

March 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; Keith Hatch, Secretary; Rita Dincher, Asst. Secretary; Rev. J. Arthur Cox, Carla Manion, and Joseph Troutman
- Absent: Helen Cummiskey
- Administrators: Sandra Romanowski, Superintendent; Katy Pude, Sam Johnson, Kathy Kelly, Ken Coffman, Gail Herrmann, Dave Ray, Brock Benson, Dave Jones, Sarah Tingley, Gene Woodmansee, and John Petruzzi
- News Media: JoEllen Chesnut - *The Bradford Era*
Joe Vinelli - *The Bradford Era*
- Visitors: Harvey Golubock, John Kohler, Betty Cochran, John Kriner, Todd Hennar, Kay Hoyt, Chuck Hoyt, and Marsha Dowd

Timothy Bean, President, called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Recognition of Visitors

None

Approval of Board Agenda

Motion by Rita Dincher, seconded by Rev. J. Arthur Cox, to approve the Board agenda as presented.

Unanimously carried.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting – February 9, 2009

Special Meeting – February 20, 2009

Motion by Carla Manion, seconded by Rita Dincher, to approve the minutes as presented.

Unanimously carried.

Business Office and Financial Affairs

A. Treasurer's Report for the period ending January 31, 2009.

Motion by Rev. J. Arthur Cox, 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 Rev. J. Arthur Cox, to approve the payment of bills as presented.

Unanimously carried.

C. Bid Awards

1. Co-op Supplies
2. Janitorial Supplies

Motion by Rita Dincher, seconded by Pat Vigliotta to award the bids as presented.

8 Yeas 0 Nays

D. Budget Transfers

Budget transfers from January 1, 2009 to January 31, 2009 are presented for your approval.

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

Unanimously carried.

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. Also Bradford students can attend the Port Allegany Vocational Program if their enrollment allows. The agreed upon tuition for the half-day programs is \$4,672.50.

Motion by Rev. J. Arthur Cox, seconded by Rita Dincher, to approve this Collaboration Agreement as presented.

8 Yeas 0 Nays

F. Keystone Opportunity Zones

Resolution #1A

This resolution is to extend the term of real property, earned income tax, net profits, and business privilege taxes in McKean County in the area at Lafferty Hollow Industrial Park.

Motion by Rev. J. Arthur Cox, seconded by Paul Ridley, to approve Resolution #1A as presented.

7 Yeas 1 Nay (Hatch)

Resolution #1B

This resolution is to extend the term of real property, earned income tax, net profits, and business privilege taxes in McKean County in the area at 21 Kennedy Street (former Salvation Army property).

Motion by Paul Ridley, seconded by Pat Vigliotta, to approve Resolution #1B as presented.

8 Yeas 0 Nays

Resolution #2A

This resolution is to extend the term of the Bradford Regional Airport Property.

Motion by Pat Vigliotta, seconded by Rita Dincher, to approve Resolution #2A as presented.

8 Yeas 0 Nays

Resolution #2B

This resolution is to extend the term of 5 Jackson Avenue (old Third Ward School).

Motion by Rev. J. Arthur Cox, seconded by Rita Dincher, to approve Resolution #2B as presented.

4 Yeas (Cox, Dincher, Ridley, Troutman) 4 Nays (Bean, Hatch, Manion, Vigliotta)

The motion did not pass.

Resolution #3A

This resolution authorizes new real property within the proposed new Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone by stimulating existing business employment and creating new employment. These new areas are two vacant parcels on Bolivar Drive owned by American Refining Group.

Motion by Rev. J. Arthur Cox, seconded by Keith Hatch, to approve Resolution #3A as presented.

7 Yeas 0 Nays 1 Abstention (Dincher)

Resolution #3B

This resolution authorizes new real property within the proposed new Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone by stimulating existing business employment and creating new employment. This is for tax parcel #12-001-124 & 126 on High Street Extension in Lewis Run Borough.

Motion by Keith Hatch, seconded by Pat Vigliotta, to approve Resolution #3B as presented.

