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BOARD (Present)
Ralph DiGuiseppe, III  President  David Chichilitti  Member
Mary Jane Paglione  Vice-President  Steve Cullen  Member
Joseph Saxton  Treasurer  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)

OTHERS (Present)
Broadus W. Davis, Ed.D.  Superintendent
Joseph T. Roe  Business Manager
Teachers (3)
Reporters (1)
Residents (9)

OTHERS (Absent)
Thomas Shaffer  Elementary/Middle School Principal

The Bristol Borough School Directors held a public meeting on May 25, 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. Paleafico, the agenda was approved.

REPORTS:
Dr. Davis, Superintendent, informed everyone that the high school teachers and administrators are finalizing the graduation list.

Ralph DiGuiseppe, Board President, informed everyone that the budget being presented tonight is the Proposed Final Budget, and that the budget committee of the board will continue to work to reduce the 26 mill increase. He also reported that he and Scott Brown, BBEA President, attended a health care consortium for approximately two hours in Montgomeryville where 23 districts met in an attempt to form a health care consortium for a long-term solution to solve the health care crisis.
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Taylor Cullen, Student Delegate, shared information on upcoming events at the high school: Relay for Life activities, 2011 yearbook distribution, sports banquet, finals for seniors, Memory Night on June 13 and Graduation on June 14, 2011.

PRESENTATION:
Mr. DiGuisepppe presented a gift of appreciation to Taylor and thanked her for her participation as student delegate during the 2010-2011 school year. Dr. Davis will present the gift to Tom Barrett, who was unable to attend tonight’s meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:
Mr. Kirk, Borough resident, asked questions regarding the following issues and the board and Mr. Roe responded accordingly.
- Health Care Consortium – Would be considered during contract negotiations.
- Food Service – Mr. Roe answered that it is self supporting.
- Debt Service – What the district is paying on any long-term debt, i.e., bond for new school, portion for the payment to the Technical School, etc.

Mrs. Ryder, Borough resident, asked questions regarding her husband (Jack) on the substitute custodial list and the fact that, although previously approved, he has never been called. Mr. Roe answered that he would check the substitute list.

Nicole Dempsey, kindergarten parent, shared evidence of a lack of communication at the elementary/middle school:
- She arrived at the end of the day to pick up her son who was sick, and she was able to get through the doors with no restrictions.
- She proceeded to the nurse’s office and the substitute nurse said that the boy left with his mother.
- She went to her son’s classroom and was informed by that substitute teacher that the boy left for the YMCA bus.
- She proceeded back to the office where Josette was trying to contact the bus driver when the teacher appeared with the boy. He had fallen asleep behind the nurse’s office.

Mrs. Dempsey further explained that she did hear from Mr. Shaffer the next day who expressed his embarrassment.

Mr. DiGuisepppe responded that he called Mr. Shaffer immediately after he received her e-mail, and Mr. Shaffer indicated that he did take care of the issue. He further stated that he informed Mr. Shaffer that the situation could have been avoided if proper procedures were in place, starting with someone “buzzing” you (Mrs. Dempsey) in the building. He assured Mrs. Dempsey and other parents who have contacted him regarding this issue that steps will be taken to avoid such mass confusion.
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Board Comments:
Mr. Doyle, Technical School Representative, shared information via a power point presentation regarding the Bucks County Technical School. The presentation included the school moving forward with improving the graduation rate and AYP scores, specific funding cuts, reduction of health care benefits, staff reductions, enrollment trends, and the 2011-2012 budgets.

Mrs. Kalinowski, IU Representative, stated that the IU did not meet in May. On June 21 the board will meet to begin evaluating Dr. Galasso. However, before that takes place, each of the board members will be consulting with central office employees who work directly with Dr. Galasso to gain input in order to evaluate him fairly. Also at that meeting, the board will be given a final yearly wrap up of the IU and initiatives that will bring the IU to 2011-2012

ROUTINE MONTHLY BUSINESS:
On a motion by Mr. Saxton, seconded by Mr. Doyle, the board unanimously approved:
   a) The minutes of April 7 & 28, 2011.
   b) The list of bills for May 2011.
   c) The Treasurer’s report for April 2011.

NEW BUSINESS:
On a motion by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mrs. Kalinowski, the board unanimously approved the Proposed Final Budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year in the amount of $22,286,552.

