

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101, BATAVIA, KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
HELD ON JANUARY 26, 2010

REGULAR MEETING The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, Batavia Public Schools was held at the Rosalie M. Jones Administration Center, 335 W. Wilson Street, Batavia, Illinois, and was called to order by President Link at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL On roll call the following Board Members were present:

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| Kristin Behmer | Joseph Purpura |
| Jack Hinterlong | Jayne Resek |
| Ronald Link | Kathleen Roberts |

Absent: Matthew Winkle

Also present: Superintendent Barshinger
Associate Superintendent Romanek
Associate Superintendent Wright
Chief Information Officer Inglese
Assistant Superintendent Monn
Director of Student Services Koos
Director of Buildings and Grounds Browne
Assistant Director of Technology Seawall
Assistant Director of Teaching and Learning
Drexler
Principal Hichens
Assistant Principal Newkirk
Principal Girmscheid
Principal Skomer
Principal Sikorski
Literacy Coordinator Scheffert
Student Ambassador Agyen
Student Ambassador McHenry
Recording Secretary Walker

VISITORS: 25

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE President Link asked Student Ambassador Agyen to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS No visitors wished to address the Board.

ITEMS REMOVED Superintendent Barshinger noted there was one addition to the ADDED/CHANGED Consent Agenda: Item L - Request to Dispose of District Property and one revision to Board Policy 6:10 - Educational Philosophy.

REPRESENTATIVES BEA President Tony Malay reiterated his comments from the meeting on January 12th regarding “the state of the State.” Mr. Malay said, “It is obvious that we cannot rely on the state or federal governments to fix our problems. I urge you to vote next Tuesday. It sends a message that we are watching. The IEA is supporting both Democratic and Republican candidates. We as a community need to step up. Batavia is a strong community. The staff members are committed to a high quality of education.”

Mr. Malay mentioned that this is his 4th year as President of the BEA. “Difficult issues have been taken on and resolved. We have reached a level of collaboration that has exceeded most districts. We are in the best position possible to work together to resolve this. It’s going to take a village. I can’t think of any other community that is better to pull together and resolve issues.”

BESPA President Denise Ott thanked those who participated on the BEPR Committee. “It is a difficult task but an important process. I thank the Board for reviewing the information. I know the Board will take every step to insure the well being of the staff, students and the Batavia community.”

Lauren Mastrud, Batavia Interschool Council, (BIC) presented an update on the Interschool Council, which holds meetings five times a year. She noted that the council helps the PTOs share best practices throughout the district. She added that the elementary schools are having their Fun Fairs on February 26th but are struggling to find volunteers for the event. Council members are sharing ideas on how to recruit more volunteers. She also referred

the audience to the district’s website, bps101.net for more information on BIC.

President Link informed the audience that as of January 18th the State of Illinois is behind in paying its bills by over \$8.7 billion. “It is important to get out there and vote. We are starting to rank last in various areas of funding. It is an important time; research candidates and get out to the polls.”

CONSENT
AGENDA

Superintendent Barshinger presented the Consent Agenda for Board of Education approval. Board Member Resek asked for the removal of Item G - School Calendars for 2010-2011 and 2011-2012, Item I - Surveillance & Access Control Project Review and Board Policy 7:40 - Non Public School Students, Including Parochial and Home-School Students. President Link asked for removal of item #4 in the Personnel Section - Employment Exempt for Greg Thurn.

Moved by Behmer and seconded by Hinterlong the remainder of the Consent Agenda was approved as presented. Ayes: Behmer, Resek, Hinterlong, Roberts, Purpura and Link, Six (6). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

The Consent Agenda included:

- Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2009 and the Special Meetings of December 15, 2009 and December 16, 2009.
- Approval of the net payrolls for December 31, 2009 in the amount of \$1,144,895.54 and January 15, 2010 in the amount of \$1,048,961.32.

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| Education Fund | \$1,445,961.29 |
| Operations and Maintenance Fund | \$344,616.13 |
| Debt Service Fund | \$5,939.05 |
| Transportation Fund | \$288,651.08 |
| I.M.R.F. Fund | \$63,774.99 |
| Capital Projects Fund | \$2,285,689.21 |
| Fire Prevention & Safety | \$0.00 |
| Tort Fund | \$8,485.87 |

- Personnel
 - Retirement-Certified
 - Linda Richard
 - Elizabeth Selander
 - Resignation-Classified
 - John Varga
 - Employment-Classified
 - Jeffrey Freeland
 - Lynne Marucco
 - Employment-Exempt
 - Joseph Kahle
 - Increase in Contract-Certified
 - Crystal Louden
 - Leave of Absence – Certified
 - Marcy Biage
 - Margaret Lincoln
 - Laura Papale
 - Katherine Renz
 - Leave of Absence – Classified
 - Joan Cramm
 - Katie Fikar
 - Anita Psaute
 - Request Leave of Absence Extension
 - Jane Boss
 - Return Leave of Absence
 - Elizabeth Lucas
- Approval of the destruction of the audio tape of the Closed Session Meeting on 7/22/08.
- FOIA Requests

The district received a request on January 4, 2010 from Matt Hanley of the Sun-Times Media requesting copies of a list of vendors who received payment from School District #101 in 2008 and the amount those vendors were paid in 2008.

