

**BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL
DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING**

January 6, 2011

The Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee met in the School Committee Meeting Room of the Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School commencing at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Charles K. Singleton, Chairman
Ann M. Lesperance, Vice Chairperson
Catherine A. Robinson, District Treasurer
Diane C. Robin, Assistant District Treasurer
Steven J. Tringali, District Secretary
Michael J. Buckley, Member
John J. Eldridge, Member
Lisa C. Oliveira, Member

Also in attendance at the meeting was Kimberly B. Shaver-Hood, Superintendent of Schools and Student Representatives, Alycia Dery and Luke Perreault.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Lesperance and **unanimously voted** to approve the Consent Agenda which includes Minutes of Meeting of December 16, 2010, Warrants and a field trip request by the Athletic Department.

Alycia Dery gave the student report. She stated that there is a fundraiser right now to benefit the Symes' family and the American Heart Association. Bracelets are being sold that say Tyler Strength and Courage.

Luke Perreault also gave the student report. He stated that the High School Band had a concert the previous night where many spectators were present. The Jazz Band is preparing for their concert at the Stadium Theatre.

The current Senior Class officers and their advisor, Eric Tracey teacher at the BMR High School were in attendance. Mr. Tracey stated they are working on different fundraisers such as a dodge ball tournament and Mr. BMR. They recently sponsored Frank Santos hypnotist and the Winter Ball.

The following class officers were in attendance:

Mitchell Davis – Class Historian- would like to seek a college degree and eventually enter into the military.

Megan Osborne – Secretary – would like to become a physical therapist.

Louis Carney – President – would like to become a pharmacist.

Alycia Dery – Treasurer – would like to attend Becker College to receive an exercise science degree.

Brett Buskey (not in attendance) - Vice President

Alley Manning – (not in attendance) - Public Relations

Mr. Eldridge would like to showcase these students to be on his talk show with the School Committee members. He is very proud of them.

Mr. Buckley asked how the class was doing financially.

Mr. Tracey stated that they are doing well. The prom will be at the Lakeview Ballroom. They would like to keep prom prices as low as possible. Mr. BMR and the dodge ball tournament bring in quite a bit of money.

Mr. Singleton reminded the students that they are representing the school and he expects them to be on their best behavior at all times when going out in the Community.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

Superintendent Shaver-Hood is requesting that the School Committee approve a Revolving Account called the Student Performance Account. When Mr. Jacobs videotapes school events a DVD will become available for \$10.00. This is why the school needs the account. The funds will be split between the group being taped and a scholarship fund. Mr. Jacob makes the DVD's for us and we will sell them at a slight profit. Mr. Buckley asked to formalize this so that we meet all necessary terms and conditions. The reason this came about is because Mr. Jacobs is contracted with the Town of Blackstone and the Town of Blackstone does not feel they should pay to tape the events of the School District.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Lesperance and **unanimously voted** to allow the School District to create a Performance Revolving Account.

Use of Facilities – There were no requests for waivers.

Superintendent Shaver-Hood stated that the cafeteria has increased revenues this year. They are in full swing with Nutri-Kids which is doing very well. The entire staff is doing a very good job.

Lisa Oliveira was approached by 5th grade parents. There are days when there are not enough of the daily hot lunches for the students. Lisa asked if the Superintendent could look into this.

Superintendent Shaver-Hood stated that she is watching spending closely. They are doing well and are right where they need to be. The budget books have been handed to the members. She will continue to update them if changes are made. She will continue to watch what changes are made to the Governor's budget.

January 14th is a professional development half day in the School District. All staff will attend an Anti-Bullying seminar with Attorney Regina Tate. Superintendent Shaver-Hood thanked the Committee that came up with the anti-bullying plan. There will be an area on the website where bullying can be reported anonymously.

Superintendent Shaver-Hood stated that the Millville Elementary School was recently awarded the Commanders Award for outstanding achievement in collecting more than 300 toys for tots which was done by the AOK Club at the school.

The carpet installation and painting has begun at the JFK/AFM Complex. This should brighten up the school.

Superintendent Shaver-Hood gave each of the members the bracelet to benefit the Symes family and the American Heart Association. An appreciation ceremony will be held at the hockey game on January 22nd in Marlboro MA. Tyler Symes was hit in the chest with a hockey puck at a recent game where his heart stopped. He was immediately helped by the team trainer who used a defibrillator to help him. He will attend a rehabilitation treatment facility at Hasbro Hospital. The appreciation ceremony will be held to thank those that helped Tyler. As more details are received they will share them with everyone.

BMR graduate Amanda Woolford is requesting to do her undergraduate practicum at the Millville Elementary School under Speech/Language Pathologist Marcia Cunningham.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mrs. Robinson and **unanimously voted** to approve the practicum by Amanda Woolford at the Millville Elementary School with Marcia Cunningham, provided a CORI check is completed.

There were no items for Public Forum.

Committee Forum – John Eldridge extended an invitation to showcase the School Committee on his talk show in February.

Mrs. Lesperance wants to remind everyone that nomination papers can be taken out this month for the upcoming School Committee elections. The seat held by Mrs. Lesperance will become vacant as she will not seek re-election.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Lesperance at 7:50 p.m. to adjourn the School Committee meeting. The motion was followed by a roll call vote that resulted in a **unanimous vote**.

Respectfully submitted,

Monique F. Simard
Recording Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Steven J. Tringali, District Secretary