

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
JANUARY 18, 2007
FREDERICK W. HARTNETT MIDDLE SCHOOL
MEDIA CENTER
35 FEDERAL STREET
BLACKSTONE, MA 01504**

At 7:00 p.m. the School Committee Meeting was called to order. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

Members of the School Committee were present as follows:

Toni M. Harvey, Chairperson
Ann M. Lesperance, Vice Chairperson
Mark J. Almquist, District Treasurer
Thomas J. Conlon, Asst. District Treasurer
Joanne Forbes, District Secretary
Lynn M. Landry, Member
Robert J. Kluchevitz, Member
Catherine A. Robinson, Member

At 7:02 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Landry, seconded by Mrs. Forbes to accept the Consent Agenda which includes Approval of Warrant, Minutes of the Meeting for January 4, 2007, and a request for Mr. Paul DeCataldo to assist the J.V. Hockey program on a voluntary basis. **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.**

At 7:05 p.m. Mr. Campbell discussed the Open Circle taking place in the School District. Mr. Campbell discussed the staff training which took place at the Millville Elementary School and the John F. Kennedy Elementary School. He also discussed plans for future Open Circle Training.

Mr. Campbell discussed the results of the 12th Annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Council Championship which took place on January 8th @ 6:30 p.m. at the Millville Elementary School. Thirty-six students representing MES, AFM and FWHMS were in attendance for the Championship. In addition, over 150 people were in the audience at the MES gymnasium. The first place winners have been invited to the District Free Throw Championships on Saturday, February 10th @ 11:00 a.m. which will take place at St. Theresa's Church in Blackstone. These students will compete against winners from other Blackstone Valley Towns. The winners of that event will be invited to the State Regional Finals and eventually the State Finals which will be held in late March or April.

Joan Durocher, Science teacher at the Middle School announced that the BMEF is proud to announce the awarding of just under \$7,000 for seventeen grants which will benefit students at all schools in our District. Applicants will be receiving more details about their awards individually. The main source of fundraising is a Golf Tournament

held each year in August at Blissful Meadows Gold Course in Uxbridge. This year the Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, August 3, 2007.

At 7:25 p.m. Harold D. Gould, Jr., District Counsel discussed the Administrative Consent Order for the Blackstone-Millville Regional High School Sewer Project which includes a timeline the District needs to follow beginning 30 days from the effective date of the consent order. The District will need to submit a monthly progress report to the Department of Environmental Protection, by the 30th day of the month, describing all work that has been done during the previous month to comply with the requirements of the Consent Order.

Within 6 months of the effective date of the Consent Order, the District will submit a plan and a complete sewer extension/connection application to MASSDEP to connect the Facility to the Town of Blackstone municipal sewerage system.

Within 3 months of MASSDEP approval of the sewer extension/connection permit, the District shall commence construction of the approved sewer main and appurtenances. All construction of the approved sewer main and pump station upgrades shall be complete and on-line within 6 months of commencement of construction operations.

Within 30 days of construction completion of the approved sewer installation, the District shall submit to MASSDEP a statement, signed by a MASS Registered Professional Engineer, certifying that the sewer installation and pump station upgrades have been constructed in accordance with the approved final design plans and specifications.

Within 60 days of the commencement of use of the new sewer connection, the District shall abandon the existing on-site sewage disposal system serving the facility.

At 7:50 p.m. Mr. Gould distributed a form to be signed by all members of the School Committee.

At 8:00 p.m. Mr. Campbell finished the Report of the Superintendent. He thanked Representative Callahan for asking Commissioner David Driscoll to visit our District at a yet to be determined date and time.

Mr. Campbell asked Student Representative Matt Chamberlin to speak on the MICCA band schedule in the District. Matt gave dates and performance times as follows:

Chorus – Friday March 30th
7th Grade Band – Saturday, March 31st
8th Grade Band – Friday, March 30th
High School Concert Band – Sunday, April 1st
High School Wind Ensemble – Sunday, April 1st

Matt Chamberlin stated that any group that receives a gold medal award are invited to play at Symphony Hall.

Mr. Campbell discussed the proposed pre-school tuition increase as presented by Rachel Lawrence, Director of Student Services and Eileen Tetreault, Principal of MES. Mr. Campbell is requesting that a vote be taken at the next School Committee Meeting scheduled for February 1st regarding this matter.

Mrs. Lawrence did some research on this and found that the towns of Bellingham, Franklin, Hopedale, Mendon/Upton and Milford are all charging higher Pre-School tuition rates than our District which currently charges \$70 per month for a two-day, half day program. Milford is currently charging the same amount as BMRSD but is requesting a 20% increase for FY08. Mrs. Lawrence is suggesting that the District charge at least \$100 per month which is still significantly below other towns in the Blackstone Valley.

Mr. Campbell reviewed a handout given to the School Committee on the Elementary School Field Trip Chaperone Handbook along with the Field Trip Guidelines. The Handbook and Guidelines will be reviewed by the Policy Sub-Committee.

At 8:13 Kathleen Montagano gave the Report of the Assistant Superintendent.

At 8:15 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Forbes, seconded by Mr. Almquist to award the bid for band jackets to Grogan-Marciano Sporting Goods at a price of \$88.85 per jacket with an additional patch price of \$11.35 per jacket, for a projected total for both jackets and patches of \$11,955.20. **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.**

At 8:17 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Conlon, seconded by Mrs. Robinson to transfer funds in the amount of \$11,955.20 from the foundation reserve account to purchase the band jackets and patches. **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.**

At 8:20 p.m. Ms. Montagano discussed any budget changes with the Committee.

Ms. Montagano discussed the Cost Analysis for the Football Program with the Committee. She stated that the overall cost for 40 players would amount to \$38,839.00.

Ms. Montagano discussed the A.F. Maloney School's Improvement Plan and the issue that they were not meeting the Annual Yearly Progress on 2005 Grade 4 ELA MCAS tests. Currently the curriculum and instruction in literacy is not uniform at each grade level. An action plan which includes the objectives, timelines and funding were presented to the Committee with one revision made to item #5.

At 8:27 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Lesperance, seconded by Mrs. Forbes to accept the revised School Improvement Plan for the A.F. Maloney School with the only change being made to item #5. **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.**

Mr. Almquist spoke on Policy at 8:30 p.m.

Mrs. Lesperance spoke on Communications at 8:35 p.m.

Student Representative, Matt Chamberlin discussed the lack of interest in the Winter Ball. He also stated that the Brass Quintet was on Fox News.

Mr. Almquist put together a very detailed slide presentation to try and take some of the confusion out of the budget process. Mr. Almquist categorized everything into ten major areas to make it easier for everyone to understand. It is currently a work in progress. Mr. Kluchevitz said that it should be presented at the Public Hearing once it is modified.

There were no items for Executive Session.

At 8:50 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Lesperance, seconded by Mr. Kluchevitz to adjourn the School Committee Meeting of January 18, 2007.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monique F. Simard
Recording Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Joanne Forbes, District Secretary