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BANGOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 14, 2011

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

B. Superintendent Betsy Webb requested adding under Superintendent's Updates – Maine School Superintendents' Association (MSSA) Executive Committee Update.

VOTED 6-0 to amend the Agenda as requested.

C. Citizen John Thompson, an associate professor of physics and cooperating associate professor of education at the University of Maine, and the husband of Committee Member Kate Dickerson, stated his support for the STEM Academy and his desire to know more details and the process from this point forward. Mr. Thompson specifically mentioned his interest in certification, funding, recruitment, and professional development details.

D Superintendent Webb highlighted the following issues from the MSSA Executive Committee Meeting held on December 9, 2011: Anthem lawsuit to negate LD 1396, Commissioner Bowen's updates on general purpose aid, ESEA waiver, teacher and principal evaluation systems, Department of Education bills, Governor LePage's education bills, MaineCare changes and the impact on educational funding. Superintendent Webb also reviewed the updated Maine Education Funding Law Implementation chart.

E. 1. Committee Member Dickerson asked if those members that attended the Fall Conference had produced reports regarding the conferences they attended. Chairman Guerette shared that written reports have not been the expectation for those attending conferences.

Chairman Guerette reported that Committee Member Christine Szal joined her at the United Technologies Center (UTC) Holiday luncheon and that the UTC students did an outstanding job in preparing and running this community event. Chairman Guerette also noted from various school newsletters the many events happening throughout the school department including the Fourteenth Street PTO fundraiser at Miguel's on December 19th and the middle school fundraiser at Great Skates for Bangor Fire Victims. The James F. Doughty School Student Council and the William S. Cohen School Voices of Change Club raised \$555 for the victims.

2. b. Vice Chairman Warren Caruso reported that the Friends of Cameron Stadium are meeting more regularly, choosing a consultant, reviewing software for tracking donations, and doing the necessary planning for the campaign.

c. Chairman Guerette shared that the Safe and Drug Free School Committee (SDFSC) met to review the Bangor School Department's response to bath salts in the City of Bangor. The SDFSC reviewed the training for staff and parents and the Grade 6-12 curriculum. Chairman Guerette stated that some students are feeling the effects of neighbors, older family members and/or family friends that are using bath salts and expressed her appreciation for the work that the Bangor School Department employees are doing to console the students.

F. 1. a.1.&2. The Minutes of the November 29, 2011 School Core Competency Workshop and the November 30, 2011 Regular School Committee Meeting were approved unanimously.

b.1. Superintendent Webb recommended approval of the October 2011 Financial Statement. Director of Business Services Alan Kochis gave an overview of the status of revenues and expenditures.

Committee Member Ye asked about the Medicare reimbursement timeline.

VOTED 6-0 to approve the October 2011 Financial Statement as presented.

c. Superintendent Webb recommended approval of the Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) of \$2.8 million.

VOTED 6-0 to approve the QSCB as presented.

d. Superintendent Webb recommended approval of a revised Agenda format.

Committee Members asked questions and made suggestions including notation of items for voting under Superintendent's Proposals and Updates.

VOTED 6-0 to approve the Agenda format as presented with a notation for voting on proposals under Superintendent's Proposals and Updates.

e. Title 20-A M.R.S.A. Section 1051 (2) requires that school boards of school administrative units meet no later than December 31st of the year preceding the expiration of the superintendent's current school year contract to certify employment of a superintendent for the following school year by majority vote of the full membership. Pursuant to the statute, this certification must be made both annually and when a new superintendent is chosen.

VOTED 6-0 to certify the employment of Superintendent Webb for the 2012-2013 school year.

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

Dramatics	Bangor High School	Deborah Elz Hammond
Talent Show	Bangor High School	Deborah Elz Hammond

Committee Member Szal asked if Ms. Elz Hammond was an employee of the Bangor School Department. Ms. Elz Hammond is a teacher at Bangor High School.

VOTED 6-0 to approve the nomination as presented.

g. Superintendent Webb recommended acceptance of the following donation:

To William S. Cohen School from Andrew and Karen Sturgeon, 24 books about the Allagash Waterway written by Tim Caverly and illustrated by Franklin Manzo, Jr., Maine writers, having a total dollar value of \$204.

VOTED 6-0 to accept the donation with gratitude.

h. Superintendent Webb recommended removal of Policy IND - School Ceremonies and Observances.

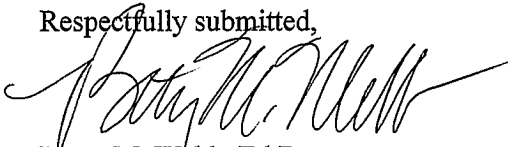
VOTED 6-0 to remove Policy IND.

- G 1. Chairman Guerette reviewed the Important Dates of upcoming meetings and Bangor Day on December 21st where citizens, staff, and students are encouraged to wear Bangor colors and donate healthy, non-perishable foods and contributions for heating oil. Checks for heating oil donations should be made to the City of Bangor - Attn. Community and Public Health. In the memo section, Bangor Day Heating Oil Donation should be noted. All schools and Bangor City Hall are accepting the donations.
- I. By roll call vote the School Committee voted to enter into Executive Session to discuss negotiations with the Administrators' Bargaining Unit, Teachers' Bargaining Unit, Educational Technicians' Bargaining Unit and Support Staff Bargaining Unit according to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D) at 7:53 p.m.

The Committee returned to Public Session at 8:24 p.m.

- J. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 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