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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
James Esposito	Acting Assistant Secondary Principal
Rosemary Parmigiani	Elementary Principal
Kelli Rosado	Elementary Assistant Principal
Angelo Rago	Owner Representative – New Construction
Michael Minton	Vitetta
Reporters (1)	
Teachers (0)	
Residents (3)	

OTHERS (Absent)

Thomas Shaffer	Secondary Principal (excused-sick)
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The Bristol Borough School Directors held a public meeting on **Thursday, March 15, 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.

AGENDA APPROVAL: One addition: Approve Plan G & H – District Administrative Offices

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

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

REPORTS:

Superintendent – No Report

Board President – No Report

Principals' Reports

Mr. Esposito reported: (a) Dr. Davis and Mr. Shaffer visited the Quakertown Community School District regarding implementing a Freshman Center in the high school when the new school is completed; (b) PSSA testing continues through March; and (c) Inservice planned for March 16 with Dr. Jack McGovern presenting a program called Reading Apprenticeship.

Comments/Discussion In regard to the above Freshman Center, Mrs. Paglione asked Dr. Davis if there would be any change in curriculum or scheduling. Dr. Davis explained that the only change would be location; curriculum and scheduling would remain as it is now.

Miss Parmigiani reported: (a) PSSA testing for students in grades 3 through 6; (b) Math Night for PreK, K and 1st grade; (c) K4 screening on March 30 & April 1; (d) kindergarten registration will take place on April 18, 19 & 20.

Comments/Discussion:

There was a discussion regarding the furniture for the new elementary school. Stating that \$600,000 had been targeted for furniture, **Mr. Chichilitti** stated that the Building & Grounds Committee did an initial inventory and found that teacher desks would be replaced. However, 90% of the desks and chairs will be transferred. Thus, there would be a savings of approximately \$500,000. The committee will meet with the administration and proceed accordingly. Discussion continued on the cafeteria tables. Ms. Parmigiani stated that some of the tables are well over 20 years old and are beginning to show signs of wear. Mr. Chichilitti assured Ms. Parmigiani that the tables would be checked again. Referring to a recent accident in Philadelphia, Ms. Riccio suggested that safety of the children be a priority.

Student Delegates: Gabriella & Christopher shared past and upcoming events at the high school: cheerleading competition, winter ball, spring blood drive, successful basketball season, a member of the wrestling team went to States and placed 4th in the competition, and softball and baseball teams are looking forward to opening day. Christopher announced that he will be attending Bloomsburg University on a partial football scholarship.

Committee Reports:

Mr. Petrino, **VoTech Representative**, stated that the budget that will be passed tonight represents a 3.4% increase, a little below what the state regulates. He asked Mr. Roe about Bristol Borough's share, and Mr. Roe stated that our share went up significantly.

Comments/Discussion Mrs. Paglione asked several questions regarding the staff in the technical school compared to the staff in our high school. Teachers, supervisors, and support staff continues to rise. There are 1,478 students at the Technical and 1,221 students at Bristol

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High School and the staff is doubled and sometimes tripled. Mr. Petrino agreed and stated he continues to question those figures. Mr. Petrino also questions the role of the government in regard to funding these programs. Mr. Petrino stated he has noticed that more sending schools are questioning the high numbers in personnel at the Technical School

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Approve minutes of February 8 & 14, 2007
- b) Approve list of bills for March 2007
- c) Approve Treasurer’s Report for February 2007 (Mr. Petrino read the report.)

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

Comment: In regard to Mr. Chichilitt’s question regarding the interest of over \$900,000, Mr. Roe reminded the board that we will now be analyzed each quarter regarding what we need to pay back. If any of the interest is over the 4.1%, we will need to give some of it back to the IRS. The money is still there because the project is at a delay and bills have not been paid.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Approve the 2007-2008 Bucks County Technical School Budget in the amount of \$20,505,162, which includes the Operating, Post-Secondary and the State, Local & Federal Programs budgets. Bristol Borough’s share is \$662,842, an increase of \$78,691.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Bristol Borough’s Share</u>	<u>Increase</u>
2006-2007	\$19,912,941	\$584,151	\$61,289
2007-2008	\$20,505,162	\$662,842	\$78,691

Motion: Mr. Chichilitti
 Second: Mr. Petrino
 Result: Approved: (8-0-1) Mrs. Paglione abstained

- b) Approve the 2007-2008 Bucks County I.U. #22 Programs & Services and Instructional Materials & Research Budget in the amount of \$1,977,325; Bristol Borough’s share is \$4,550, a decrease of \$338.

	<u>2006-2007</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>
Programs & Services Budget	\$1,913,500	\$1,977,325
Bristol Borough’s Share	\$4,888	\$4,550

Motion: Mr. Chichilitti
 Second: Mr. Petrino
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c) Adopt the attached school calendar for the 2007-2008 school year.

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

d) Approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for Heather Quattrocchi, Secondary English Teacher, effective April 2, 2007 through June 14, 2007.

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

PERSONNEL:

1. Appointments

a) District Daily Substitute - \$100 per day, no benefits:

- Allison Hardy, Secondary English, effective March 13, 2007 through the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year. (Miss Hardy will be replacing Heather Quattrocchi)

b) Daily Substitutes - \$70.00

Certified Teachers

Kari Pokrzywa
Sheila Hamersky

2. Resignation – Part-time Personal Care Aide

c) Anna Kuzma-Meyers – effective February 2, 2007

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

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS ITEM

1. Approve Plancon Parts G & H relative to the District Administrative Building.

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

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CONSTRUCTION REPORT

Michael Minton of Vitetta stated that he would share a brief overview on the status of the construction and, again, review items that were discussed earlier in closed session.

