



MEMORANDUM

May 10, 2013

TO: BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

FROM: STACY M. GOBER, BOARD SECRETARY

SUBJECT: SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – May 13, 2013

Your attention is respectfully called to the following:

A Special Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Bethlehem Area School District will be held on *Monday, Monday, May 13, 2013*, at *6:00 p.m.*, in the *Dining Room of the Education Center*, located at *1516 Sycamore Street, Bethlehem, PA*. 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 – May 13, 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/Regular and Committee
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
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BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

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President Faccinetto asked for the Roll Call by the Board Secretary:

ROLL CALL

Members present: Director Basilio Bonilla, Director William Burkhardt, Director Michele Cann, Director Irene Follweiler, Director Eugene McKeon, Director Aurea Ortiz, Director Shannon Patrick, and President Michael Faccinetto – 8

Members absent – Director Sudantha Vidanage - 1

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all those present.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE

President Faccinetto requested a moment of Silent Meditation.

MOMENT OF
SILENT 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

None

President Faccinetto stated that there were no minutes to approve this evening.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES/REGULAR
AND COMMITTEE

President Faccinetto stated that the Board will have Executive Session following this evening's meetings.

PRESIDENT'S
COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Roy stated that he had nothing to report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

President Faccinetto asked if anyone had any items under Unfinished Business. Seeing none, he moved to Recommendations of the Administration.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Faccinetto asked for a motion to approve Agenda Item 1 – Proposed Budget Adoption of the 2013-2014 Bethlehem Area School District Budget; and Agenda Item 2 – Authorize Partial Release of Tax Lien.

RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE
ADMINISTRATION

Director Bonilla made a motion to approve Agenda Items 1 and 2. The motion was seconded by Director Patrick.

MOTION TO APPROVE
AGENDA ITEMS 1 AND
2

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ROLL CALL VOTE ITEM
1 (AMENDED) AND 2

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President Faccinetto asked if there was any additional discussion. Seeing none, he called for a roll call vote on Agenda Item 1 that Director Cann made a motion and Director Follweiler seconded which was the original budget of a 2.1% tax increase.

ROLL CALL VOTE ITEM

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Director Burkhardt – No
Director Cann – Yes
Director Follweiler – Yes
Director McKeon – Yes
Director Ortiz – No
Director Patrick – Yes
Director Bonilla – No
President Faccinetto – Yes

The Board Secretary announced that Agenda Item 1 passes by a vote of 5-3.

President Faccinetto asked if there was any New or Miscellaneous Business. Seeing none, he moved to Courtesy of the Floor.

NEW OR
MISCELLANEOUS
BUSINESS

President Faccinetto asked if there was anyone who would like to speak at Courtesy of the Floor.

COURTESY OF THE
FLOOR

Jack Toy (621 Main Street, Bethlehem) – Mr. Toy stated that he has spent five (5) years on the Board of Directors of the Lehigh Valley Academy Charter School, and he also been involved in keeping Seton Academy opened. He listened to the Board this evening to work over \$2 million, and he would like to pass on some information. LV Academy is a charter school that is costing BASD at least \$5 million a year for reimbursement of BASD students who attend that charter school. How much money totally out the BASD Budget do you pay to all of the charter schools? President Faccinetto stated that it is over \$13 million. Mr. Toy stated that LV Academy does not have any bus service because BASD provides that, and they have no athletic program, but their costs per year per child is over \$10,000. The Board doesn't do anything about it because the Board elects its own members. When he was on the Board for a couple of years, one Board member got three (3) of her friends on there and five (5) parents controlled the Board. He was constantly on them on how they spent their money. His next concern is the pupil teacher ratio at the charter school, which has a 1:10 ratio. When he was a teacher and taught honors classes, he had 38 students. He also had concerns regarding the hiring of a superintendent, and he hired members of his group to consult with LV Academy. He even went to Harrisburg to talk to the Board of Education. BASD is paying out \$13 million for charter schools. The taxpayer is ultimately paying the bill. Not one member of the administration at LV Academy had any experience at the job that they do there before they came

there. They got the job because a family member was a founding member. Someone must rework the charter school way they elect Board members. Charter schools are duplicating facilities and programs, which are no different than public schools. So why are we spending so much money on charter schools? The operational income must meet or exceed expenditures. They cannot continue to keep spending more than they bring in. He doesn't know where to go to get someone's attention.

