

MINUTES

BANGOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

7:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 30, 2011

School Committee Members present: Chairman Phyllis Guerette, Kate Dickerson, Nichi Farnham, Beth Grant, Christine Szal, and Jay Ye. Committee Member Warren Caruso was unable to attend.

A. 1.&2. The Bangor School Committee Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairman Phyllis Guerette at 7:02 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

C. Citizen Terry Adam stated her observation that only one School Committee Member responded to her email. Ms. Adam also stated that she had asked questions of a Bangor School Department employee and she has not been contacted. Ms. Adam feels she has ideas and talents to offer the school system and she is disappointed that she has not heard back.

Superintendent Betsy Webb shared that she has not received a request for information from Ms. Adam.

D. 1. The Bangor School Department unveiled a concept proposal for the creation of a Science Technology Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) Academy within Bangor High School. Principal Paul Butler, Cary James, Bangor High School Science Department Chair, Sasha Alcott, Bangor High Science Teacher, and Dr. Mohammad Musavi, Associate Dean of the College of Engineering at the University of Maine, presented the details of the concept STEM Academy proposal.

Committee members expressed their enthusiasm for the proposal and asked numerous questions.

2. Superintendent Webb reported that the Bangor School Department and the City of Bangor have joined together to celebrate Bangor Day on December 21, 2011. All employees and students are asked to wear crimson and white, the Bangor colors, to demonstrate their support for this wonderful community. Further, school department and city employees will be collecting healthy, non-perishable foods and donations for heating oil. Shawn Yardley, Director of Health and Community Services, has agreed to oversee the distribution of donated food and funds for heating oil to those in need within the City of Bangor.

3. Superintendent Webb reported the two-year school improvement goals and the school department's one-year progress towards those goals. The goals are aligned with the Ten Year Strategic Plan goals of academic excellence, professional excellence, quality instruction, and environment for success.

The principals reviewed highlights of their individual school's successes and areas requiring continued focus within the School Core Competencies Plans.

4. Superintendent Webb reported that the Mobilize Eastern Maine has rescheduled the Summit to Connect Business and Education to Thursday, December 8th at 3:30 p.m.

5. Superintendent Webb reported the following reassignment, effective November 28, 2011.

Wendy Downes from Guidance Counselor at Fairmount School to (4/5) Guidance Counselor at Fairmount School

F. 1. a. The Minutes of the November 14, 2011 Reorganizational School Committee Meeting and the November 17, 2011 Regular School Committee Meeting were approved unanimously.

b. It was moved and seconded to remove the Vice Chair Election from the table. Committee Member Nichi Farnham then requested to remove her nomination. Warren Caruso was nominated as vice chair.

VOTED 5 (Szal, Farnham, Grant, Guerette, and Ye) in favor of Warren Caruso for Vice Chair. Dickerson abstained. Motion passed.

c. Superintendent Webb recommended approval of the following Extra Duty Assignments for the 2011-2012 School Year:

PET Coordinator (½)	William S. Cohen School	Barbara Burditt
Community School Coordinator	Abraham Lincoln School	Lorna Lane
Track Coach	James F. Doughty School	Jennifer Estabrook
JV Winter Cheering	Bangor High School	Stephanie Crane
JV Softball	Bangor High School	Thor Gower
Program Leader Performing Arts	Systemwide	James Paton

VOTED 6-0 to approve the nominations as presented.

d.1. Superintendent Webb recommended Second Reading approval of Revised Policy EEAE – Student Transportation in Private Vehicles.

VOTED 6-0 to approve the policy as presented.

d.2. Superintendent Webb recommended Second Reading approval of Revised Policy JFC – Code of Conduct.

VOTED 6-0 to approve the policy as presented.

e. Superintendent Webb recommended the Bangor School Committee authorize the Maine School Board Association’s legal counsel to include the Bangor School Committee as a named party joining in MSBA’s motion to intervene in the case of Maine Education Association Benefits Trust vs. Superintendent of Insurance.

Committee Member Jay Ye asked if there is a cost for joining. Superintendent Webb shared that there is not a cost to the Bangor School Committee. The Maine School Board Association is paying for the legal representation.

Committee Member Kate Dickerson asked if other school committees had been asked to join. Superintendent Webb responded that the Maine School Management Association has asked Augusta, Biddeford, RSU 23, SAD 72, SAD 55, and Bangor to join as a named party.

VOTED 6-0 to approve joining the suit as a named party.

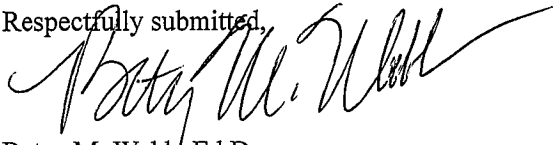
f. Superintendent Webb recommended approval of the STEM Academy Concept Proposal.

VOTED 6-0 to approve the STEM Academy Concept Proposal.

G. Chairman Guerette reviewed the Important Dates.

I. The meeting adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Betsy M. Webb", written in a cursive style.

Betsy M. Webb, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools