

**BANGOR TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 26, 2009**

Members Present: Richard Kowalski, President; John Loop, Vice-President; Michael Bacigalupo, Trustee; Melissa Kaczmarek, Trustee; Brian Tobin, Trustee

Members Absent: Tim Allen (personal business); Mark Seymour (personal illness)

EXPRESSIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC None.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA None.

COMMUNITY MEMBER RECOGNITION – DAVID AND JULIE KELLY, BAND PARENTS Dr. Kerr thanked Mr. and Mrs. Kelly for their donation of a trailer for the district band. Mr. Kowalski also asked that the vendors who also helped with the trailer be sent a thank you.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2008/09 BAISD ANNUAL REPORT – MIKE DEWEY, ISD SUPERINTENDENT Mr. Dewey distributed copies of the Bay-Arenac Annual Report for 2008-09 and reviewed areas highlighted including adult education services, instructional services, curriculum council, special education, early childhood, and technology services. Other programs reviewed were forensic and nursing.

STAFF RECOGNITION - NICE JOB NOTICES Dr. Kerr extended her congratulations to Rick Hamme for receiving a Nice Job Notice this month.

REPORTS
Board Committees/Board Members: John Loop reported on a Personnel, Policy and Finance Committee meeting that was held recently. Items discussed included board election date change, a budget update, an ARRA bond work shop that Dr. Kerr had attended, and personnel issues.
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction: Dr. Bishop reported on items that included training sessions for teachers on Pearson benchmarks, application for extension of MEAP deadline due to student illness, working with ARRA funds and technology projects.
Director of Finance and Operations: Laurie McCann distributed copies of the amended budget and talking points. She reported that the district had an increase in fund balance for the 2008/09 school year of approximately \$500-600,000. The funds came from decreases in transportation costs, reductions in custodial sub sick time, and other items.
She explained that the amended budget that is being presented for approval later this evening included a \$218 per pupil reduction.
Dr. Kerr stated that the board will need to have another discussion after the first of the year for another possible \$127 per pupil proration. This will need to be reflected in future budget updates. She explained that the reduction is current \$165 with the board approving this evening a total of \$218.
John Loop asked where the left over money from last year was reflected in the amended budget as the Board had discussed using it to deal with the

financial crisis instead of putting it into fund equity.

Ms. McCann stated that technically it goes into the fund equity and then it is used out of there. Dr. Kerr asked if Ms. McCann meant that the \$53 per student was to the good, and then a transfer to the fund balance would not be done at this point. Discussion took place regarding whether the amendment should really reflect the \$165 per pupil reduction which is the number the district has right now.

Dr. Kerr also asked where the district was at this point with publishing its check registry on line. Ms. McCann stated that once the board approves it, it would be put up and then have it taken down after a month.

Discussion regarding new state requirements to post district budget documents online will be a topic of discussion at the next Planning Meeting.

Superintendent: Dr. Kerr's report included an update on the Bay Area Commitment for student scholarships, the high school ceiling tile and lighting projects, the contractor for the Edison roof project, and the Edison boiler and parking lot projects. She also reported that both CMMS and JGHS had been noted as "Cool Schools."

Student Senate Representative: Arsh Patel reported on recent activities sponsored by the Student Senate that included the Needy Family Food Drive.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Kowalski asked that Items C and D on the Regular Agenda be moved to the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Michael Bacigalupo, supported by Brian Tobin, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

Approval of Minutes:

- a. October 12, 2009 (Planning Meeting)
- b. Approval of Monthly Expenditures:
Grand Total All Funds: \$1,096,471.33
(Payroll Portion Equals: \$520,050.94)
- c. Approval of William Kibbe and Associates as Civil Engineer for Roofing Project
- d. Approval of Bay-Arenac ISD 2008/09 Annual Report

Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

Second Reading and Approval of Revised Policy 5357 – Family and Medical Leave: A motion was made by John Loop, supported by Michael Bacigalupo, to approve the revision of this policy. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendation to Approve School Trip – JGHS Band to Toronto/Niagara Falls, May 2010: Dr. Kerr stated that the trip information had been in the Board packets for their review and the K-12 Curriculum Committee had also reviewed it. She is recommending that the Board approve the trip at this time.

A motion was made by Michael Bacigalupo, supported by Brian Tobin, to approve this recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Regarding May Board Election Schedule: Dr. Kerr had received information from Thrun Law Firm about changing the Board election schedule to every odd year making terms six years in length instead of four.

This was reviewed with the Personnel, Policy, and Finance Committee and was originally thought to be a cost savings. Mr. Kowalski commented that six year terms are long and had a greater possibility of having someone be replaced before their term was up if needed. Mr. Loop said that the committee had discussed both positive and negative aspects of this change, as well as the stability of Board members. He personally did not see an advantage of making the switch at this time. Mr. Kowalski agreed also.

No further discussion will take place at this time.

Financial Update and Approval of Amended Budget: Dr. Kerr asked that the Board approve the amended budget reflecting a \$165 per pupil reduction with \$21,342 being allocated from the fund balance to offset the deficit. A motion was made by Melissa Kaczmarek, supported by John Loop, to approve this recommendation. Ms. McCann stated that the amended budget was based on a student count of 2,486. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER ITEMS FOR
DISCUSSION

None.

EXPRESSIONS FROM THE
PUBLIC

Mr. Kowalski thanked Margy Dewey for the wonderful hospitality that was shown to the Board this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made at 7:58 p.m. by Michael Bacigalupo to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Allen, Secretary