8 Yeas 0 Nays

G. I.U.9 2009-10 General Operating Budget

The operating budget for the Intermediate Unit Nine is presented for your approval. Bradford's total is \$87,717. There is no increase for 2009-10.

Motion by Rita Dincher, seconded by Rev. J. Arthur Cox, to approve the 2009-10 Intermediate Unit Nine General Operating Budget as presented.

8 Yeas 0 Nays

H. Retirement Rate Stabilization Fund

The District recommends budgeting 7.13% for the state retirement rate (PSERS), and any excess from the PSERS actual certified rates will be transferred to the new retirement designation account of the general fund unreserved fund balance. This begins for budget year 2008-2009.

Motion by Rita Dincher, seconded by Carla Manion, to approve the above Retirement Designation Account and funding as presented.

Unanimously carried.

I. Master Service Agreement with Zito Media of Coudersport, PA

This agreement is for a 5-year term to provide business grade telecommunication service for the District.

Motion by Carla Manion, seconded by Rita Dincher, to approve the contract as presented.

Unanimously carried.

Students and Curriculum

A. Presentation – Highlights of Technology Implementation – Dr. John Kriner, Technology Coach

Dr. Kriner presented a PowerPoint presentation demonstrating the many uses of technology the students are learning.

B. Overnight Trips

Attached are three requests for overnight field trips for 2008-09.

Motion by Rev. J. Arthur Cox, seconded by Rita Dincher, to approve the requests for overnight trips as presented.

Unanimously carried.

A. Textbook Adoptions

Career and Technical Education

1. *Microsoft Office Excel 2007 – Illustrated Complete*, Thomson Course Technology, 2008 (Computer Applications 4, BAHS)
2. *Microsoft Office PowerPoint 2007 – Illustrated Complete*, Thomson Course Technology, 2008 (Computer Applications 1, BAHS)
3. *Microsoft Office Word 2007 – Illustrated Complete*, Thomson Course Technology, 2008 (Computer Applications 1, BAHS)
4. *Microsoft Office Access 2007 – Illustrated Complete*, Thomson Course Technology, 2008 (Computer Applications 4, BAHS)

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

8 Yeas 0 Nays

D. Curriculum Update

Mrs. Pude reported that advisors, Mrs. Jan Russell and Mr. Larry Schuessler, took a group of thirteen students to the I.U.9 to participate in the Regional Division and acknowledged the students who were present at the meeting. We also learned this morning that our first place winners will go to the state level.

The PSSA reading and math assessments are scheduled for March 16-19. Our preliminary 4Sight data shows that Fretz has made improvements in both reading and math.

For the Gaskin Settlement agreement on inclusion, school districts are monitored each year on their inclusive practices. Our monitoring occurs on March 3rd, and the I.U.9 will be facilitating a needs assessment based on data from the past three years.

E. Student Representative – Bethany Russell

Ms. Russell reported that Friday marked the end of the 4th marking period, with only twelve weeks left in the 2008-09 school year.

Underclassmen have been scheduling their classes for the next school year. Students will have more choices in selecting their English classes. A sustained silent reading is now being held on Wednesdays after third period. Many students who would normally have not read a book are now seen reading without complaint.

In sports, the Boys' and Girls' Basketball seasons have ended. The Boys' Wrestling season ended over the weekend, with sophomore, Mark Havers, taking the silver medal at the state competition. The Regional Swim Meet was exciting with their finishing in second place. As the winter sports season comes to an end, the spring season is just beginning.

On Thursday, March 19th through Saturday, March 21st, Bradford High's Musical Department will be presenting *Suessical the Musical*.

Juniors are awaiting PSSA testing and seniors are feeling the crunch to complete their graduation projects. Thirty students participated in the AMC Math Competition sponsored by the Explorer Club. The competition requires participants to solve very difficult math problems.

Key Club returned from their convention in Hershey. Future Business Leaders of America will be traveling to Hershey at the end of March for their State Club Competition.

Personnel

A. Contract Ratification

1. Teamsters Contract (2009-13)

Motion by Rev. J. Arthur Cox, seconded by Paul Ridley, to approve the Teamster's Contract to be effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2013.

