

**BANGOR TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 10, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Kowalski at 5:45 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mark Seymour, Jason Forgash, John Loop, Richard Kowalski, Patrick Shaffer, Melissa Kaczmarek, and Brian Tobin

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA** None

**EXPRESSIONS/ COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC** None

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Personnel – Approval to Hire:** Jane Kostus, SSE Teacher for Central Elementary; and Jeff Griffin, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher for Lincoln Elementary  
John Loop made a motion, supported by Jason Forgash to approve this item. Motion carried; 7-0

**Recommendation to Approve Bid from Pyramid Paving for the Bus Garage Parking Lot Project -** Mr. Foco described that the price was more than anticipated with a 33% increase in cost. He talked to Mr. Schmidt who supports the project as the parking lot is deteriorating. Both Mr. Foco and Mr. Schmidt recommend moving forward with the project to prevent flooding as well as trip and fall issues. Mr. Tobin stated that he recommends moving forward with the project because of drainage issues. Mr. Tobin made the motion with Mr. Seymour seconding for Pyramid Paving to do the parking lot project for \$338,154.40. Brian Tobin made a motion, supported by Mark Seymour to approve this bid. A roll call vote was taken: Jason Forgash, yes; Melissa Kaczmarek, yes; John Loop, yes; Mark Seymour, yes; Patrick Shaffer, yes; Brian Tobin, yes; and Richard Kowalski, yes. Motion carried.

**Second Reading and Final Approval of Board Policy: Seclusion -** John Loop made a motion, supported by Patrick Shaffer to approve this. A roll call vote was taken: Jason Forgash, yes; Melissa Kaczmarek, yes; John Loop, yes; Mark Seymour, yes; Patrick Shaffer, yes; Brian Tobin, yes; and Richard Kowalski, yes. Motion carried.

## EXPRESSIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Tracy Koch provided a handout on Bobcat pride and cohesion that was discussed by Saginaw Valley League parents on July 10. She expressed disappointment that no administrators from the district were in attendance to help make decisions on items on the list. Mr. Kowalski tasked Mr. Foco with talking to Mr. Schmidt about this. Sara Wesolek told the board that over 25 parents are involved in this SVL group and that they need the help of the board to hold administrators accountable. She expressed concern that joining the SVL is a huge commitment and she's not sure everyone is in the same arena. She pleaded with the board to help them help their kids compete by allowing parents to move forward with low cost events. The group asked to have the band stay the entire football game, allow them to create locker signs, and bring back the spirit tunnel at games. Mr. Kowalski stated that the locker is a cost issue and that tape leaves a mark and that he has been told the teachers do not want locker signs up. He expressed that this has been in discussion for a year and that the issue needs to be resolved and will be looked into when Mr. Schmidt returns. Mr. Kowalski further said that the board supports SVL and will direct Mr. Schmidt to continue moving forward. Mr. Wesolek stated that an investment is needed to help kids get what they need. He asked the board if they have seen any of the proposals they have suggested including a district-wide clothing purchase. He also shared a concern for three sport athletes needing support in training. Mr. Kowalski responded that we went into the SVL without much prior planning. Mr. Wesolek mentioned that the color run ran out of t-shirts. Mrs. Kaczmarek stated that the Athletic Committee needs to meet to discuss this. She further stated that the vote for SVL came much quicker than anticipated. Mr. Forgash said that board members are trying to attend the SVL meetings and that it hasn't been supported as well as it could have been. Mr. Loop said that internal things will have to be done as no substantive improvement has been made. He further expressed that an account of what has been done so far needs to be made. Mr. Tobin stated that some quick decisions and reasons sometimes have to be made and that the parents will not always get a yes to their ideas. He described that sometimes their tone runs negative. Mr. Forgash suggested that an SVL presentation get added to an agenda and that he attended the last SVL meeting at Bay Lanes and appreciated the passion parents have. Mrs. Koch said parents stand ready to help and would like tasks to do but need direction. Mrs. Wesolek stated that we need to let the kids know we believe in them. Mr. Kowalski agreed and said we hear you. Mr. Foco said that a plan is in place to get elementary students into home games. Mrs. Wesolek stated that the first home event is August 19th. Mr. Kowalski said that the athletic committee will meet and get provided an update on what administration has done and put it on the next agenda. Jessica's mom stated that locker signs were very important to her middle school student this year and that we need to be behind the kids 100%. Mr. Kowalski welcomed Mr. Griffin to the district. Mrs. Kaczmarek reminded the board of the upcoming plays the following week.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Loop.  
The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY  
SUBMITTED,

*Melissa A. Kaczmarek*

MELISSA KACZMAREK  
SECRETARY