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BOARD (Present)

John D'Angelo	President	Steven Cullen	Member
David Chichilitti	Vice-President	Joseph Fusco	Member
James Petrino	Treasurer	John Hill	Member
Anthony Mandio, Esq.	Solicitor	Mary Jane Paglione	Member
Mary Antonelli	Secretary	Denise Riccio	Member
Joseph Ciambrello	Member		
Gabriella Moyer	Student Delegate		
Christopher Jaeger	Student Delegate		

BOARD (Absent)

OTHERS (Present)

Dr. Broadus Davis	Superintendent of Schools
Joseph Roe	Business Manager
Thomas Shaffer	Secondary Principal
James Esposito	Acting Assistant Secondary Principal
Rosemary Parmigiani	Elementary Principal
Kelli Rosado	Elementary Assistant Principal
Paul Hetherington	District Technology Coordinator
Angelo Rago	Owner Representative – New Construction
Reporters (1)	
Teachers (2)	
Residents (2)	

OTHERS (Absent)

The Bristol Borough School Directors held a public meeting on Thursday, **January 25, 2007** 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.

President D'Angelo called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Salute to the Flag.

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AGENDA APPROVAL: Approved (9-0).

Motion: Mr. Chichilitti
Second: Mr. Petrino
Result: Approved: (9-0)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Borough resident, Louis Persichetti, asked if the board would be discussing the budget, and Mr. D'Angelo answered that the budget would be discussed tonight.

REPORTS:

Administrative:

Mr. Shaffer and **Miss Parmigiani** shared past and upcoming events at the schools:

- Partners in Print Workshop for students in Grades 4, 5 & 6
- Snyder-Girotti Night at Grundy Library
- Dr. Jack McGovern's presentation on The Key to Success and What's New in Children's Literature
- Kindergarten teachers attend science workshop
- January 25 is the end of the 2nd marking period
- Annual Talent Show in celebration of Black History Month
- Mock Trial competition begins on February 6
- PSSA Writing on February 12

Dr. Davis asked Ms. Parmigiani to elaborate on the school uniform survey. Ms. Parmigiani explained that both parents and students responded in a positive manner. Mr. Esposito added that the high school students were enthusiastic as well.

Student Delegates:

Gabriella Moyer & Christopher Jaeger shared information on the following: boys and girls basketball teams continue to win, Asa Rankins, BHS junior, scored his 1000th point, cheerleaders have participated in recent competitions, wrestling team (for the first time in several years) has wrestlers for the different weight groups, more seniors are applying early to college and most have received acceptance letters early as well, Bristol students volunteered for the Martin Luther King Service Day, and Mock Trial participants are busy preparing for their first competition.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Davis stated that January is School Directors Month. He thanked the directors for their time and dedication and asked that everyone join him in a round of applause.

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Dr. Davis asked Angelo Rago, Owner Representative, to share information on the attached progress report update on the new construction. **Mr. Rago** reviewed in detail the items listed. When finished with his report, Mr. Rago shared with the board a copy of correspondence (attached) he received on January 4 from Dick Koelle (Vitetta) regarding the active storm pipe at the intersection of Pond and Mulberry Streets. The original letter was sent to Douglas Hooper of Remington & Vernick Engineers on October 27, 2006. Plans for the proposed construction indicated that the pipe would be removed. Since the storm pipe is active, the plans need to be revised. In that light, Mr. Rago stated that he met with Mr. Koelle this morning, and Mr. Koelle assured him that revised plans were submitted this morning (1/25/07). Those revised plans would then be submitted to the contractor. Thus, a change order is apparent. Stating that the above issue was debated several times, months ago, with Remington & Vernick, **President D'Angelo** asked Mr. Rago to contact Michael Minton regarding this matter. Mr. D'Angelo concluded by stating that what he is hearing tonight is totally different than that what Remington & Vernick stated earlier regarding this issue. **Mr. Chichilitti** stated that, if a mistake was made, those responsible should pay for the change order. Mr. Rago also shared another issue regarding the inspection and testing of concrete. Such an inspection is typically done by a third party inspector and there are companies that do just that. A "ball park" figure.....\$20,000.

2007-2008 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Mr. Roe reviewed in detail the attached booklet outlining the 2007-2008. He began by reviewing the PA Account Codes. He elaborated on the following:

- Proposed budget indicates revenue at \$17,682,785 and expenditures at \$19,872,784
- Deficit of \$2,189,999 or an increase of 30 mills
- Current millage rate is 101.4. One mill is equal to \$73,000
- Average homeowner would pay an additional \$500
- Our preliminary budget needs to be approved by February 13
- True state subsidy numbers (including special education* subsidy) will not be available until March or April
 - *The State's description of special education subsidy is misleading. The subsidy is not based on the number of each district's special education students. It is based on population, and it is assumed that all districts have the same number of special education students. For example, a district that has the same general population as Bristol Borough, but ½ the special education costs gets the same amount of money for special education regardless of the number of special education students.
- Tuition – District does not have too much control over this expense. And, the increase this year is over \$100,000.

Mr. Roe assured the directors that the district administrators will meet in an attempt to reduce the deficit before our next meeting which is scheduled for February 8, 2007. Such reduction may include staffing, retirees, etc. Mr. D'Angelo asked the directors share any ideas they may have to reduce the deficit as well.