Randy Toman (359 Tenth Avenue, Bethlehem) – Mr. Toman was overjoyed that Mr. Toy spoke. The Board has to listen to the taxpayers and have to pay closer attention to the taxpayer's money. The Board cannot keep spending like this. If House Bill 76 goes down and does not come up on the floor this summer, the taxpayers are going to be in a fix and have no recourse. The frustration of the people is getting worse. The charter schools are taking too much of the taxpayer money and are being taxed without representation. The middle class is going to disappear if this Board does not do something. The District has no idea what the PSERS costs are going to be, and the District has no idea what Obama care will be in another year or two.

President Faccinnetto asked if there was any item to be discussed under Open Forum. OPEN FORUM

Director Follweiler asked Mrs. Gober or Dr. Roy to explain what just happened with the budget and what does that mean from now until June. Dr. Roy responded that this Budget needed to be approved this evening as this budget must be approved 30 days in advance of the final vote, which is scheduled for June 17. The final budget does not have to be 2.1% and can change, but that is something the Administration would need direction and discussion on at the Finance Meeting to follow. Director Follweiler stated that the only reason she brought it up and is not singling out Director Vidanage, but this is why Board attendance is important. Without nine (9) Board members, we cannot get five (5) votes to pass. So if for any reason some Board member cannot be here, the Board should know well in advanced. President Faccinnetto did respond that Director Vidanage had a family emergency. Director Follweiler stated that in the past, the phone-in option was made available, but she does not encourage that. All Board members need to look at their calendars and make sure that they are available in any way that is legally allowable.

Director Ortiz asked President Faccinnetto to explain what the Board just approved. President Faccinnetto stated that the Board approved a Proposed Budget at 2.1%, which was the budget that was presented at the last Budget Workshop. It does not include the five (5) additional teachers for the full day Kindergarten and/or backup pre-K if the grant does not come through. Director Ortiz then asked what will happen if the grant does not come through? President Faccinnetto stated then the Board would have to consider if they want to continue to fund the SPARK program, and if it would be taken from the fund balance or the Administration would make recommendations to move it somewhere else. Director Ortiz stated that then there might be a possibility that the District may furlough in the event that the District does not have the grant coming in. President Faccinnetto stated that if the grant does not come through and the Board is not willing to fund it, and then yes that would be correct. Director Ortiz stated that was the main reason of adding those five (5) positions so it would be a win-win situation in case that grant did not come through. If we got the grant, then we would be doing a good thing to improve the kindergarten offering, and right now we do not have that security.

Director Bonilla stated that Director Vidanage emailed four (4) Board members indicating that he would vote for the 2.4% increase. President Faccinnetto indicated that it did not matter. He did offer Director Vidanage the ability to skip but he had not heard back from him.

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Director Bonilla wanted to respond to the Courtesy of the Floor comments. He agrees about the charter schools. Members of the Board, as well as PSBA, contacted state legislators about this issue. They do not seem to want to hear what we have to say on this. His recommendation is for the citizens to continue to contact their state and local representatives about this issue to put pressure on them.

President Faccinnetto also stated that the Administration has taken on a system of evaluating charter schools and visiting them trying to make sure that we can do everything we can under the law to make sure that they are accountable. It is not enough, but at least it is a start.

President Faccinnetto asked for a motion for adjournment. Director Follweiler made a motion and was seconded by Director Cann. The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

Attest,

Stacy M. Gober
Board Secretary

SMG:dlm

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1. *Proposed Budget Adoption of the 2013-2014 Bethlehem Area School District Budget*

INFORMATION:

The 2013-2014 budget development discussions with the Board began on December 3, 2012, at the Board Combined Committee Meetings. Additional budget discussion occurred at the January 14, 2013, Board Finance Committee Meeting.