The district also received a request on January 7, 2010 from Paul Dailing of the Aurora Beacon News requesting any and all contracts, including any addendums or revisions, plus any other agreements related to the entire compensation package of Superintendent Jack Barshinger since the beginning of the

superintendent's employment including but not limited to the Superintendent's pay, bonuses, salary schedule over the contract period and any additional perks, including but not limited to vacation payout, sick time payout and car allowance.

Copies of checks or payroll documents issued to Superintendent Jack Barshinger or on the behalf of the superintendent for the 2008-09 school year, including but not limited to salary bonuses, health insurance premium contributions, life insurance, tax deferred retirement accounts and additional perks including but not limited to vacation payout, sick time payout, annuities, travel expenses, cell phone usage, tuition reimbursements, meeting stipends, moving expenses and housing assistance.

- Approval of the use of stimulus funds to purchase Pearson Inform as presented.
- Approval to maintain the current school fees for future years as presented.
- Approval of the resolution to abate taxes in the Debt Service Fund by the amount of \$342,876.00 for the 2009 Levy as presented.
- Approval of the resolution to authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations to further abate taxes in the Debt Service Fund to the extent necessary to achieve a total tax rate of \$4.6989 for the 2009 Levy as presented.
- Approval to waive first reading and approve the adoption of the revisions to the following policies:

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| 2:200 | Types of Board of Education Meetings |
| 2:250 | Access to District Public Records |
| 4:110 | Transportation |
| 5:10 | Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment |
| 5:100 | Professional Growth and Institute Planning |
| 6:10 | Educational Philosophy |
| 6:30 | Organization of Instruction |
| 6:40 | Curriculum Development |

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| 6:50 | School Wellness |
| 6:60 | Curriculum Content |
| 6:65 | Student Social and Emotional Development |
| 6:110 | Programs for Students at Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program |
| 6:120 | Education of Children with Disabilities |
| 6:130 | Program for the Academically Talented |
| 6:160 | English Language Learners |
| 6:170 | Title 1 Programs |
| 6:180 | Extended Instructional Programs |
| 6:190 | Extracurricular and Co-curricular Activities |
| 6:220 | Instructional Materials Selection and Adoption |
| 6:240 | Field Trips (DELETE) |
| 6:250 | Community Resource Persons and Volunteers |
| 6:255 | Assemblies and Ceremonies |
| 6:282 | Articulation (DELETE) |
| 6:300 | Graduation Requirements |
| 6:320 | High School Credit for Proficiency |
| 6:330 | Achievement and Awards |
| 6:340 | Student Testing and Assessment Program |
| 7:10 | Equal Educational Opportunities |
| 7:20 | Harassment of Students Prohibited |
| 7:180 | Preventing Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment |
| 7:320 | Student Travel |
| 7:322 | Education Trips (DELETE) |
| 7:323 | Excursion Tours (DELETE) |

- Approval of the disposal of surplus district property as presented.

Board Members postponed the decision on the school calendars for 2010-2011 and 2011- 2012 to allow time for input from the public regarding the earlier start date for the first day of school. The original calendar calls for August 25th to be the first day of school for the 2010-2011 term. The revised calendar calls for the first day of school on August 18th.

The Surveillance & Access Control Project and the position of Greg Thrun as District Safety Coordinator will be discussed in Closed Session as they are issues related to the safety of students. Board Policy 7:40 was sent back to the Policy Committee for further review.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chief Information Officer Ingles presented the Treasurer's Report. He announced that the Bureau of Labor Statistics released the CPI for 2009 at 2.7%, which is an improvement over last year.

The State of Illinois Comptroller recently vouchered a total payment of \$667,190.52 in categorical funding for the district. However, the district has not yet received these funds and does not anticipate receiving all of the money due from the state for this fiscal year.

BEPR RANKING

Assistant Superintendent Monn presented Board Members with the administration's recommendation from the Batavia Education Program Review. At the meeting on January 12th, Mr. Monn presented an overview of the BEPR process. Administrators looked at the committees' findings and ranked them in order of their priorities.

Three funding scenarios were presented for each program: keeping the funding stable at 100%, a 10% reduction or a 25% reduction.

Mr. Monn explained the chart showing the Administrative Priority Ranking. He stated that the chart starts from a zero balance and builds the budget from there. If the district decides to fund a program it must be funded at the 75% level, anything less than 75% funding would mean the program would have to be dropped.

Administrators listed the programs by starting at the 75% scenario and then began adding back in an additional 15% to show the cost of funding a program at the 90% level; then an additional 10% to show the cost of funding a program at 100% or stable funding level.

The programs were then ranked by priorities at the three funding levels.

President Link stated that this was good data and Board Members will take some time to process and understand the information before any decisions are made.

