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BOARD (Present)
Ralph DiGuiseppe, III  President  Steve Cullen  Member
Mary Jane Paglione  Vice-President  John D’Angelo  Member
Mary Antonelli  Secretary  John Doyle  Member
William Salerno, Esq.  Solicitor  Beverly Kalinowski  Member
Taylor Cullen  Student Delegate  Jeff Paleafico  Member

BOARD (Absent)
David Chichilitti  Member
Joseph Saxton  Member
Tom Barrett  Student Delegate

OTHERS (Present)
Broadus W. Davis, Ed.D.  Superintendent
Joseph T. Roe  Business Manager
Thomas Shaffer  Elementary/Middle School Principal
Teachers (2)
Reporter (1)
Residents (4)

OTHERS (Absent)

The Bristol Borough School Directors held a public meeting on March 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the District Administrative Offices and Educational Complex, 1776 Farragut Avenue, Bristol, PA.

CALL TO ORDER:
Mr. DiGuiseppe called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Salute to the Flag.

AGENDA APPROVAL:
On a motion by Mrs. Kalinowski, seconded by Mr. Doyle, the agenda was approved.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:
Several elementary and middle school parents shared incidents about on-going bullying at the school. In begging that the board intervene, the parents cited several occasions when a particular student’s bullying (i.e., drawing blood, throwing a chair, etc.) has affected numerous other students to the point of the victims no longer wanting to go to school. Mr. Doyle asked for
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clarification as to where these incidents occurred, and if the police have been notified. Hearing for the first time tonight that this particular student has a wrap-a-around para-professional and that the student continues to be a problem, Mr. DiGuisepp responded that the board will meet in executive session following the meeting to further discuss the situation. He also stated that the district administration has the full support of the board regarding the “tightening” of the district bullying policy.

Indicating that the particular child’s name has not been revealed, Mr. Salerno cautioned everyone of the need to be very careful as to not become so specific that the child’s name may become obvious. He further indicated that it is quite clear from comments shared tonight that there is a problem that the district has been working on and will continue to work on even harder to address the problem.

Jackie Caywood, PTA representative, thanked Dr. Davis for supporting and serving as a referee for a recent fundraising event, the Wizards, held at the elementary/middle school.

REPORTS:
Mr. Shaffer, Elementary/Middle School Principal, reported:
- Elementary and middle school students have completed one half of the PSSA’s.
- He and Mrs. Gesualdi recently met with Dr. Masko of the Intermediate Unit who explained that the IU will be servicing individual district needs as part of its programs next year. Bristol Borough will be receiving five full days of in-service programs that will include several consultants. These programs will also be in conjunction with Snyder-Girotti’s School Improvement Plan.

Dr. Davis, Superintendent, introduced Sheila MacIntyre, Secondary Biology Teacher, who shared a presentation on the Bristol Borough Green Jobs Club. Ms. MacIntyre introduced students who are participating in the program at the Bucks County Community College’s Lower Bucks County Campus. This year’s program is sponsored by Dow Chemical and the Silver Lake Nature Center. The program will have interactive, hands-on activities, guest speaker presentations, a community garden at Silver Lake Nature Center, several clean-up and recycling projects, and educational tools to learn more about green careers.

Before sharing the names of the new inductees of the National Honor Society, Mr. DiGuiseppe stated that he, Mr. D’Angelo and Mr. Cullen attended the event and were impressed with the list of colleges that the seniors have been accepted to and the majors that they have chosen. He concluded by sharing his disappointment with such positive events never making the newspaper.

National Honor Society Members

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Student Delegates, Taylor shared information on:
- Upcoming Spring Sport Schedules
- Foreign Language Night – March 23
- High School Play – The Wiz – April 8 at 7:00 p.m. and April 9 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

John Doyle, Bucks County Technical High School Representative, reported:
- The budget committee continues to meet on reducing the budget. Bristol Borough could see a reduction of $23,000 if cuts and adjustments continue as planned.
- On Tuesday, March 22, seniors presented projects in their technical areas of studies. Mr. Doyle stated that he is proud to be a part of such a program for the past three year and serves as a “grader” for the automotive division.

Mrs. Kalinowski, Intermediate Unit Representative, presented information on the Intermediate Unit revised 2010-11 Special Education Program Rates.

**ROUTINE MONTHLY BUSINESS:**
On a motion by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mrs. Kalinowski, the board unanimously approved:
- a) The minutes of February 2 & 17, 2011.
- b) The lists of bills for March 2011.
- c) The Treasurer’s report for February 2011.

**NEW BUSINESS:**
On a motion by Mrs. Paglione, seconded by Mr. Paleafico, the board unanimously approved the attached resolution opposing educational vouchers.

On a motion by Mrs. Kalinowski, seconded by Mr. Doyle, the board unanimously approved the 2011-2012 Bucks County Intermediate Unit Programs & Services and Instructional Materials & Research Budget in the amount of $1,845,538. Bristol Borough’s share is $5,360, an increase of $545.

On a motion by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Cullen, the board unanimously approved the following school calendars (attached).
- 2010-2011 - School Calendar – amended due to snow days
- 2011-2012 – School Calendar

On a motion by Mrs. Paglione, seconded by Mr. Paleafico, the board unanimously approved permission to finance the cost of transportation for students and chaperones to attend the Silver Bay-Writer’s Voice Project at Lake George in New York State from May 12 through May 16, 2011. The approximate cost, $2,000, is included in our budget.
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On a motion by Mrs. Kalinowski, seconded by Mr. Cullen, the board unanimously approved permission for the band to participate in a trip to Williamsburg, Virginia, on April 29 & 30, 2011, at no cost to the district.

PERSONNEL:
Professional:
On a motion by Mrs. Paglione, seconded by Mr. Cullen, the board unanimously approved the request of Michael Collins to rescind his previously approved days (2) without pay.

On a motion by Mrs. Paglione, seconded by Mr. Cullen, the board unanimously approved to accept the resignation of Peter Roberts as Junior Varsity Softball Coach.

On a motion by Mrs. Paglione, seconded by Mr. Paleafico, the board unanimously approved the following professionals to the District Day-to-Day Substitute List at an initial daily rate of $90.00; daily rate increases to $100.00 after 20 days.

Note: Guest Teachers – PA Emergency Certification is obtained through the Bucks County Intermediate Unit after applicant (who has a Bachelor’s Degree) attends required workshops.

Guest Teachers
Julius Oghogho    Kenya Jenkins
Sally Carpenter   Diedra Anderson

I.U. REPRESENTATIVE: Absent

INFORMATION:
Mr. DiGuiseppe informed the public that the board would be meeting in an executive session to continue discussion on the bullying issue and current legal matters following tonight’s public meeting.

Next public meeting – April 7, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:
On a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary M. Antonelli
Board Secretary