

February 8, 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; Paul Ridley, Treasurer; Keith Hatch, Secretary; Dave Feely, Carla Manion, Shane Oschman, and Joseph Troutman
Absent:	Helen Cummiskey
Administrators:	Sandra Romanowski, Superintendent; Katy Pude, Sam Johnson, Kathy Kelly, Ken Coffman, Gail Herrmann, Dara Signor, Dave Jones, Erin Waugaman, Gene Woodmansee, and John Petruzzi
News Media:	JoEllen Chesnut – <i>The Bradford Era</i> Anne Holliday – WESB
Visitors:	Chuck Hoyt, Joselynn Hackman, Kelsey Klanuhn, Danielle Wescoat, Jacqueline Foley, Heather Colwell, Jamie Jo Colley, Amirah Sabir, Brooke Szpaicher, Megan Shirk, Rachel Davis, Hope Stedje, 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 Keith Hatch, seconded by Shane Oschman, to approve the Board agenda as presented.

Unanimously carried.

Approval of Minutes

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Motion by Carla Manion, seconded by Keith Hatch, to approve the minutes as presented.

Unanimously carried.

Business Office and Financial Affairs

A. Treasurer's Report for the period ending December 31, 2009 and the Second Quarter Reports for the Secondary Schools as presented.

Motion by Keith Hatch, seconded by Shane Oschman, to approve the Treasurer's Report and Second Quarter Reports as presented.

Unanimously carried.

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

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

Unanimously carried.

C. Contract for the City Tax Collection

The annual agreement has been updated for the change in the bill rate.

Motion by Paul Ridley, seconded by Keith Hatch, to approve the agreement as presented.

8 Yeas 0 Nays

D. Budget Transfers

Budget transfers for 10/01/09 to 12/31/09 are presented for your approval. They are general operating transfers completed by the authorized budget officer and new or revised grants received after the original budget was adopted.

Motion by Carla Manion, seconded by Keith Hatch, to approve the budget transfers as presented.

Unanimously carried.

E. Sandra Brochetti has requested to buy 315 South Avenue, Control #92-1554, Bradford, Pennsylvania from the County Repository. Any property currently in the repository is not on the tax roll.

Motion by Paul Ridley, seconded by Shane Oschman, to grant consent to the Tax Claim Bureau to sell the property to Sandra Brochetti.

Unanimously carried.

F. Resolutions

1. Approval of Offer to Purchase Real Property – Raymond R. Cummiskey, 145 Interstate Parkway, Bradford, PA for a purchase price of \$85,000.

Motion by Keith Hatch, seconded by Pat Vigliotta, to approve the resolution as presented.

7 Yeas 1 Nay (Feely)

2. Approval of Offer to Purchase Real Property, Reid Petroleum Corp., 151 Interstate Parkway, Bradford, PA for a purchase price of \$169,000.

Motion by Keith Hatch, seconded by Pat Vigliotta, to approve the resolution as presented.

7 Yeas 1 Nay (Feely)

G. Agreement with Clear Choice Energy

This agreement is a Conservation Program where electricity consumers get paid to reduce their electric usage during emergencies on the electric grid in order to prevent a blackout in the area. Our projected first year payment should be \$17,578.

Motion by Paul Ridley, seconded by Pat Vigliotta, to approve the agreement with Clear Choice as presented.

8 Yeas 0 Nays

H. Master Service Agreement

This Agreement with Zito Media Commercial Voice, LCC covers telephone services, effective July 1, 2010.

Motion by Keith Hatch, seconded by Pat Vigliotta, to approve the agreement as presented.

8 Yeas 0 Nays

I. 2010-11 Intermediate Unit Nine General Operating Budget

The operating budget for the Intermediate Unit Nine is presented for your approval. Bradford's total is \$87,060. There will be no increase for 2010-11.

Motion by Paul Ridley, seconded by Pat Vigliotta, to approve the 2010-11 Intermediate Unit Nine General Operating Budget as presented.

8 Yeas 0 Nays

Policies

- A. Policy #705, Safety, revised
- B. Policy #325, Professional Dress for Administrative Employees, new.
- C. Policy #425, Professional Dress for Professional Employees, 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. 2010-11 School Calendar

Motion by Keith Hatch, seconded by Carla Manion, to approve the 2010-11 School Calendar as presented.

Unanimously carried.

B. Overnight Trips

Motion by Shane Oschman, seconded by Paul Ridley, to approve the overnight trips as requested.

Unanimously carried.

C. Curriculum Update

Mrs. Pude congratulated Caleb Huntoon (grade 4) who won the School Street Elementary School's Annual Geography Bee. Bryn Manion (grade 5) won the Scripp's National Spelling Bee at School Street Elementary School. She competed against 26 other finalists from the school. She will be traveling to Pittsburgh to compete in the national regional competition on March 20th. She and second place winner Natalie Piganelli, both won a one-year subscription to Encyclopedia Britannica online.

The PSSA assessments are rapidly approaching and our teachers have been hard at work examining student growth on local assessments and providing support to those students who need additional assistance. Reading and Math Assessments begin on April 7th and end on April 30th with the PSSA Science assessments.

Mrs. Pude commended the teachers in the Career and Tech Program (under the leadership of Dave Ray and lead teacher, Matt DeGolier). Many of our special needs students attend classes within the career and tech programs, and these teachers make sure that they can be included by working with their special education teachers to devise plans to do so.

