

**BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**  
**SUMMARY OF THE BATAVIA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT 101**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**February 23, 2010**

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**Board of Education Regular Meeting**

**NOTE: Board of Education: Reports for this meeting may be found at:**

[www.bps101.net/board-of-education/boe-reports](http://www.bps101.net/board-of-education/boe-reports)

- **BHS Course Proposals**

The Board of Education approved 7 new courses for 2010-11 at Batavia High School. The new courses: Honors Biology, Environmental Science, AP Biology, AP Psychology, AP European History, AP Studio Art, and Senior Resource.

- **Construction Update**

Director of Building and Grounds, Pat Browne, reported that current BHS construction is on schedule. The Music area has opened as demonstrated by the open house held by the music department. Interior renovation has begun in locker room areas and weight room. Area K construction which includes new vocational area, drama room will begin on the north-west corner by mid-March.

- **BEPR Priorities**

Assistant Superintendent Kris Monn reviewed with Board Members the administration's recommendation from the Batavia Education Program Review. Three funding scenarios were presented for each program: stable funding at 100%, a 10% reduction or a 25% reduction. Dr. Barshinger shared 4 general areas that administrators used to create the recommendation. Ranking priorities included: Student Learning, Student Safety and Mandated Rights, Programming Effects, and Systematic Budgetary & Historical Factors.

The Board of Education gave consensus to the administration to begin development of the 2010-2011 budget based on the priorities presented by the Administration.

- **Extended Day Kindergarten**

Dr. Wright reviewed the administrative recommendation to continue to offer an extended day option for Kindergarten at an annual fee of \$2500. After discussion, the Board of Education approved the extended day kindergarten program for a fee, not to exceed \$250 per month. Actual costs would be calculated after the program began and fee adjustments made.

- **Weighted Grades at Batavia High School**

Dr. Hichens reviewed the administrative recommendation to "phase-in" a weighted grade system beginning in the 2010-2011 school year for Honors and Advanced Placement classes. After discussion, the Board of Education approved the administrative plan as presented.

**In the Consent Agenda the Board Approved the Following:**

- Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meetings of January 12 and 26, 2010 and the Special Meetings of January 11, 13 and 25, 2010

- Approval of the net payrolls for January 31, 2010 in the amount of \$1,411,133.01 and February 15, 2010 in the amount of \$1,379,448.38.

Education Fund	\$2,278,361.89
Operations and Maintenance Fund	\$264,273.90
Debt Service Fund	\$8,026.32
Transportation Fund	\$258,991.79
I.M.R. Fund	\$62,025.51
Capital Projects Fund	\$1,503,916.31
Fire Prevention & Safety	\$0.00
Tort Fund	\$53,042.62

- Personnel

Accepted Resignation of:

- Jemma Roth

Approved Retirement Request for:

- Ruth Harmon

Approved Return from Leave of Absence for:

- Karen Mann
- Laura Papale

Approved Leave of Absence for:

- Margaret Hemmerich
- Kristin Hett
- Debra Sapyta

Approved Leave of Absence Extension for:

- Jane Boss
- Jill Harmon
- Anita Psaute

Approved Job Share Renewals for:

- Katie Fink and Marcie Kuhn
- Jessica Rivera and Sarah Butler

Approved Job Share Proposal for:

- Brigitte Parks and Jennifer Wilshire

- Approval of the destruction of the audio tape of the Closed Session Meeting for August 12 and 26, 2008.

- FOIA Requests

The district processed Freedom of Information requests from Karen Matejka on February 1, 2010 regarding payment of bond by Doherty Construction, Inc.

The district processed a Freedom of Information request from Rebecca Schermbeck regarding Board Policy on Use of Facilities by Community Organization.

- Accepted donation of \$500 from Anthony Valente for the Challenge Program
- Accepted donation of \$500 from Matt Grizzell for the Louise White after school reading program
- Approved the BHS overnight field trips for the International Club and Youth and Government
- Approved revised substitute rates for 2010-11. Regular rate of \$84/day; Extended Rate of \$92/day; Long Term Rate of \$125/day.
- Approved the Capital Improvement Plan and directed the administration to begin procuring bids for work with the forecasted means of the next fiscal year budget.
- Accepted the purchase of District-Wide Radio System from Communication Direct
- Approved a vendor change for purchase of previously approved server storage hardware approved for the Security and Inform Projects to Heartland Business Systems for a total cost of \$235,529. This represents a \$10,000 savings by consolidating purchasing of special project funds from Federal Stimulus Funds and Construction Funds.

Board Members entered Closed Session to hear information on Personnel at 9:27 p.m.

Board Members returned to Open Session at 11:05 p.m. and adjourned.