7 Yeas 1 Nay

2. AFSCME Contract (2009-14)

Motion by Rita Dincher, seconded by Pat Vigliotta, to approve the AFSCME Contract to be effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2014.

7 Yeas 1 Nay (Hatch)

B. MOU – BAEA

Addition of Middle School Cross Country Coaching position to the 2009-2013 CBA.

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

7 Yeas 0 Nays

C. Resignations

1. Michael Greene, Technology Education Teacher at Bradford Area High School, effective April 27, 2009.

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

2. Melissa Longo, Girls' Middle School Head Track Coach, effective February 20, 2009.

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

3. Janet Musolino, Family and Consumer Science Teacher at Fretz Middle School, resigning for the purpose of retirement with 35 years of service, effective June 4, 2009.

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

4. Clare S. Pusateri, Reading Teacher at Fretz Middle School, resigning for the purpose of retirement with 35 years of service, effective June 4, 2009.

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

5. Daniel Emery, Grade 6 Middle School Teacher, resigning for the purpose of retirement with 31 years of service, effective June 4, 2009.

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

6. Bret R. Pettitt, Assistant Middle School Football Coach, effective March 5, 2009.

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

Motion by Carla Manion, seconded by Rita Dincher, to approve the resignations as presented.

7 Yeas 0 Nays

D. Mentor Teachers (2008-09)

Shannon Stitt for Ashley Fox at Bradford Area High School, for the remainder of the mentorship.

Motion by Keith Hatch, seconded by Rev. J. Arthur Cox, to approve the mentor teacher, as Presented above, in accordance with Board policy and the current agreement with BAEA, effective March 9, 2009.

E. Leave of Absence

Amanda Troisi has requested a maternity/childrearing leave of absence under FMLA Guidelines and District policy beginning April 24, 2009 through June 4, 2009.

Motion by Carla Manion, seconded by Rita Dincher, to approve the leave of absence as presented.

8 Yeas 0 Nays

F. Coaching Staff (2008-09)

- 1. Assistant Varsity Softball Coach - Nikki Lohrman
- 2. Volunteer Middle School Track Coach - Melissa Longo
- 3. Volunteer Track Coach - Ashley Fox
- 4. Volunteer Track Coach - Kevin Teribery
- 5. Head Middle School Girls' Track Coach -Natalie Marasco

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

8 Yeas 0 Nays

G. Coaching Staff (2009-10)

Jeff Puglio, Head Varsity Football Coach, effective March 9, 2009.

Motion by Rev.J. Arthur Cox, seconded by Carla Manion, to approve the employment of Mr. Puglio, as presented, effective March 10, 2009, pending completion of all necessary paperwork and in accordance with Board policy and the current agreement between the Board and BAEA.

8 Yeas 0 Nays

H. Temporary/Summer Help (Technology)

Temporary Workers at a rate of \$7.50 per hour on an as needed basis.

- 1. Ben Eberle
- 2. John W. Petruzzi
- 3. Toni Vickery
- 4. Robin Weaver
- 5. JoAnn Wilson

Motion by Rita Dincher, seconded by Keith Hatch, to add the above-named individuals to the District's approved summer help list in accordance with Board policy and pending completion of all necessary paperwork.

Unanimously carried.

I. Substitutes

Substitute Bus Drivers

1. Michael Gilbert, effective March 2, 2009
2. Richard Gilbert, effective March 2, 2009
3. Daniel Mackey, effective March 2, 2009

Motion by Carla Manion, seconded by Rita Dincher, 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

Congratulations to Mark Havers who placed second in the PIAA Class AAA in Hershey. He had a 31-1 season.

Congratulations to Bethany Russell and twelve of her swim team members who will represent our District at the PIAA State Championship Tournament on March 11th and 12th at Bucknell University.

Other Business

None

Announcements

- A. An executive session was conducted at 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

Steve Kloss, Assistant Varsity Football Coach, spoke in support of Jerry Pattison being hired as a Varsity Football Coach.

Adjournment

Motion by Keith Hatch, seconded by Pat Vigliotta, that the meeting be adjourned.

Unanimously carried.

Keith Hatch
Assistant Secretary