- General contractor is proceeding with site work and completed construction of the temporary roads.
- His plan for the next two weeks is the continuation of inlets and structures as well as installation of manholes and additional piping.
- The contractor is focused on having the site prepped so that the footings and foundations can be poured.
- The contractor is running into some difficulties with unstable soil. He has met with the geotechnical engineer to devise a plan to use that soil so that he can do the footings, foundations and pad work. In addition, they are also looking at the composition of the soil to see if it suitable for this type of use.
- The architects are working with the contractor in other areas including installation of an electrical sub meter so that the costs are properly accounted for. The concrete testing for the site will be verified and in accordance with the National Building Codes. A recommendation will be made to the board.
- The architects are looking at some other issues that are linked to an easement on the Grundy site as well as some substitution requests that would be expected in a construction project.
- At the job meeting this morning, there are 26 RFI (requests for information) which is not a large number. However, all requests have been answered.

In summary, Mr. Minton indicated that the critical work is the site work. The architects have been dealing with the relocation of some collapsed terra cotta lines and the relocation of other manholes of the storm water issues that would be installed under the macadam or pavement. Thus, three change orders in regard to site work have been recommended to the board.

Change Orders:

- 1) Relocation of roof drains which are presently going directly into the manholes into a catch basin; construct an additional small catch basin; rerouting additional sanitary lines; remove and reroute a line that was thought to be abandoned. – **not to exceed \$48,161.00**
- 2) Remove and replace existing terracotta storm water line that goes into a portion of the building; relocating manhole #6, installation of additional off site storm water line (approximately 300 feet). Also, Vitetta is presently trying to determine condition of another portion of that line – **not to exceed \$52,314.00.**
- 3) Replacement of an existing terracotta line 120 feet under the driveway and an additional 60 feet off the driveway area – **not to exceed \$21,796.00.**

Other minor changes may take place as well and will be reviewed with the district owner representative (Mr. Rago). These changes have been reviewed with the civil engineer, but some questions are still unanswered.

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On behalf of the Board, Mr. Rago offered the following regarding site issues:

- Mr. Rago has been in contact with William Major of Major Associates to check on the soil with the Bucks County Conservation District for the relocation of the topsoil. Mr. Major will advise Mr. Rago as soon as he gets the information. The application was returned due to some deficiencies. The application has been resubmitted; however, the agency has thirty (30) days to review and respond.
- Mr. Rago explained that the contractor has been able to work around the topsoil issue; however, time is getting short, and the issue needs to be resolved.
- Mr. Rago stated that he has been in contact with Mr. Major about the 12” storm water line and its relocation in regard to the Grundy Towers area. Mr. Major advised Mr. Rago that he does have the records and is working on a plan for the legal description. Mr. Mandio recently sent a letter to the Bucks County Housing Authority advising them to be in contact with the district regarding any additional information necessary to expedite this issue. The Bucks County Housing Authority is scheduled to meet on March 20.
- Mr. Rago noted some claim delays from the general contractor relating to site issues. He added that this will be an ongoing matter that he and Mr. Minton will monitor and advise the board accordingly for any additional time or delays.

Mr. Chichilitti asked if a meeting had been arranged with the civil engineer regarding the above change orders, and **Mr. Minton** answered that he will be in touch with the civil engineer tomorrow (3/16) to schedule a meeting.

Mr. D’Angelo asked for an update regarding the soil, and **Mr. Minton** stated:

The constructional design of the building is footings and slab on grade. It has been known that the existing soil would be used to control the costs. Therefore, we need an action plan and geotechnical report has been made to the contractor and estimator to make sure that the load-bearing capacity of the existing soil will support the building. From time to time such soil will not support the building due to organic materials, clay or other deposits within the soil itself. Such a condition would warrant additional fill and that needs to be monitored to make sure we do not go over the 1,000 cubic yards as set forth in the specifications. **Mr. Chichilitti** asked about the previous testing of the entire site and the negative response. He asked Mr. Minton if the questionable area was a small portion and Mr. Minton answered “yes.” Mr. Minton added that he is more concerned with the geotechnical report.

In summary, **Mr. D’Angelo** stated that there is approximately \$125,000 in change orders in regard to the site work thus far, and Mr. Minton agreed. Mr. D’Angelo also indicated that there has been a technology meeting scheduled relative to the new construction. Mr. Rago, Mr. Minton and Dr. Davis will attend the meeting along with district personnel.

Mr. Minton left the meeting.

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Mr. D’Angelo asked Mr. Rago to summarize his thoughts regarding construction. Mr. Rago stated that there are some unexpected costs and issues that need attention. And, some do occur

within construction projects; however, they need to be resolved in order to proceed. To get the necessary information in a more timely matter is prudent. A delay claim is a significant issue since the delays effects five (5) contractors on a daily cost in addition to the change order costs. Mr. D'Angelo thanked Mr. Rago for a "job well done."

I.U. Representative - Elizabeth Kleinmann – no report

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Mr. Marchese, parent and architect, offered his services to Mr. Rago and asked the following: In regard to Vitetta, he asked if any testing was done underground (including storm water drainage) prior to the start of construction. He added that a hundred year old pipe that would be going under the new school should have been discovered, addressed and included in the specifications. Mr. Rago stated that he was not involved in the project until after the contracts were awarded; therefore, he cannot address any work done prior to that point.

Mr. Chichilitti asked Mr. Marchese what procedure he would have suggested regarding the testing, and he replied that video cameras and backhoes would have been much cheaper and more efficient. Mr. Chichilitti agreed and stated that the issue will be addressed and the engineer will be at a future meeting to explain what was done.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be on April 5, 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