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Board President

Mr. D'Angelo shared the following correspondence:

- Letter from Mr. Mandio to Borough Manager James Dillon regarding the permit fee of \$458,199 and a refund to the District.
(Mr. Mandio stated that he spoke with the borough solicitor who said that there was an agreement between the school directors and borough council that any money that was leftover would be used for recreation)
- Letter of opinion by Mr. Mandio required for district audit
- Indicated that John Hill is interested in serving as I.U. Representative when Mr. Cullen's term expires.
- Thanked the Senior Athletic Association for all its work supporting the students at BHS. The board will honor it's members at a board meeting
- Thanked the members of the Bristol Borough Education Foundation and encouraged anyone who may be interested
- Project Labor Agreement for Morrisville School District – Bristol School Directors (3) met with the Morrisville School Board at a public meeting to explain Bristol Borough's decision in securing a PLA.

Board Reports:

Mr. Petrino, Vo-Tech Representative, reported:

- Technical School budget will have a 3.4% increase
- Auditorium bids are about a month away.
- Technical School is beginning to show signs of deterioration due to the cost cuts that were made during construction 7 years ago. (He encouraged the directors to do the right thing in regard to our new construction.)
- Formula continues to need adjustment to make all districts equal.

Mr. Cullen, I.U. Representative, reported:

- No increase for the Bristol Borough School District for the Programs & Services budget.
- His attendance at a dinner honoring special workers and prepared and served by the students from the Life Skills Program. These students also do outside catering.
- Diversity Program – Mr. Cullen asked Dr. Davis to comment. Dr. Davis stated that all 13 superintendents are currently part of the Diversity Program to visit colleges and solicit qualified applications of various backgrounds and ethnic groups.

Mr. D'Angelo referred to a letter that the board received tonight outlining issues that were discussed at a recent combined Athletic and Building & Grounds Committee meeting. Athletic fields were the main topic of the meeting.

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OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Approve minutes of November 16 & 20 and December 4, 2006
- b) Approve lists of bills for December 2006 & January 2007
- c) Approve Treasurer's Reports for November & December 2006. (Mr. Petrino read the report.)

Motion: Mr. Chichilitti
Second: Mr. Cullen
Result: Approved: (9-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Appoint Michael Wieber, CPA, as District Auditor to conduct the audit for the 2005-2006 school year at a fee between \$12,000 & \$14,000.

Motion: Mr. Chichilitti
Second: Mr. Petrino
Result: Approved: (9-0)

- b) Approve an agreement with the Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 E-rate Consortium for the procurement of telecommunication services and Internet access.
 - District Technology Coordinator Paul Hetherington explained that the purpose of the project is to link all of the county public education institutions with a high speed, fiber optic based, wide area network, or WAN.

Motion: Mr. Chichilitti
Second: Mr. Petrino
Result: Approved: (9-0)

PERSONNEL:

1. Appointments

- a) Elementary District Daily Substitute - \$100/per day
 - Jenna Settino – January 25, 2007 through June 12, 2007

- b) Daily Substitutes - \$70.00

Certified Teachers

Michael Bunda
Sandra Gordon

Guest Teacher

Jeffrey Roberts
Dina Mucci
Bryan Gropper
Danielle Kilmer
Gina Romano
Thomas Galie
Alan Vogenberg
Stephen Marchion

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Motion: Mr. Chichilitti

Second: Mr. Cullen
Result: Approved: (9-0)

c) Custodial Leader – Additional \$1.50 per hour

- Approve the appointment of John Gallagher as Head Custodian with an additional hourly rate of \$1.50, effective February 5, 2007.

Motion to table:

Motion: Mr. D'Angelo
Second: Mr. Fusco
Result: Approved (9-0)

I.U. Representative – Debbie Mack thanked Mr. Cullen for his kind comments about the Life Skills Program

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION:

- District preliminary budget must be adopted by February 14, 2007. The board agreed to change the February meetings from the 1 & 15 to February 8 & 14.
- Joseph Genco, former Bristol Borough School Director, passed away in December. Mr. Genco served from 1966 through 1981 & from 1989 through 1995.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Borough resident Louis Persichetti complimented the board for not going into the capital improvement fund or the capital reserve fund to balance the budget. He asked that the board keep in mind expenses that will occur “down the road.” In particular, what will it cost to demolish the old school and what will the new teachers’ contract cost. In regard to the increasing costs for medical insurance, Mr. Persichetti asked that contacts be made with other school districts to see what they are doing to lower these costs. Referring to the \$458,000 for permits, he asked: did anyone have a breakdown of the cost, was the cost negotiated, and could the cost of the permits be waived, decreased or paid periodically over 2 or 3 years. He concluded by strongly encouraging the board not to cut programs. **Mr. Mandio** suggested sharing these issues with Borough Council. In due respect to Mr. Fusco (who did survey other school districts), **Mr. D’Angelo** stated that there has been a major change in the way the State of Pennsylvania does these inspections. For years there were in-house inspectors that came and basically did the inspections at no cost. About 2 years ago, that changed whereby local **January 25, 2007**

municipalities had to contract such inspections. The board’s main agenda was to get the project moving and to sit down and “haggle” over \$400,000 would have cost the same amount in

delays. The Board's position is that Borough Council is not going anywhere, and Mr. Mandio is well aware of the legal implementations.

The next scheduled meeting will be on February 8, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Note: Executive sessions are routinely held 15 minutes prior to scheduled time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned – 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary M. Antonelli
Board Secretary