

May 3, 2007

**BOARD (Present)**

John D'Angelo	President	Joseph Ciambrello	Member
David Chichilitti	Vice-President	John Hill	Member
James Petrino	Treasurer	Mary Jane Paglione	Member
Anthony Mandio	Solicitor	Denise Riccio *	Member
Mary Antonelli	Secretary	(* arrived at 7:40 p.m.)	

**BOARD (Absent)**

Joseph Fusco	Member
Steve Cullen	Member

**OTHERS (Present)**

Dr. Broadus Davis	Superintendent of Schools
Joseph Roe	Business Manager
Thomas Shaffer	Secondary Principal
Rosemary Parmigiani	Elementary Principal
James Esposito	Acting Assistant Secondary Principal
Angelo Rago	Owner Representative
Michael Minton	Vitetta
Dick Koelle	Vitetta
Residents (4)	
Teacher(s) (1)	
Reporters (2)	

**OTHERS (Absent)**

Kelli Rosado	Assistant Elementary Principal
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The Bristol Borough School Directors held a public meeting on Thursday, **May 3, 2007**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the District Administrative Offices.

**CALL TO ORDER.**

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

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Approved (6-0).

Motion:	Mr. Petrino
Second:	Mr. Chichilitti
Result:	Approved 6-0

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**Butch Bianchini who was recently elected president and Bob Liberator** of the Bristol Borough Senior Athletic Association shared the following highlights regarding the organization.

- reunite – bring together former students who participated in sports and were successful in careers after graduation
- recreation – organization provides social events
- return – giving back to the community
- education is paramount
- organization will enhance, assist and help the Bristol community
- currently have raised in excess of \$40,000 for scholarships
- provided much-needed equipment for athletic programs
- sponsored writing project through the University of Pennsylvania

In conclusion, Mr. Bianchini acknowledged the positive behavior of the students at BHS at a recent event that he attended held at the high school.

**(Ms. Riccio arrived during the above presentation – 7:40 p.m.)**

**Mr. D’Angelo** thanked the representatives and stated that the program has the full support of the Bristol Borough School Board.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Public Participation: (agenda items) None

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**IMMEDIATE ACTION ITEM(S):**

**Business**

The first item on the agenda for immediate action was approval of a silt & chain-link fence surrounding the proposed practice fields behind BHS.

**Discussion/Comments:**

**Mr. Roe** explained that he recently obtained two quotes from contractors that Bock is using regarding fencing surrounding the proposed practice fields behind the high school: \$28,000 and \$21,000. A quote from a local contractor was \$18,000 (may take twice as much time due to manpower: 2 weeks rather than 1 week). Initial intention was to bring clean fill over to the athletic fields behind BHS. However, with the recent soil problems, he (Mr. Roe) and Mr. Rago discussed bringing clean fill top soil to the high school rather than to the construction site. It will be screened and be more appropriate for that use. Mr. Rago stated the silt fence is required.

After discussion, it was decided to re-bid for a silt fence.

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**IMMEDIATE ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Approve the hiring of William G. Major Associates, Inc. at an hourly rate of \$150.00 for consulting services with regard to the land development of the Bristol High School athletic fields. (Note: William G. Major Associates, Inc. was previously hired at the April 20, 2006 board meeting.)

Motion: Mr. Chichilitti  
Second: Mr. Petrino  
Result: Approved 6-1 (Mr. Ciambrello voted no.)

2. Accept the resignation (due to retirement) of Judith Barber, math teacher, at Bristol Junior-Senior High School, effective June 29, 2007.

Motion: Mr. Chichilitti  
Second: Mrs. Paglione  
Result: Approved 7-0

**DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR AGENDA ACTION, MAY 17, 2007**

- Appoint biology teacher commencing the 2007-2008 school year
- Add qualified candidates to the District Professional Substitute List.
- Approve Board Solicitor for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.
- Approve Board Treasurer for the 2007-2008 fiscal year as required by PA School Code.
- Approve budget transfers for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.
- Approve depositories for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.
- Approve 2007 Bristol High School (expected) Graduates.

**INFORMATION:**

- We will recognize our student delegates at our May 17 meeting.

**PRESENTATION:**

**Gail Osbourne** of Kleinfelder Inc., an environmental engineering firm, reviewed in detail the attached handout regarding the management of urban fill identified to be unsuitable for site development at the new K-8 construction site. Indicating that anybody who builds in an older area is likely to experience problems with soil, Ms. Osbourne stated, however, that the report shows that the majority of the soil is in good shape. A small percentage of samples exceeded the clean fill low threshold value for boron and such requires the soils to be treated as regulated fill and disposed of at a specific/permitted facility.

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**Kate Fratti** from the Bucks County Courier Times asked Mr. D'Angelo if the board received any report regarding the soil issue during the executive session held earlier this evening. Mr. D'Angelo acknowledged that the public was hearing the same report that the board heard earlier. She then asked why, and Mr. Mandio answered that some information was shared during executive because it might involve litigation later. She continued questions regarding violation of the sunshine law, and Mr. Mandio assured her that all matters were discussed in public except those that may involve litigation.

**Mr. D'Angelo** stated that all the options regarding this soil issue have costs related to them. He expressed his confidence in Angelo Rago and Gail Osbourne who will work together to settle the issue in the best interest of the school district: Should it be removed? Where will it be moved? Will the process delay the contractor, etc.?

**Michael Minton** of Vitetta offered the following:

- The above issue is not an "A typical" process
- Findings on the site are minimal when compared to the overall nature of the site
- There are six (6) areas of concern that need to be worked through to determine the best possible plan
- The district is saving a tremendous amount of money by taking the top soil from the existing site and trucking it over to the high school free of charge.
- Although the contractor could still be doing other work at the site, the contractor chose to have the soil concern eliminated before he continues
- Since Kleinfelder is 95% complete with its report, and we (Vitetta) are about 75% there, recommendations will be ready for the next board meeting.
- Vitetta will provide a "briefing" memo before the next board meeting so that it can be reviewed and digested before final approval.
- Overall 67% of the site is in pervious cover.
- With proper controls, almost all of the material can remain on site. However, that may not be practical. Therefore, there may be some combination of some removal. Parking areas or macadam areas may need to be modified slightly.
- Although the delay is inconvenient, the contract, as it is written, called for the end of April as a deadline. Realistically, Mr. Minton does not feel as though students will be moved in May. He does, however, feel that September 1 is a more practical date. Whatever the delay, it is basically built into the contingency in the schedule as it exists now. Anything more, would be an additional delay.
- Concerns/questions will be addressed within the next 10 days.

**Ms. Fratti** continued to question the timing of correspondence that outlined the issue and the delay in making such information public.

**Mr. D'Angelo** assured her that he feels that the public has been informed and will continue to be informed in a timely fashion. He concluded by offering Ms. Fratti a copy of the report that the board received tonight.

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Next public meeting: May 17, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Executive sessions are routinely held at 6:30 p.m. to discuss personnel/legal issues.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned – 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary M. Antonelli  
Board Secretary