Recently a meeting was held with the District Student Wellness Committee to discuss our progress toward our policy goals. Due to state budget cuts, our participation with the Adagio Health Program was cut. We are, however, very close to achieving all of the nutritional goals that we established with the help of Jon Hackett and the hard work of the building staff.

Monthly marathons are held at both GGB and School Street. Pedometers have been purchased for students who are interested in tracking their steps. The students compete against their own individual times.

The cafeterias have increased the choices for fruits and vegetables for all lunches and report that students are choosing these items over traditional snack foods.

Bradford High's Salsa Club will be holding a dance club for School Street students once a month in the gym and in addition their new Wellness Center, which received the Discovery Education Silver Award, Fretz is planning Olympic Games this month.

Personnel

A. PSBA Compensation Analysis and Market Assessment Study Bid Proposal at a cost of \$3,400.

Motion by Paul Ridley, seconded by Keith Hatch, to approve the proposal as presented.

8 Yeas 0 Nays

B. Resignation

1. Nicole Lohrman, Softball Coach for the 2009-10 school year, effective February 9, 2010.

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

Unanimously carried.

C. Employment

1. Rodney Swank, General Building Aide at George G. Blaisdell Elementary School, at a rate \$10.38 per hour for 7.25 hours per day, effective February 11, 2010.

Motion by Keith Hatch, seconded by Carla Manion, to approve the employment of Mr. Swank 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.

2. Monica Beers, Part-time LPN Nurse's Aide at George G. Blaisdell Elementary School, at a rate of \$18.28 per hour for 2.5 hours per day (11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.), effective February 18, 2010.

Motion by Keith Hatch, seconded by Shane Oschman, to approve the employment of Ms. Beers 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.

D. Mentor Teacher

Tracy Mackenstein – Brittany Parrett at Fretz Middle School, effective February 9, 2010.

Motion by Carla Manion, seconded by Keith Hatch, to approve the mentor teacher, as presented above, in accordance with Board Policy and the current agreement between the Board and BAEA.

Unanimously carried.

E. Transfers

1. Sonja Wineberg from Nurse Aide/LPN Position at 2.5 hours per day at GGB Elementary School to Nurse Aide/LPN Position at 7.25 hours per day at GGB Elementary School and School Street Elementary, effective February 9, 2010.
2. Brenda Moore, General Aide at George G. Blaisdell Elementary School to General Aide at School Street Elementary School at 7.25 hours per day, effective February 9, 2010.
3. Holly Eakin, Bus Driver, from Run 20 to Reserve at a rate of \$15.38 per hour for 4.0 hours per day, effective February 9, 2010.

Motion by Shane Oschman, seconded by Keith Hatch, to approve the transfers as presented.

Unanimously carried.

F. Substitutes

1. Teachers

- a. Benjamin Graham, Substitute Teacher, Emergency Certified, effective January 12, 2010.
- b. Audrey Darling, Substitute Teacher, Elementary Certified, effective February 12, 2010.
- c. Lisa DeCoster, Substitute Teacher, Emergency Certified, effective February 18, 2010.
- d. Andrea Kelly, Substitute Teacher, Elementary Certified, effective February 18, 2010.
- e. Kristin Tate Luther, Substitute Teacher, Emergency Certified, effective February 18, 2010.
- f. Stephanie Cotillion, Substitute Teacher, Emergency Certified, effective February 18, 2010.

2. Aide

Amy Holsinger, Substitute Aide, effective February 18, 2010.

Motion by Paul Ridley, seconded by Shane Oschman, to add the above-listed individuals to the District's approved substitute listing, pending the completion of all necessary paperwork, pre-employment drug test, and in accordance with Board policy.

Unanimously carried.

G. Leaves of Absence

1. Crystal Galsick 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 8, 2010 through May 7, 2010.

2. Jodi Rosendahl 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 12, 2010 through May 28, 2010.

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

Unanimously carried.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Romanowski commended the Go Green Committee for their work in making the Bradford Area School District a greener place for all. We currently have a contest going to reduce electricity consumption in the buildings. Our first month of the contest between the elementary and secondary buildings had the elementary schools winning by a landslide. The elementary schools again won this month, but by a much smaller margin.

The goal is to recycle plastic bottles and paper and to reduce the consumption of electricity in our buildings. Many things have been done to meet these goals with one student submitting a grant to secure funds for the project and another student is currently working on a grant to turn one of our courtyards at the High School into a schoolyard habitat.

In addition, Mrs. Romanowski announced that while we did notice a reduction in attendance during the recent H1N1 flu season, we have not dipped below 90% in any given month. Our overall average attendance for this year is 94.25%.

Mrs. Romanowski announced that as the Pennsylvania Department of Education agreed not to consider those applications for the Race to the Top Initiative that did not include signatures from the superintendent, school board president, and the local PSEA president. The requested language was included in the MOU presented to our local BAEA. Since we did not obtain local support from BAEA, we were not included in the application.

Other Business

None

Announcements

- A. An executive session was conducted prior to this meeting at 6:00 p.m. to meet with our solicitor and 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 Paul Ridley, seconded by Keith Hatch, that the meeting be adjourned.

Unanimously carried.

Keith Hatch
Secretary