam dates approach.

D. Student Representative – Hilary Digel

Ms. Digel reported on Homecoming and the various fall sports including Boys' Golf, Girls' Golf, Football, Girls' Cross Country, Boys' Cross Country, Girls' Tennis, Boys' Soccer, and Girls' Soccer.

Personnel

A. Resignations

Laura Bierbower, General Aide at George G. Blaisdell Elementary School, effective November 6, 2009.

Motion by Shane Oschman, seconded by Carla Manion, to approve the resignation of Ms. Bierbower, as presented above, with regrets and appreciation for her service to the staff and students of the District.

Unanimously carried.

B. Employment

Bus Driver

Richard Gilbert, Run 9 at 4.00 hours per day at a rate of \$15.38 per hour, effective November 10, 2009.

Motion by Paul Ridley, seconded by Pat Vigliotta, to approve the employment of Mr. Gilbert, as presented, pending completion of all necessary paperwork and in accordance with Board Policy and the current agreement with AFSCME.

Unanimously carried.

C. Coaching Staff (2009-10)

1. Basketball

- a. Jon Hannon, Boys' JV/Assistant Varsity Coach
- b. Ashley Fox, Girls' 9th Grade Assistant Coach

2. Track and Field

- a. Ashley Fox, Assistant Varsity Girls
- b. Matt Teribery, Assistant Varsity Girls
- c. Dave Emerson, Middle School Boys' Head Coach
- d. Matthew Gilligan, Middle School Boys' Assistant Coach
- e. Natalie Marasco, Middle School Girls' Head Coach
- f. Jacqueline Kunze, Middle School Girls' Assistant Coach

Motion by Carla Manion, seconded by Pat Vigliotta, to approve the employment of the above-listed individuals, as presented, effective November 10, 2009, pending completion of all necessary paperwork and in accordance with Board policy and the current agreement between the Board and BAEA.

7 Yeas 0 Nays

D. Mentor Teacher

Kelly Compton - Rachel Kuhn at Fretz Middle School

Motion by Carla Manion, seconded by Pat Vigliotta, to approve the mentor teacher, as presented above, in accordance with Board Policy and the current agreement between the Board and BAEA, effective November 10, 2009.

Unanimously carried.

E. Transfer

Richard Young, transfer from Run 3 to Run 31 at 5.08 hours per day at a rate of \$15.38 per hour, effective November 10, 2009.

Motion by Shane Oschman, seconded by Pat Vigliotta, to approve the transfer as presented.

Unanimously carried.

F. Substitutes

Custodians

1. William Pearce, Substitute Custodian, effective October 26, 2009.
2. Ed Hayden, Substitute Custodian, effective November 2, 2009.

Motion by Carla Manion, seconded by Helen Cummiskey, 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.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Romanowski announced that for Veteran's Day special activities will take place in each of our schools. At GGB Arick Close (teacher/veteran) will be speaking to the students, addressing the many sacrifices made by our Armed Forces. At School Street flyers were sent home with all students inviting any family members or friends who are veterans to visit the school and speak to the students. They have 10 veterans who will visit individual classrooms and share their stories.

At Fretz discussions will take place in each classroom regarding "What it means to be a veteran and when is the best time to honor our veterans." Enrichment students have written essays on the topic "When is the best time to honor a veteran? And how should we honor our veterans. They are also involved in planning a ceremony for Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day on December 7th. At BAHS the American flag is proudly displayed above the front doors. Homeroom will be extended on Wednesday and the entire student body will watch a short video recognizing Veterans (provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs).

Each Social Studies teacher will facilitate a discussion recognizing veterans during all of the social studies classes.

The High School Jazz Band will be performing at Veterans Square at 10:00 during a ceremony which is being hosted by the American Legion and VFW.

The BAHS Mixed Chorus, Women's Chorale, and Concert Choir will be performing at the First United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m.

The Bradford Area School District would like to honor any member of the Armed Services who was either killed in action or missing in action and graduated from the BASD or last attended the BASD. It is our intent to establish a Wall of Honor dedicated to them on Veteran's Day 2010.

Other Business

None

Announcements

- A. An executive session was conducted prior to this meeting at 6:00 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 Paul Ridley, that the meeting be adjourned.

Unanimously carried.

Keith Hatch
Secretary