

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

June 9, 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
Catherine A. Robinson, District Treasurer
Diane C. Robin, Assistant District Treasurer
Steven J. Tringali, District Secretary
Michael J. Buckley, Member
Lisa C. Oliveira, Member
Brian T. Faulkner, Member arrived late – attended Band Concert

Absent from the meeting was Alycia Dery, Student Representative.

Also in attendance at the meeting were Kimberly B. Shaver-Hood, Superintendent of Schools and Luke Perreault, Student Representative.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mr. Tringali and **unanimously voted** to approve the Consent Agenda which includes Minutes of Meeting of May 26, 2011 and Warrants.

Mr. Singleton recognized the retirees who were present this evening. Mr. Singleton stated that the District appreciates all they have done for the students and how they have made the District richer and added to the lives of many students.

The retirees present at the meeting were as follows:

Karen Briggs
Jo-Ann McGahan
Margaret Skehan
Bradford Monroe
Cindy Fric
Karen O'Neill
Sue Desilets

Mr. Buckley thanked them for their commitment to the children and the communities. He feels it marks the end of an era. One day the children will realize the impact these individuals have made on them.

The Committee took a 20 minute break to enjoy cake with the retirees. Each retiree was asked to choose a book that would be purchased by the District and donated to one of the school libraries.

Directors of the Blackstone Valley Boys and Girls Club were present to discuss the on-going busing issue with the Committee. Dan Doyle, Chairman asked if the Committee could revisit the busing issue. Mr. Doyle stated that 40 to 50 children are bused from the Boys and Girls Club to the School District each day and back to the Boys and Girls Club after school by Tellstone Busing Company. The Boys and Girls Club pays a fee of close to \$10,000 each year for this service.

Mr. Doyle is asking if the District can be of any assistance to them with this matter.

The Committee would like to help out with this matter but they cannot afford to increase the cost of busing.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mr. Buckley and **unanimously voted** to table further discussion on the Boys and Girls Club busing issue until they have historical data from the BVBGC which Mr. Monroe and Superintendent Shaver-Hood can review.

Report of the Superintendent

There were no waiver of fee requests for Use of Facilities.

Superintendent Shaver-Hood gave a budget update. She requested pre-purchasing which the Committee approved at the last School Committee Meeting. She is requesting pre-purchases in the amount of \$150,000.

The \$150,000 was divided as follows:

MES - \$32,000

JFK/AFM - \$39,000

FWHMS - \$37,000

BMRHS - \$42,000

In addition:

Adoption of elementary math program – \$47,000

Technology pre purchase – \$190,000 – which includes the Middle School and Elementary School labs.

Total pre-purchase \$387,500.

There was discussion amongst the School Committee members on the pre-purchase of technology items for \$190,000. Mrs. Oliveira asked that this item be tabled until after the Millville town meeting so they can see where they stand. She would like this item to be listed separately from the others. Some of the members feel that they should not spend on the technology items right now especially if doing so could mean increased class sizes.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Oliveira and **unanimously voted** to pre-purchase two years of office supplies in the Superintendent's Office for \$25,000.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Oliveira and **unanimously voted** to pre-purchase Special Education materials for \$15,000.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Eldridge and **unanimously voted** to purchase two years worth of athletic equipment and uniforms for \$20,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Buckley and then withdrawn on the \$190,000 technology purchase. It was decided that they will wait to get more information on the purchase and the Millville override. It will be revisited at the next School Committee meeting on June 23rd.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mr. Buckley and **unanimously voted** to waive the 2nd reading of the Animals in Schools policy. The policy was then passed.

Public Forum

Kathy Stearman spoke. She is concerned about the amount of employees the District will be losing. Superintendent Shaver-Hood stated that they will start recalling people if the Millville override passes.

Committee Forum

The Committee will begin the Strategic Planning meetings next Tuesday.

Mr. Eldridge recently saw a write-up in the Boston Herald on senior, Brett Buskey. Brett runs track and has broken numerous records. He is a gifted track athlete. Mr. Eldridge would like to frame the Herald picture and present it to Brett from the School Committee.

Mr. Buckley offered congratulations to the Class of 2011.

Mr. Buckley wanted to remind the voters of Millville that the day to vote on the override is May 21st and is quickly approaching.

Mr. Singleton wanted to thank Luke Perreault for his graduation speech. He has never heard a more perfect speech.

Mr. Singleton received a letter from the B.M.E.F. (Blackstone-Millville Education Foundation). They will be holding the annual golf tournament on August 5, 2011 at Crystal Lake Golf Course.

Mr. Singleton made a recommendation that Diane Robin be a part of the Budget Sub-Committee.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mr. Buckley and **unanimously voted** to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Monique F. Simard
Recording Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Steven J. Tringali, District Secretary