

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

November 17, 2011

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

Charles K. Singleton, Chairman
John J. Eldridge, Vice Chairman
Steven J. Tringali, District Secretary
Catherine A. Robinson, District Treasurer
Diane C. Robin, Assistant District Treasurer
Brian T. Faulkner, Member
Lisa C. Oliveira, Member

Michael J. Buckley was absent from meeting.

Also in attendance at the meeting was Kimberly B. Shaver-Hood, Superintendent of Schools.

All consent agenda items were voted on separately.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Robin (**6 in favor, 1 abstain – Mrs. Oliveira**) to approve the School Committee Minutes of October 20, 2011.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Robin, and **unanimously voted** to approve the field trip requests.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Oliveira, (**6 in favor, 1 abstain – Chairman Singleton**) to approve the Home Schooling Request by Mr. & Mrs. Zilonis.

The Home Schooling requests that were placed on hold at the last meeting have made alternate arrangements.

Student Representatives Derek Tata and Alicia Pickering gave their reports.

Community Outreach Group

Mrs. Fowler stated that the outreach group is made up of persons from all over the community. The goal of the outreach group is to promote the School District. They recently had a canned food drive where they received 6415 cans. In November they will

be offering a Toys for Tots drive from November 28th – December 13th. Tellstone Bus Company will leave a bus at the Middle School to fill with toys.

The Outreach group will plan a fundraiser for the troops in January.

Principal Carol Brown spoke along with teachers from the Complex regarding reading and literacy. The speakers were Mrs. Torvi, Mrs. Tasick, Mrs. Finn-Campopiano and Ms. Paige. Each teacher helps student with their reading needs. They assess the students to see their reading levels and group them by their current needs.

Ms. Paige is a special education teacher and a reading teacher as well.

Mrs. Torvi keeps portfolios on all students. She looks at the data on students in order to service them appropriately. She stated that reading is a learned skill and all children learn how to read differently.

Mrs. Oliveira stated that her son benefited from the help and assistance of the reading teachers. He is now reading close to the advanced level.

It was stated that reading to and with your child every night is so helpful to them.

Report of the Superintendent

Superintendent Shaver-Hood gave an update on the High School Roof project.

There is an existing roof underneath the present roof. Test cuts were taken. There is asbestos there. Two companies came in to inspect. Tighe and Bond did an asbestos inspection and found the presence of asbestos containing tar and gravel type roofing materials underneath non-asbestos rubber roofing and non-asbestos insulation boards at both the gym and auditorium roofs.

Kaestle Boos also came in to take roof test cuts. The structural review of the building roof decking indicates that the integrity of the structural steel framing and decking materials for the roof of the building appears to be sound.

The search posting for the High School Principal will close on December 30th. There are currently 12 applicants for this position.

The next budget sub-committee meeting will be held on November 29th @ 6:00 p.m.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mr. Faulkner and **unanimously voted** to allow two volunteer coaches as follows: Alicia Meade for indoor track and Cody Fournier for basketball.

Use of Facilities

Three men were in attendance to represent the soccer organization. They are requesting the use of the MES and Complex gymnasiums for soccer practice during the indoor winter sessions.

Chairman Singleton stated that the floors are in rough shape and it is the position of the School Committee not to allow the gyms to be used for anything other than the proper usage. They feel that outdoor sports should be kept outdoors.

It was stated that the group would use special balls and only allow children ages 10 and under to play.

After discussion on this matter it was decided that if the Committee were given something in writing so that the BMYSO will assume liability if anything happens in the gym they will allow the use of the gymnasiums.

Chairman Singleton will agree to this motion contingent on the specifications above and that Superintendent Shaver-Hood will speak with Athletic Director, Tim Johnson as well.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mr. Tringali) to authorize the use of the gymnasium facilities (**6 in favor, 1 abstain from voting – Mrs. Oliveira**) for ages 10 and under at the Complex and Millville Elementary School after receiving in writing from them that the BMYSO agrees to take responsibility for any damage incurred at the facility.

Public Forum – There were no items for Public Forum.

Committee Forum

Mrs. Robin spoke regarding a Strategic Planning workshop recently held where members, Mr. Tringali, Mr. Faulkner, Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Robin came up with six core values as well as a vision. They are looking for input on this. The vision piece has just recently been added in.

Chairman Singleton feels they are at a good base starter point. He is very happy with the progress and thanks them for their hard work.

The group will move forward and tweak it as they go along. They are working with information provided by the Mass. Association of School Committees.

The mission is the final category to work on. They will need a short and catchy phrase that everyone can remember. A possible phrase is “School and Community working in Unity”.

They are looking for two to three people on each committee to share the work. This way they will not be required to hold as many meetings.

The group will also have a follow-up survey to this. Mrs. Robin also wants this to reach members of the community who do not have children in the school district.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Oliveira and **unanimously voted** to accept the Strategic Planning sub-committee vision.

Motion: At 8:32 p.m. it was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mr. Tringali and **unanimously voted** to enter Executive Session to discuss complaints and disciplinary action against an individual and collective bargaining with the Educators' Association and to come out only for the purpose of adjournment. The motion was followed by a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Monique F. Simard
Recording Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Steven J. Tringali, District Secretary