

BANGOR TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 24, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Kowalski at 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Kowalski, President; John Loop, Vice-President; Melissa Kaczmarek, Secretary; Brian Tobin, Treasurer; Lynne Moore, Mark Seymour, and Patrick Shaffer, Trustees

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA Add Employee of the Month under Presentations 5b

EXPRESSIONS/ COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mary Ward told the Board she appreciated the fact that at the last meeting she was told her issue was personal and not Board or district related and she can respect that, but she still has a question that needs to be answered. Mrs. Ward stated she was told by Mr. Kowalski to contact him at his home and he would discuss it with her. Mr. Kowalski then said her issue has nothing to do with the Board or district, and it is not an agenda item. Mrs. Ward stated she did try calling him. Mr. Kowalski stated one of the calls was a call demanding the name of his lawyer and phone number. Mrs. Ward then stated he told her to call his lawyer. Mr. Kowalski stated that he did not tell her that, he said that he had contacted a lawyer because he had received two anonymous phone calls and obviously she was one of the calls. He told her to look at the minutes. Mr. Kowalski stated that she called him to get his lawyer's phone number and that is not going to happen. Mr. Kowalski stated that she him called again after 9:00 which "ticked me off".

"You are harassing me." Mr. Kowalski stated he contacted his attorney the next day and was instructed not to talk to Mrs. Ward and he was not under any obligation to talk with her. Mr. Kowalski told Mrs. Ward if she had nothing else to talk to the Board about - she is out of order. Mrs. Ward stated as a taxpayer and a voter she does not feel they are discussing an issue - just that there is no communication. "Why not?" asked Mrs. Ward. Mr. Kowalski stated his attorney told him not talk to her. Mrs. Ward asked how can she talk to his attorney if he does not give her the name and phone number of the attorney. Mr. Kowalski stated he is not giving the name and number, it is unreasonable. Mr. Kowalski told Mrs. Ward that she is not asking about anything related to Board or district, she is referring to election signs. . Mr. Kowalski told Mrs. Ward that she is out of order. Mrs. Ward then asked Mr. Kowalski why he didn't feel responsible to respond to a question. Mr. Kowalski then stated, again, it has nothing to do with district or board and asked her if there was anything else she needed to discuss. If not, he stated, "you are out of order."

Mr. Kowalski then asked if there were any other expressions/communications from the public. There was not. He then called for Student Senate. Mrs. Ward stated he will be hearing from her attorney and exited the meeting.

STUDENT SENATE

Student Senate – Nick Vlk updated the board on Senate activities that included a blood drive, spirit week, homecoming parade, leadership training, Bobcat for a Cause. Bobcats for a Cause will allow teams and groups to choose non-profit agencies of their choice to donate their fundraising money to. In the past it was donated to Relay for Life. A clothing and food pantry is also being discussed.

PRESENTATIONS - EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Kevin Cliff, CMMS Science teacher was the recipient for October. Kevin has been with Bangor for 2 months and during this time he has stepped in to help wherever help is needed. Mr. Schmidt stated Kevin is “Johnny on the Spot.” Great job Kevin!

VIRTUAL SCHOOL

Jeff Albrecht presented on Bangor Township Virtual School and partnership courses. BTVS is offering their students social events (i.e. movie nights), organized clubs, field trips, and student recognitions to get the students involved. Mr. Albrecht is in the process of lining up partnership programs with local businesses to expand opportunity for all kids. Some of his ideas include horsemanship, music, art, culinary, scuba diving, and dance. Local businesses’ will offer “hands on” experiences to utilize and enhance their knowledge and skills. These programs will be considered a lab for the students. All business carry their own liability so that will not be a district expense. The partnership pilot program should be ready for recommendation for approval at the November Regular Board meeting. Discussions took place regarding selection of students who can participate if the programs are limited, liability, monitoring of students, and costs. Mr. Albrecht explained that the program is modeling after Oxford and is open to all students but will be limited. If Christa McAuliffe or John Glenn students wish to take any of these courses it would need to be approved by their school/counselor.

REPORTS

No committee reports this evening.

CFO – Jon Foco stated the New World is in the second parallel run for payroll and is moving right along. New World’s target day for 100% operating is the first payroll in January 2017. FID report to the State is complete. The Consumer’s pole project is almost complete.

Superintendent – Mr. Schmidt is working with the principals on a five year plan. Mr. Schmidt congratulated the Boys’ soccer and wished the Football good luck this Friday. Troy Lynch, Dan Decuf, and Matt Schmidt will be meeting with the SVL Board tomorrow and will update our Board after their meeting. Mr. Schmidt also invited the Board to National Honors Society Induction on November 1 at 6:00.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by John Loop, supported by Mark Seymour, to approve the Consent agenda as follows:

Approval of Minutes: October 10 (Special Meeting); and October 17, 2016 (Special Meeting)

Approval of Monthly Expenditures (September and October):

Grand Total All Funds	\$ 637,859.79
(Payroll Portion Equals:	\$ 277,919.33)
ACH Redemptions (September)	\$1,072,271.74
ACH Redemptions (October)	\$1,059,864.29

Mark Seymour stated in the October 17 special meeting minutes Mary Seymour needs to be corrected Mark Seymour. Motion carried – all ayes.

REGULAR
AGENDA

Recommendation to approve 8th grade Chicago field trip for May 11-12, 2017) – A motion was made by Melissa Kaczmarek, supported by Mark Seymour to approve this recommendation. Motion carried; 7-0.

OTHER
DISCUSSION

Mr. Kowalski asked to the Board to select a date for the Board Self-Evaluation Meeting. John Loop stated that some areas may require some time to discuss and recommended a special meeting for the self-evaluation. November 7 at 5:30 was set (note: due to voting set-up at Edison, this meeting was rescheduled for November 28 at 5:30 - prior to the regular scheduled meeting at 6:30 pm.

EXPRESSIONS
FROM THE
PUBLIC

Melissa Vrable invited the Board to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for Central's walking track on Friday, November 4 at 1:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by John Loop at 7:24 pm. Meeting was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY
SUBMITTED,

MELISSA
KACZMAREK
SECRETARY