



## MEMORANDUM

February 8, 2013

**TO: BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

**FROM: STACY M. GOBER, BOARD SECRETARY**

**SUBJECT: SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – February 11, 2013**

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A Special Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Bethlehem Area School District will be held on *Monday, February 11, 2013*, at *6:00 p.m.*, in the *Auditorium of Freedom High School*. The agenda is attached.

SMG:bac  
Attachment  
pc: Dr. Roy  
Dr. Silva

**BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Bethlehem, Pennsylvania**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*The Bethlehem Area School District, in partnership with the home and community, is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment in which each student will attain the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to become a productive citizen and lifelong learner in our technologically demanding and culturally diverse society.*

**A G E N D A**  
**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – February 11, 2013**

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Silent Meditation
4. Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors (30 minutes allowed)
5. Approval of Minutes/Committee Minutes
6. President's Communication/Special Meetings
7. Superintendent's Report/Federal Program Update
8. Unfinished Business
9. Recommendations of the Administration
10. New and Miscellaneous Business
11. Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors (30 minutes allowed)
12. Open Forum
13. Adjournment

BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

The Special Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bethlehem Area School District was held on Monday, February 11, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium at Freedom High School, 3149 Chester Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18020.

SPECIAL BOARD  
MEETING

President Faccinetto called for the roll by the Board Secretary:

MEMBERS  
PRESENT

Members present: Directors Bonilla, Burkhardt, Cann, Follweiler, McKeon, Ortiz, Patrick, and President Faccinetto – 8

Absent – Director Vidanage - 1

OTHERS  
PRESENT

Others present: Dr. Joseph Roy, Superintendent of Schools; Stacy Gober, Board Secretary; Attorney Donald Spry, District Solicitor; Administrators; members of the press and other interested citizens and staff members.

At this point of the meeting, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE

President Faccinetto requested a Moment of Silent Meditation.

MOMENT OF  
SILENCE MEDITATION

President Faccinetto offered Courtesy of the Floor to visitors. Speakers are asked to come to the podium, stating their name and address. The first Courtesy of the Floor will pertain to matters on the board agenda. The second Courtesy of the Floor will deal with matters pertaining to school district business. Speakers are limited to five (5) minutes each unless extended at the discretion of the Board President. The Board requests that, when possible, all individuals supporting a like position on a topic select a speaker to present their views to avoid repetition. If that is not possible, all are welcome to speak. As per school board policy, generally, speakers are limited to taxpayers, residents, or employees of this school district. At the conclusion of the School Board Meeting, another block of time will be allocated for public comment. At that time, the same rules will apply. It is asked that speakers observe proper decorum, without personal attacks towards a specific individual or individuals. It is not the custom for the Board to enter into a dialogue at these meetings about concerns. However, the Board does listen with care to issues raised. Speakers will receive responses, in some form, by the administration.

COURTESY  
OF THE FLOOR  
TO VISITORS

No one wanted to speak at this time.

President Faccinnetto indicated that there were no minutes to approve this evening. APPROVAL OF MINUTES/COMMITTEE MINUTES

President Faccinnetto stated that the Board would have an Executive Session this evening following the Board Human Resources Committee Meeting. PRESIDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Roy stated that he did not have anything report. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

President Faccinnetto asked if anyone had any Unfinished Business they would like to bring up at this time. Seeing none, he moved to Recommendation of the Administration. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Faccinnetto asked for a motion to approve the Recommendation of the Administration, Agenda Item 1. RECOMMENDATION OF THE ADMINISTRATION

Director McKeon made a motion to approve Agenda Item 1, and it was seconded by Director Patrick.

President Faccinnetto asked if there was any discussion. ROLL CALL VOTE ITEMS 1

Director McKeon indicated that he would be supporting this Budget and the Exceptions at this time. However, it does not mean that he will be supporting this Budget going forward. This is the time that the Board has to bear in mind the proposed City tax increase as we factor in the District's increase. The Township is not anticipating a tax increase.

President Faccinnetto asked for a roll call vote.

Yes – Directors Ortiz, Patrick, Burkhardt, Cann, McKeon, and President Faccinnetto

No – Directors Bonilla and Follweiler

Motions pass 6-2

President Faccinnetto asked if there was any New or Miscellaneous Business to discuss. Seeing none, he moved to Courtesy of the Floor. NEW/ MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

President Faccinnetto asked if anyone would like to speak at Courtesy of the Floor. COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

No one wanted to speak at this time.

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President Faccinetto indicated that since there are two more Open Forums scheduled for this evening during Board Finance and Human Resources that Board members hold their comments until one of the committee meetings. OPEN FORUM

President Faccinetto asked for a motion to Adjourn. ADJOURNMENT

Director Follweiler made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Director Bonilla. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m. The Board Finance Committee Meeting immediately followed.

Attest,

Stacy M. Gober  
Secretary

SMG:dlm

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Administration recommends the adoption of the Preliminary General Fund Budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year of the Bethlehem Area School District and authorizes filing of referendum exceptions in accordance with Act 1 of 2006, be granted and, that the Board of School Directors:

- A. Approves the Preliminary 2013-2014 Preliminary General Fund Budget in the amount of \$224,644,723;
- B. Authorizes the advertising and regulatory filing of Act 1 Referendum exceptions included in the Preliminary Budget;
- C. Authorizes the posting and advertising of the General Fund Budget with final adoption scheduled for June 17, 2013; and
- D. Authorizes the Superintendent, Assistant to the Superintendent for Finance and Administration, and Solicitor to take any and all actions necessary to ensure legal compliance with preliminary budget approval and filing of referendum exceptions.

Board Action

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