

## MINUTES

### BANGOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING 7:00 p.m., Thursday, November 17, 2011

School Committee Members present: Chairman Phyllis Guerette, 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.

3. The Bangor School Committee and the Bangor School Department recognized the Bangor High School Girls' Varsity Soccer Team on their 2011 Class A State Championship and undefeated season.

4. The Maine School Board Association recognized Committee Member Christine Szal's twelve years of service as a Bangor School Committee member.

D.1. Superintendent Webb provided a budget update including recent news regarding No Child Left Behind funds for Title I and Title II A.

Committee Member Dickerson asked about Medicare reimbursement.

2. Noelle Scott, Food Service Director, provided an update on the food services program.

Committee Member Dickerson asked numerous questions about the program. Committee Members Szal, Ye, and Caruso complimented Food Service Director Scott for her management and leadership of the program. Chairman Guerette further expressed appreciation for Director Scott's ability to keep the cost of meals consistent for the past three years, which is important to the families of Bangor.

E. Chairman Guerette shared that Committee Member Grant would be providing a report on the Funding Summit at the next School Committee Meeting.

Committee Member Dickerson thanked the staff involved with providing the elementary and middle school after school activities which are so important to the students' success.

Committee Member Farnham asked for a moment of silence to honor citizen Nick Bearce who recently passed.

Chairman Guerette commented on the new outdoor lights around the schools and the improved visibility during evening hours.

Chairman Guerette reported the Parent Information Meeting on Bath Salts was well attended and she expressed appreciation to Chief Gastia and Lt. Reagan for their involvement in the evening.

Committee Member Ye congratulated the Bangor High School Forensics Team for their recent success. Further, Committee Member Ye shared how Advisor Joseph Pellitier is cutting costs by recycling trophies for the winners.

Committee Member Caruso praised the partnership between the Bangor School Department and Husson University. By sharing resources and facilities, both organizations save and have found great success in their athletic programs.

Committee Member Caruso updated the Committee on the Friends' of Cameron Stadium progress. An RFP went out for campaign counsel and the Friends of Cameron Stadium will be reviewing the proposals in the upcoming weeks. In addition, several companies have come forward expressing interest in donating in-kind contributions to the renovation of Cameron Stadium. Committee Member Caruso emphasized that the Friends of Cameron Stadium are in the planning phase and are taking the time to do this process thoroughly in order to facilitate a successful campaign.

F. 1. a. The Minutes of the October 26, 2011 School Committee Policy Workshop and the October 26, 2011 Regular School Committee Meeting were approved unanimously.

b.1. The Chairman assigned members to the following committees:

- a. United Technology Center - Christine Szal, Kate Dickerson, and Warren Caruso
- b.. Southern Penobscot Regional Program for Children with Exceptionalities - Phyllis Guerette, Beth Grant, and Jay Ye
- c. Negotiations - Christine Szal, Warren Caruso and Beth Grant
- d. Dropout Prevention – Christine Szal
- e. Friends of Cameron Stadium – Warren Caruso
- f. Safe and Drug Free Schools Committee – Phyllis Guerette

c. Superintendent Webb recommended approval of the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. Assistant Superintendent Wolfrom's reviewed the updates to the plan.

VOTED 6-0 to approve the plan as presented.

d. Superintendent Webb recommended adoption of the National Parental Involvement Day Resolve.

Committee Members expressed support for the resolve. Chairman Guerette read the resolve into the record.

VOTED 6-0 to adopt the resolve on National Parental Involvement Day.

e. Superintendent Webb recommended acceptance of the following donations:

To Bangor School Department from Warren and Nicole Caruso, physical education equipment, having a total dollar value of \$300.

To Fairmount School from Sergio Ramoe, 16 new paperbacks for classroom libraries, having a total dollar value of \$124.

To Fairmount School from Bangor Breakfast Kiwanis, \$275 to be used to purchase books for the March 2012 Bangor Reads Across America.

VOTED 6-0 to accept with gratitude the donations as presented.

f. Superintendent Webb recommended the removal of Policy IGBAD Individual Education Program.

VOTED 6-0 to remove Policy IGBAD.

g. Superintendent Webb recommended Second Reading of:

- 1. Revised Policy CCA Organizational Chart
- 2. Revised Policy DBA 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
11. Revised Policy IGBCA Comparability of Instructional Services Among Schools
12. Revised Policy IGBG Homebound and/or Hospital Instruction

VOTED 6-0 to approve these second readings as amended.

Superintendent Webb recommended approval of the second reading of:

10. Revised Policy GCBDA Family and Medical Leave Act

Superintendent Webb reviewed updates to the revised policy.

VOTED 6-0 to approve the second reading as presented.

2. a. 1. Superintendent Webb recommended receipt of First Reading of Revised Policy EEAE Student Transportation in Private Vehicles.

Committee Member Dickerson asked about volunteer training in this situation.

VOTED 6-0 to accept receipt of the revised policy.

2. Superintendent Webb recommended receipt of Revised Policy JFC Code of Conduct.

Committee Members Ye and Guerette expressed appreciation of the positive language and revisions. Committee Member Szal read the revised policy into the record.

- G. Chairman Guerette reviewed the important dates listed on the agenda and she shared there will be a joint meeting with the City Council on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. for continued conversation on the FY13 budget.

- H. Committee Member Farnham congratulated all involved in fall activities and encouraged students to be involved in winter activities.

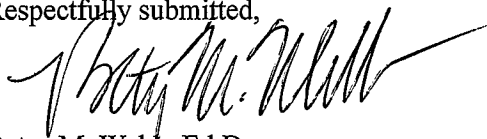
Committee Member Dickerson asked about the tabled item regarding election of the vice chair. Chairman Guerette shared that the same members present tonight are the same members that were present at the Organizational Meeting. Chairmen Guerette hoped that at the next meeting all members will be present and the item may be taken from the table and a vice chair elected.

Committee Member Caruso shared a general comment on the Code of Conduct. He noted the consistent approach taken when items are brought to the Committee for approval. The work presented has been discussed with others throughout the organization and there is a reflection upon our best practice and a review of others' best practice. Committee Member Caruso commented that the Code of Conduct is a result of this consistent practice and in his opinion; the Code of Conduct is much improved and demonstrates the level of commitment to excellence.

Chairman Guerette echoed Member Caruso's comments and felt there were many indicators of that consistent approach including the Food Service Program Director's report and Dr. Wolfrom's report on the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

I. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Betsy M. Webb", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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