Mr. Doyle made a motion to approve the 2011-2012 Bucks County Technical School Budget in the amount of $21,534,573, and Mrs. Kalinowski second the motion. The motion was defeated by a 6-2 vote (Mr. Paleafico and Mr. Chichilitti voted yes to approve the budget). Mr. Chichilitti asked for clarification and subsequently a recount was taken. The board unanimously voted not to approve the 2011-2012 Bucks County Technical High School Budget in the amount of $21,534,573. Bristol Borough’s share is $1,177,329 a 16.5% increase over last year.

On a motion by Mrs. Kalinowski, seconded by Mr. Doyle, the board unanimously approved the appointment of William A. Salerno, Esq. as District Solicitor for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

On a motion by Mrs. Kalinowski, seconded by Mr. Cullen, the board approved (7-0-1) the appointment of Joseph Saxton as Board Treasurer from July 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. (Mr. Saxton was appointed in December 2010, but the PA School Code indicates a Board Treasurer be appointed in May; therefore, we are reaffirming Mr. Saxton’s appointment through December 2011). Mr. Saxton abstained on the appointment.

On a motion by Mr. Chichilitti, seconded by Mrs. Kalinowski, the board unanimously approved Berkheimer Tax Administrator to continue collecting the Occupation Privilege Tax.
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On a motion by Mr. Chichilitti, seconded by Mr. Doyle, the board unanimously approved the following depositories for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

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On a motion by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Cullen, the board unanimously approved to contribute $1,000 for the athletic banquet through the Bristol High School Mothers Association.

On a motion by Mrs. Kalinowski, seconded by Mr. Cullen, the board unanimously approved the attached list of 2011 Bristol High School (expected) graduates upon successful completion of academic requirements.

On a motion by Mr. Chichilitti, seconded by Mr. Paleafico, the board unanimously approved the request of Joanne Mastriana to waive the requirement to return to the district for one year following a sabbatical leave of absence as per District Policy #438.

On a motion by Mr. Chichilitti, seconded by Mr. Saxton, the board unanimously approved the attached agreement between the Bristol Borough School District and the Bristol Borough Education Support Professional Association, effective July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2013.

On a motion by Mr. Chichilitti, seconded by Mrs. Kalinowski, the board approved (Mr. Saxton voted no) the Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 contracted special costs as per the attached for the 2011-2012 school year in the amount of $581,799.

**PERSONNEL:**

**Professional:**

On a motion by Mr. Chichilitti, seconded by Mr. Paleafico, the board unanimously approved to accept the retirement resignation of Joanne Mastriana, Elementary Teacher, effective the end of the 2010-2011 school year. Mrs. Mastriana has served the Bristol Borough School District for the past 28 years.

On a motion by Mr. Chichilitti, seconded by Mr. Cullen, the board unanimously approved the appointment of Margaret Matiko (Elementary/Special Education Certification) 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.

On a motion by Mr. Chichilitti, seconded by Mr. Doyle, the board unanimously approved the appointment of Anna Woods to the District Substitute Cafeteria List.
INSTRUCTIONAL
On a motion by Mrs. Kalinowski, seconded by Mr. Saxton, the board unanimously approved the attached “Pennsylvania School Improvement Plan” for the Snyder-Girotti Elementary School as per the guidelines required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the 2011-2012 school year.

I.U. REPRESENTATIVE: Ted Feldstein acknowledged the district’s valued partnership with the IU.

INFORMATION:
Legislative Information - Mr. Saxton stated he sent letters to Senator Tomlinson and Representative Galloway on behalf of the district.
- Asked Representative Galloway to vote no on HB 1326, which gives the district exceptions that our business manager asks for each year to help reduce our budget costs.
- Asked Senator Tomlinson to vote against SB 911, which deals with all the cuts that the Governor is proposing. Those cuts would mean about $912,000 out of our budget, and a $1 billion cut in basic education subsidies throughout the state.
He concluded by sharing some good news – the House did not vote on HB 1326 since so many individuals and school districts have been contacting State Representatives.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
Mr. DiGuisepppe informed the public that the board would be meeting in an executive session to continue discussion on the two (2) finalists of the superintendent search.

Next public meeting – June 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:
On a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary M. Antonelli
Board Secretary