



MEMORANDUM

May 8, 2015

TO: BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

FROM: STACY M. GOBER, BOARD SECRETARY

SUBJECT: SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – May 11, 2015

A Special Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Bethlehem Area School District will be held on *Monday, May 11, 2015*, following the Board Finance Committee Meeting and Board Human Resources Meeting which are scheduled to start at 6:00 pm. The meetings will take place in the *Edgeboro Room of the Education Center*, located at *1516 Sycamore Street, Bethlehem, PA*. The agenda is attached.

SMG:bac
Attachments
pc: Dr. Roy

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 11, 2015

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
11. Courtesy of the Floor to Visitors (30 minutes allowed)
12. Open Forum
13. Adjournment

MAY 11, 2015

BETHLEHEM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

The Special Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Bethlehem Area School District was held on Monday, May 11, 2015, at 6:53 p.m. in the Edgeboro Room at the Education Center, 1516 Sycamore Street, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: Director Basilio Bonilla, Director Michele Cann, Director Eugene McKeon, Director Craig Neiman, Director Rogelio Ortiz, Director Shannon Patrick, Director Angela Sinkler, Director Sudantha Vidanage and President Michael Faccinetto – 9

Member(s) absent: None

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. As per school board policy, generally, speakers are limited to taxpayers, residents, or employees of this school district. 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/COMMITTEE MINUTE

President Faccinetto stated that he had nothing to report.

PRESIDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Roy stated that he had nothing to report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

President Faccinetto asked if anyone had Unfinished Business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

MAY 11, 2015

President Faccinetto asked for a motion to approve Agenda Item 1, 2015-2016 Bethlehem Area School District Proposed Budget Adoption.

RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE
ADMINISTRATION

Director Patrick made a motion seconded by Director Sinkler to approve Agenda Item 1.

MOTION TO APPROVE
ITEM 1

President Faccinetto asked if there was any discussion regarding these items. Seeing none, he called for a roll call vote of Agenda Item 1.

Director Patrick - Yes; Director Sinkler - Yes; Director Vidanage - Yes; Director Bonilla - No; Director Cann - Yes; Director McKeon - Yes; Director Neiman - Yes; Director Ortiz - Yes; and President Faccinetto - Yes

ROLL CALL VOTE
ITEM 1

Motion passes 8-1 for Agenda Item 1

President Faccinetto asked if there was any New or Miscellaneous Business.

NEW OR
MISCELLANEOUS
BUSINESS

None

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

COURTESY OF THE
FLOOR

None

President Faccinetto asked if there were any items for Open Forum. Seeing none, he stated that the Board will have Executive Session following this meeting to discuss personnel, and legal matters.

OPEN FORUM

President Faccinetto asked for a motion to Adjourn. Director Bonilla made a motion and seconded by Director Sinkler. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest,

Stacy M. Gober
Board Secretary

SMG:dln

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1. *Proposed Budget Adoption of the 2015-2016 Bethlehem Area School District Budget*

INFORMATION:

The 2015-2016 budget development discussion with the Board occurred at the January 12, 2015, Board Curriculum Committee Meeting. Additional budget discussion occurred at the January 20, 2015, Board Finance Committee Meeting.

At a Special Board Meeting on February 9, 2015, the Board approved a Preliminary 2015-2016 Budget in the amount of \$247,293,335. 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 15, 2015, 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 25, 2015 and April 29, 2015 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 2015-2016 Proposed General Fund Budget with revenues of \$240,461,069 and expenditures of \$244,867,303. This budget is supported by a real estate tax increase of 2.9%.

Board Action

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