At a Special Board Meeting on February 11, 2013, the Board of School Directors approved a Preliminary 2013-2014 Budget in the amount of \$224,644,723. In addition, the Board authorized the advertising and regulatory filing of Act 1 Referendum exceptions included in the Preliminary Budget, authorized the posting and advertising of the General Fund Budget with final adoption scheduled for June 17, 2013, and authorized the Administration and Solicitor to take any and all actions necessary to ensure legal compliance with preliminary budget approval and filing of referendum exceptions.

Following the approval of the Preliminary Budget, subsequent Budget Workshops were held on March 13, 2013, and April 29, 2013, to develop a Proposed Budget for adoption 30 days prior to the Final Budget adoption in accordance with Act 1 of 2006.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of School Directors adopts the 2013-2014 Proposed General Fund Budget with revenues of \$221,515,116 and expenditures of \$224,322,760. This budget is supported by a real estate tax increase of 2.1%.

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Director Follweiler – Yes
Director McKeon – Yes
Director Ortiz – No
Director Patrick – Yes
Director Bonilla – No
President Faccinnetto – Yes

The Board Secretary announced that Agenda Item 1 passes by a vote of 5-3.

2. *Authorize Partial Release of Tax Lien*

INFORMATION:

In conjunction with the St. Luke’s project in Bethlehem Township, various road improvements are required which require several property owners to permit Rights of Way on their properties to be conveyed to PA Department of Transportation for required road improvements. Six of the parcels involved in this road improvement project have open liens on their property for delinquent school real estate taxes preventing the right of way without our consent to release a proportionate share of the tax lien allowing the title to be conveyed to PA DOT.

Since this involves delinquent tax balances, Portnoff Law Associates has reviewed this request and the supporting documents on our behalf. They have concluded that all documents are in order and confirmed that BASD will not have to reduce the amount it is due as no land is being deeded to the Department of Transportation. The property owners are granting the Township/Department of Transportation an easement, which is a right to use the real property of another without possessing it. Essentially, the property owners are giving the Township/Department of Transportation permission to access/use the land described in the releases.

This information was reviewed with the Board at the May 6, 2013, Board Facilities Committee Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of School Directors authorizes the partial release from tax lien on the following parcels in accordance with the attached Resolutions:

Bruce W. Mann	(docket C48CV-2012-5460) 5100 Freemansburg Avenue	PIN: N8 2 3 Bethlehem Twp.
Darren S. Cobb	(docket C48CV-2012-5038) 4865 Country Top Court	PIN: N8NW1 7 1 Bethlehem Twp.
Petie, Inc.	(docket C48CV-2012-5374) 4717 Freemansburg Avenue	PIN: N8 1 1 Bethlehem Twp.
Petie, Inc.	(docket C48CV-2012-5373) Freemansburg Avenue	PIN: N8 1 1A Bethlehem Twp.
Petie, Inc.	(docket C48CV-2012-5047) Freemansburg Avenue	PIN: N8 1 1B Bethlehem Twp.

President Faccinnetto asked for a motion to approve Agenda Item 1 – Proposed Budget Adoption of the 2013-2014 Bethlehem Area School District Budget; and Agenda Item 2 – Authorize Partial Release of Tax Lien.

Director Bonilla made a motion to approve Agenda Items 1 and 2. The motion was seconded by Director Patrick.

President Faccinnetto asked if there was any more discussion. Seeing none, he asked for a roll call vote to consider the motion to amend Agenda Item 1 for a 2.4% tax increase, and the Board will also vote on Agenda Item 2.

Director Burkhardt – No to Agenda Item 1 and Yes to Agenda Item 2

Director Cann – No to Agenda Item 1 and Yes to Agenda Item 2

Director Follweiler – No to Agenda Item 1 and Yes to Agenda Item 2

Director McKeon – No to Agenda Item 1 and Yes to Agenda Item 2

Director Ortiz – Yes to both items

Director Patrick – Yes to both items

Director Bonilla – Yes to both items

President Faccinnetto – Yes to both items

The Board Secretary announced that Agenda Item 1 as amended for a 2.4% tax increase fails by a vote of 4-4, and Agenda Item 2 passes by a vote of 8-0.