

## MINUTES

### BANGOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

7:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 26, 2011

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

- A. 1.&2. The Bangor School Committee Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairman Phyllis Guerette at 7:01 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.
- D. 1. Superintendent Betsy Webb reviewed the October 1 enrollment and identified areas where staffing changes may be needed for the FY13 budget.
2. Assistant Superintendent Donna Wolfrom reviewed the revisions to the Kindergarten through Grade 5 report cards. Dr. Wolfrom worked with teams of teachers over the summer to align the new literacy program with the assessment on the report cards. School Committee members made a suggestion to include a benchmark chart so that parents would have a reference.
3. Director of Plant Facilities Tom Kitchen reviewed the building projects identified for the Qualified School Construction Bond application, which was submitted on October 11th.
4. Assistant Superintendent Wolfrom reported that forty-six Bangor High School students earned the designation of Advanced Placement Scholar by the College Board. Two students qualified for the National AP Scholar Award and these two students were also named State AP Scholars for the State of Maine. The designation of State AP Scholar is granted to one male and one female student in each U.S. state and the District of Columbia with a grade of 3 or higher on the greatest number of AP Exams and then the highest average grade on all AP Exams taken. Both the female and male student attended Bangor High School.
- E. 1. Committee Member Kate Dickerson thanked the Superintendent and other employees for the extensive policy work presented at the workshop and for the regular meeting.
2. a. Committee Member Christine Szal reported that the Dropout Prevention Committee met and reviewed the most recent data. There was a 60% reduction in the number of F's received at Bangor High School in 2011 and a 33% reduction in the number of dropouts. The number of intervention and credit recovery efforts appear to be making a positive difference.
- e. Committee Member Szal shared the positive results from the senior exit survey at the United Technology Center. Ninety-eight percent of the seniors reported a positive experience at UTC, 99% would recommend UTC to others, 67% planned on post-secondary learning enrollment, 48% planned to enter the work world, and 8% planned to enter the military. Mrs. Szal also reported that there has been an increase in the number of students enrolled at UTC utilizing the academic center.
- f. Committee Member Beth Grant reported that the Funding Summit will be held on Monday, November 14, 2011 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. at Wells Commons at the University of Maine. The Penquis group decided to expand the summit to include a dine and discuss format. Superintendent Webb has heard from the representatives who plan to attend. The City Council is not able to attend as they have a meeting that evening.

Chairman Guerette informed the Committee that she, along with Superintendent Webb, attended the bath salts regional meeting hosted by the Acadia Hospital. Chairman Guerette and Superintendent Webb also attended the break out session for education and youth

services. Chairman Guerette reminded parents of the informational session scheduled for November 10, 2011 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the James F. Doughty School Auditorium. This session is intended for parents of Bangor School Department students and is not intended for students.

- F. 1. a. Superintendent Webb recommended approval of the draft Minutes of the September 27, 2011 Regular School Committee Meeting.

VOTED 7-0 to approve the Minutes.

- b. 1. Superintendent Webb recommended approval of the September 2011 Financial Report  
VOTED 7-0 to approve the September 2011 Financial Report.

- c. 1. Superintendent Webb recommended approval of a Leave of Absence Without Pay.  
Beverly Scripture                      Food Service                      For personal reasons  
VOTED 7-0 to approve the leave of absence without pay.

2. Superintendent Webb recommended approval of the following extra-duty assignments for the 2011-2012 school year:

Lisa McPhee                      Dramatics                      James F. Doughty School

VOTED 7-0 to approve the nomination as presented.

- d. Superintendent Webb recommended approval of the following donations:

To Bangor High School from Stan Hanscom, a motorized scooter to assist the mobility of a disabled individual, having a total dollar value of \$500.

To Downeast Street School from Fashion Bug, school supplies, having a total dollar value of \$100.

To Vine Street School from James Gallagher and the Breaking Bread Soup Kitchen & Food Pantry, miscellaneous school supplies, having a total dollar value of \$150.

VOTED 7-0 with gratitude to approve the donations as presented.

- e. Superintendent Webb recommended removal of the following obsolete policies:

1. Policy DBAA Conferences & Institutes Enterprise Fund
2. Policy DEC Revenues from Federal Tax Sources
3. Policy DFE Adult Education & Athletic Event Admission Fees
4. Policy EBCA Civil Defense Policy
5. Policy GBO Family Care Leave
6. Policy GCA-2 Director of Instruction
7. Policy GCA-14 Director of Personnel
8. Policy GCA-16 Director of Gifted & Talented Education
9. Policy GCAB-6 Middle School Coordinator
10. Policy GCBA-3 Workshop Compensation Guide
11. Policy IGAK Use of Transportation Shop
12. Policy IGDJ Advisory Committee on Interscholastic Athletics
13. Policy IGEG Bangor Adult Education Advisory Committee Constitution
14. Policy IICC Volunteer Policy
15. Policy LBBA Southern Penobscot Vocational School

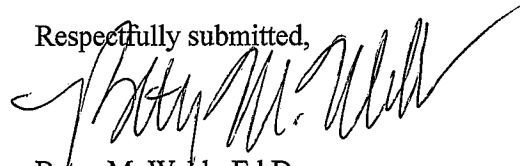
VOTED 7-0 to remove the policies as presented.

2. a. Superintendent Webb recommended receipt of the First Reading of the following policies:
  1. Revised Policy CCA Organizational Chart
  2. Revised Policy DBS Budgeting System
  3. Revised Policy DFCA Elizabeth W. Means Fund
  4. Revised Policy EBCC Emergencies at School
  5. Revised Policy EBCD Emergency School Closings
  6. Revised Policy ECBA Energy Management Program
  7. Revised Policy EFAB Food and Beverage Offerings
  8. Revised Policy EFB Free and Reduced-Priced Meals
  9. Revised Policy EFF Meal Prices
  10. Revised Policy GCBDA Family and Medical Leave Act
  11. Revised Policy IGBAD Individualized Education Program
  12. Revised Policy IGBCA Comparability of Instructional Service Among Schools
  13. Revised Policy IGBG Homebound and/or Hospital Instruction

VOTED 7-0 to receive the First Reading of the policies as presented.

I. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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