

**BAKERSFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
BAKERSFIELD, VERMONT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Bakersfield Elementary-Middle School Science Lab
Monday, August 17, 2009**

Present for a quorum: Melissa Dion, Pat Curtis, Terri Gates, and Marie Race

Absent: Tennyson Doane

Administrators: Debora Price, Principal; Jay Nichols, Superintendent, FNESU; Bill Samuelson, Business Manager, FNESU

Visitors: Arlene O'Rourke, Teacher; Kilie Demar, Teacher; Lisa Lucas, Teacher; Amy Callan-Gervais, Teacher; Becky Wright, Teacher; Erin Paquette, Teacher; Penny Goss, Food Service Program/Selectboard; Joanne Doane, Parent, Larry Krieger, Bakersfield Conservation Commission (BCC); and Forrest Dunnivant, BCC

1. Call to Order: Terri Gates called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
2. Business Manager's Report:
 - a. Monthly Financial Update
 - 1.) FY09 Year-End Fund Balance
 - 2.) FY09 Budget vs. Actual
 - 3.) Actual State School Tax Rates
 - b. Annual School District Meeting Date: Bill Samuelson explained the changes in the state law regarding when informational meetings may be held.
 - c. Other: Student Accident Insurance
3. Board Business:
 - a. School Construction Projects Update: Exterior Doors Proposals

Marie Race made the motion to authorize Pat Curtis and Debra Price to obtain a third proposal for installation of exterior doors, review the three proposals, and decide on the best bid; Melissa Dion seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Recognition of Visitors:
 - a. Bachman Property Proposal: Larry Krieger is addressing community organizations in an effort to create partnerships for purchasing the property, creating nature trails, and collaborating on grants and projects. The commission's highest priority is to create a Town forest in Bakersfield.
 - b. Penny Goss:
 - 1.) Brigham Academy: Penny Goss explained the logistics involved in creating an elder housing facility.
 - 2.) Food Service Request: Penny Goss requested a computer for use for the Hot Lunch Program.
 - 3.) Combined Meetings: Penny Goss would like to have combined meetings between the School

Board and the Selectboard on a regular basis.

- c. Positive Behavioral Supports (PBS) Presentation--PBS Leadership Team: Deb Price praised the Leadership Team for its hard work. They did incredible work, and were an inspiration during the training program. The team explained the goals, strategies, and expectations of this system.
- d. Developmental Design for Middle Schools Presentation: This group of teachers spent a week in Hanover, N.H. for a training session. There are three levels of training, and this team will take part at a higher level next summer. Deb Price is incredibly proud of them for the work they did. This program is designed specifically for adolescents between 10 and 13 years of age.
- e. Joanne Doane: Correct procedures were explained for addressing issues. A meeting was scheduled between Mrs. Doane and Superintendent Nichols.

5. Board Reports:

- a. Construction Projects Update
- b. Brigham Academy Clock Tower
- c. Staff Appreciation Dinner Plans: The date and time was determined.

6. Principal's Report:

- a. Bussing for Sports Events: The Board informally agreed to continue providing bus service to and from sporting events for 5 through 8 grades.
- b. Parent and Student Handbook: New guidelines were highlighted.
- c. Principal's Report
- d. PBS Coach/Coordinator
- e. In-Service Schedule

7. Superintendent's Report:

- a. School Boards Retreat Date Announcement
- b. Paraeducator Wages:

Pat Curtis made the motion to authorize the Superintendent to set pay rates for Paraeducators provided they are within the range of the salary scale within the Master Agreement; Marie Race seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

c. Supervisory Union Meetings: Superintendent Nichols is proposing to all the school districts approval for conducting fewer full-board meetings, and more regular meetings of the Executive Committee. A representative from each of the school districts would serve on the Executive Committee and report back to their respective boards. A full-board meeting may be requested at any time.

8. Adjourn: Marie Race made the motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.; Melissa Dion seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Ryan, Board Secretary