AUDIO ENHANCEMENT

Chief Information Officer Inglesse discussed the Audio Enhancement System for Batavia High School. He began with the following statements:

- Normal hearing children can miss as much as 1/3 of what their teacher says due to poor classroom acoustics.
- A child's hearing abilities are not fully developed until age 15. If children cannot hear they cannot learn.
- The average ambient noise in a classroom is 40-50 decibels.

This audio system is designed to distribute a teacher's voice evenly throughout the classroom. It will be available for every teaching station in the high school. Teachers will wear lapel microphones and a student microphone is also included that can be passed around the classroom. Mr. Inglesse stated, "Students can't tell when the system is on but they can definitely tell when it is off." He added that this system will be installed at the high school rather than the elementary schools because funding for this project is included in the construction dollars.

Moved by Purpura and seconded by Roberts to approve the BHS Classroom Audio Enhancement from CIM Technology Solutions for a total cost of \$85,405.00. Ayes: Purpura, Behmer, Resek, Roberts and Link, Five (5). Nays: Hinterlong, One (1). Motion carried.

STUDENT AMBASSADOR'S

Student Ambassador McHenry highlighted events at the high school. BHS students won a snow sculpting competition in Geneva last week. Girls' varsity basketball is at Oswego tonight and boys' basketball is at DeKalb. Logan Arlis was chosen as best wrestler during a competition with 16 other teams last week. The wrestling team won the championship for a 3rd year in a row and six wrestlers made All Conference. The last home wrestling

meet is this Thursday. The Key Club is holding a fundraiser to raise money for the victims of the Haiti earthquake. He also announced that the Winter Play *I Never Saw a Butterfly* will be presented February 5th and 6th.

Student Ambassador Agyen wished the music students well at the IMEA Music Convention in Peoria. She also spoke about the Student Council that is sponsoring a Big Brother, Big Sister initiative to help students with the transition from middle school to high school. Members were also on hand for the Freshmen Orientation this week. She also highlighted the Latin club sponsored by Gilda Walls. The club's 30 members discuss Latin and mythology and would like to make this club an honor society.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS Superintendent Barshinger recognized the BHS Band Director John Heath, who is also President of the IMEA. Superintendent Barshinger wished John and his students well with their performance at the IMEA All-State Convention.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS President Link offered his congratulations to Linda Richard and Elizabeth Selander on their retirements this June. He also offered his condolences to Jane Boss on the loss of her husband.

BOARD MEMBER'S COMMENTS Board Member Purpura questioned the district's policy on the restrictions regarding school bus drivers texting and using cell phones. Assistant Superintendent Monn responded that school policy does not allow for the use of either except in case of emergency or when buses are idling and waiting to pick up students.

Board Member Roberts thanked the administrators who worked on the priority list but added that she may need a tutorial.

Board Member Resek thanked administration "for all your time and energy, the prioritization was very helpful."

Board Member Behmer thanked everyone involved in the BEPR program. She also noted that the Batavia Cheer Team placed 3rd in last week's competition. Mrs. Behmer's daughter Taylor recently returned from Spain where she was a foreign exchange

student. She encouraged students to take advantage of the foreign exchange experience.

**ADJOURN
TO CLOSED
SESSION**

Moved by Purpura and seconded by Roberts to adjourn to Closed Session at 8:46 p.m. to hear information on the Safety of Students and Personnel. Ayes: Purpura, Behmer, Resek, Hinterlong, Roberts and Link, Six (6). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

**RETURN
TO OPEN
SESSION**

Moved by Roberts and seconded by Resek to return to Open Session at 9:22 p.m. Ayes: Roberts, Purpura, Behmer, Resek, Hinterlong and Link, Six (6). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Behmer and seconded Roberts to approve Greg Thrun as District Safety Coordinator at Rotolo Middle School effective August 15, 2010 through June 30, 2011, at an annual salary of \$35,000. The position will be funded via reductions in police liaison services. Ayes: Behmer, Roberts, Purpura Resek, and Hinterlong, Five (5). Nays: Link, One (1). Motion carried.

Moved by Purpura and seconded by Roberts to enter into a contract with Pentegra Systems to install and implement a district-wide surveillance and access control solution, at a cost not to exceed \$800,000.00. The budget for this project is a component of the 2007 Referendum. Ayes: Purpura, Behmer, Resek, Hinterlong, Roberts and Link, Six (6). Nays: None (0). Motion carried

Moved by Behmer and seconded by Roberts to return to Closed Session to hear information on Personnel at 9:24 p.m. Ayes: Behmer, Resek, Hinterlong, Roberts, Purpura and Link, Six (6). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Roberts and seconded by Behmer to return to Open Session at 10:31 p.m. Ayes: Roberts, Purpura, Behmer, Resek, Hinterlong and Link, Six (6). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

ADJOURN Moved by Roberts and seconded by Behmer to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Education at 10:31 p.m.

Jack K. Barshinger
Secretary

Ronald A. Link
President