

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

July 14, 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
Michael J. Buckley, Member
Lisa C. Oliveira, Member

Absent from the meeting were Catherine A. Robinson, District Treasurer, Diane C. Robin, Assistant District Treasurer, and Brian T. Faulkner, Member.

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

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Eldridge and **unanimously voted** to approve the Consent Agenda which includes Minutes of Meeting of June 23, 2011 and Warrants.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Oliveira, seconded by Mr. Eldridge, **4 in favor, 1 voting present only (Michael Buckley)** to approve the Contract for Dr. Paul S. Haughey as Student Services Director commencing on July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014.

Mr. Buckley explained that he voted present only on Dr. Haughey's appointment as he feels uneasy with the fact that he is Student Services Director and Blackstone Chairman of the Board of Selectman at the same time.

Dr. Haughey thanked the Committee for his appointment and stated that he looks forward to the challenges of his position as Student Services Director.

It was stated by Attorney Harold Gould that the sewer project note will be removed for 1 more year and after one year it will be a serial note for the next six years. The amount of the note will be for \$822,923.94. It was suggested by Superintendent Shaver-Hood that the School Committee approve the 1% note by Unibank.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Tringali and **unanimously voted** to approve the sewer note from Unibank for 1% in the amount of \$822,923.94.

The following motions were made to close out the Fiscal FY11 school year:

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Tringali, seconded by Mr. Eldridge and unanimously voted to rescind the transfer vote of July 15, 2010 from the Excess and Deficiency account for the following accounts:

Cafeteria in the amount of \$65,000.
BMEF Foundation in the amount of \$807.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Oliveira, seconded by Mr. Buckley and unanimously voted to apply \$350,000 from the Excess and Deficiency Account to the FY12 Operating Budget of the Regional School District to reduce assessments to the member towns.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Eldridge and unanimously voted that the 2011-2012 budget in the amount of \$21,532,828 be reduced by grant funding in the amount of \$1,077,358 for a revised operating budget of \$20,455,470.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mr. Buckley and unanimously voted to apply estimated receipts from the following special revenue funds to the FY12 budget:

Medicaid	\$60,000.
Miscellaneous	2,600.
Preschool	30,000.
Music and Athletic User Fees	40,000.
Athletic Reserves	4,000.
Circuit Breaker	140,000.
Interest	10,000.
Total	\$286,600.

Mr. Buckley thanked the office staff for putting these motions together.

Mrs. Sheridan, Cafeteria Manager and her staff have done an outstanding job this year. At the request of the School Committee, Superintendent Shaver-Hood will send something to Mrs. Sheridan thanking her for her efforts.

Superintendent Shaver-Hood received a letter from secretary, Karen Breault. Mrs. Breault is requesting an unpaid leave of absence from her position at the A.F. Maloney Elementary School commencing on Monday, October 24, 2011 and concluding on January 27, 2012.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mr. Buckley and unanimously voted to grant an unpaid leave of absence to Karen Breault commencing on Monday, October 24, 2011 and concluding on January 27, 2012.

Superintendent Shaver-Hood has been using School Springs for applications to fill open positions in the School District. This is working out very well.

Superintendent Shaver-Hood stated that Aldo Cecchi and Fred Hartnett, former Superintendents in the School District have been researching the possibility of a two person family insurance plan. Mr. Buckley would like to have them continue to research these plans and be invited to a School Committee meeting to come forward with any information they have at a later date. He feels it is a good thing for the District that these two men have volunteered to negotiate health care for the School District. He is also concerned that the additional cost in the form of a deductible has been shifted directly to the employees and retirees of the School District.

There was a discussion on how this should be handled.

Mrs. Oliveira and Chairman Singleton feel that it may be a conflict to have Superintendent Shaver-Hood working on insurance rates and also have Mr. Cecchi and Mr. Hartnett doing the same.

Mr. Eldridge feels that the insurance issue is very confusing. He believes that if Mr. Cecchi and Mr. Hartnett want to contribute by doing research and giving the District information they should submit it to Superintendent Shaver-Hood. She in turn can pass this information along to the School Committee.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mr. Tringali, 4 in favor, 1 opposed (Mr. Buckley) to allow Mr. Cecchi and Mr. Hartnett to research health insurance and forward any information they have back to Superintendent Shaver-Hood so she can pass it along to the School Committee.

Mr. Buckley does not feel that E.B.S. Foran, providers of an insurance advisory service gives us the best possible insurance plan. He feels we need people who are looking out for our best interests. We need to push Foran harder to get better insurance rates and feels that Mr. Cecchi and Mr. Hartnett could negotiate for us. He also feels that Mr. Cecchi and Mr. Hartnett can work with the retirees to clarify things for them.

Superintendent Shaver-Hood stated that there has been a problem with fire alarms going off at the Complex. They have been trying to clear this up.

There has also been spray painting vandalism at the High School recently.

Superintendent Shaver-Hood met with the energy company and will purchase energy through National Grid and Constellation. She signed a 3 year contract for .079 which saves us about 3 cents on each kilowatt. This will be a savings of about \$69,000 per year for the District.

There will be reorganization in the Central Office. Superintendent Shaver-Hood would like to add the following positions:

2 - .5 persons for Network Operations

Transportation Coordinator position - \$1800 stipend for someone in the District

.5 Building and Grounds Supervisor

.5 Business Manager in the Central Office

Superintendent Shaver-Hood stated that the .5 Business Manager position would not be to replace anyone but to help out in the office since there are more and more requirements to be met.

Mr. Buckley is concerned with the addition of the .5 Business Manager Position. He would like to see if it is possible to utilize the current Office Manager, Donna Scungio for this.

Superintendent Shaver-Hood stated that Ms. Scungio is not a certified Business Manager.

Mr. Eldridge feels that the entire central office should be restructured. He would like a breakdown of what each person does in this office. He would like to have the School Committee review this and make one permanent fix in this area.

It was decided to post for the Network, Transportation and Grounds positions but to hold off on the .5 Business Manager position until a job description review can be completed.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mr. Tringali and unanimously voted to create a stipend for the Transportation Coordinator in the amount of \$1,800.

Superintendent Shaver-Hood stated that Mr. Levitre looked into the various masonry issues at the loading dock at the BMR High School. He feels he is able to repair the loading dock and will put a proposal together.

Superintendent Shaver-Hood stated that Dan Keyes, Blackstone Town Administrator has volunteered to be the Municipal Representative needed for Collective Bargaining Negotiations.

There were no items for Public Forum.

Committee Forum

An e-mail was sent to Chairman Singleton from Helen Coffin, Millville Executive Secretary. Mrs. Coffin was referencing the possibility of Richard "Greenie" Lanctot becoming a licensed/certified water operator at the Millville Elementary School. Chairman Singleton stated that Mr. Lanctot does not want to do this for the Town or the School District. Chairman Singleton is finding that since there is a liability associated with this job he is having trouble filling it.

Attorney Gould does not believe that an employee of the District should be getting involved with the water issue at the Millville Elementary School.

The School Committee members were not in favor of having a custodian become the licensed/certified water operator at the Millville Elementary School.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mr. Tringali to enter into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. to investigate criminal misconduct and to leave Executive Session only for the purpose of adjournment. A roll call vote was taken which resulted in a unanimous vote.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mr. Tringali to adjourn the School Committee meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Monique F. Simard
Recording Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Steven J. Tringali, District Secretary