

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NOVEMBER 21, 2006  
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.

The following members were present as follows:

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

Absent from the meeting was member Robert J. Kluchevitz.

Mrs. Harvey presented Matt Chamberlain, 12<sup>th</sup> grader at the BMR High School. He is not a member of the School Committee but will represent his student body on a volunteer basis. Matt presently participates in school council, principal advisory committee, high school marching band and also works at CVS.

Also in attendance were Everett B. Campbell, Superintendent of Schools and Kathleen Montagano, Assistant Superintendent of Schools.

At 7:05 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Lesperance, seconded by Mrs. Landry to accept the Consent Agenda which included Minutes of Meeting of October 26 and November 9, 2006 as well as a field trip request, volunteer requests and a request from the French River Education Center. **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.**

At 7:08 p.m. Mr. Ronald Bibeault, Music Director along with Russ Arnold and Todd Shafer and senior members of the High School Marching Band came forward. Mr. Bibeault spoke on the recent accomplishments of the BMR Band.

At 7:25 p.m. Mrs. Cora Dubois, recent retiree came forward and spoke on her long and distinguished career as a Kindergarten teacher at the J.F. K. Elementary School. Mr. Campbell and Mrs. Harvey presented her with a clock and celebratory cake was had by all persons in attendance. Mr. Patrick Lucier, Principal of J.F.K. came forward and congratulated Mrs. Dubois.

At 7:45 p.m. Carol Judd, Cafeteria Manager came forward and discussed her response to the Coordinated Program Review, and the corrective action plan which has been implemented.

Mrs. Judd stated that on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> Blackstone Fire Chief Mike Sweeney provided training on the proper use and handling of fire extinguishers and how to administer the Heimlich Method to free choking materials.

On October 6<sup>th</sup> Linda Fischer from the Department of Education provided financial management training using Daily Production Sheets, standardized recipes and requirements for the reimbursable meal under “offer vs. serve.”

Matt Chamberlain feels that the students in general at the High School level are very happy with the current school lunches. Whenever a student has concerns they are always looked at.

There were no items for Public Forum.

At 8:00 p.m. Mr. Campbell gave the Report of the Superintendent and discussed the Blackstone Millville Education Foundation Grants. Mr. Campbell stated that the grants have been in existence for 8 years, and approximately \$50,000 in grants have been given out to staff members over this 8 year period. Grant money in the amount of \$7,000 was given out last year alone.

Mr. Campbell wanted to publicly recognize the people who have volunteered in this area as follows:

Joan Durocher, Margaret Carroll, Margaret Halacy, Peggy Fowler, Keith Ducharme, Ann Lesperance, Judy Eisner, Ann Wye and Dale Perreault.

Mr. Campbell stated that they encourage teachers and staff members to participate.

Mr. Campbell wanted to remind parents that if they are looking for no school announcements they will find a listing on the BMR website. The school takes the weather and safety of students very seriously and Mr. Campbell tries to make a decision by 5:30 a.m. if school will be cancelled. Mr. Campbell coordinates this with the highway departments. He holds safety at the forefront.

Mr. Campbell gave the list of winter athletic coaches which is listed on the BMR website.

Coaches are as follows:

Varsity Girls' Basketball – James Choquette  
Jr. Varsity Girls' Basketball – Katie Bowen  
M.S. Girls' Basketball – Jessica Nasuti

Varsity Boys' Basketball – Ethan Roe  
Jr. Varsity Boys' Basketball – Tim Johnson  
M.S. Boys' Basketball – Steve DiGiacomo  
Cheerleading Advisor – Teri Larsen  
Winter Indoor Track – Marisa Olivo  
Varsity Ice Hockey – John Clements  
Jr. Varsity Ice Hockey – Scott Hebert

At 8:15 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Conlon, seconded by Mr. Lesperance to allow the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project (CMMCP) to come onto the property at the High School to perform maintenance on a restoration project. This will eliminate potential and/or existing mosquito breeding sites that currently exist in this area. It will include the removal of debris from ditches and culverts as well as removing vegetation that has or will impede the free flow of water. **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.**

At 8:15 p.m. Ms. Kathleen Montagano gave the Report of the Assistant Superintendent.

At 8:20 p.m. at the request of Ms. Montagano, a motion was made by Mr. Almquist, seconded by Mr. Conlon to approve the use of on-call snow plowing by Mr. Bob Baro at \$60 per hour with a 1 ton pickup truck, Kenneth Marcotte at \$75 per hour with a ¾ ton pickup truck and Dan Marcotte at \$85 per hour with a F550 dump truck. **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.**

At 8:25 p.m. at the request of Ms. Montagano, a motion was made by Mrs. Landry, seconded by Mrs. Forbes to declare technology items surplus and move forward with the acceptance of Bids for the Surplus Hardware Inventory. **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.**

Ms. Montagano stated that there were currently changes being made to the job descriptions of the School Psychologist and the Team Facilitator Positions. Ms. Montagano is asking for a vote on this for the next meeting.

Ms. Montagano stated that as of this coming Monday there will be a freeze on any budget spending. We need to be very careful. The District is being audited on December 18<sup>th</sup> for the Circuit Breaker. Ms. Montagno also mentioned that the Maintenance Reserve funds have been used up to replace the water tank at the JFK School.

SubCommittee Reports – Policy – Mr. Almquist – nothing new tonight-

Communications - Mrs. Lesperance– nothing new tonight-

Committee Forum – Mrs. Lesperance would like to put a committee together to review all of the current athletic fields in the District. Paul Mercier and Fred Hartnett volunteered to start a sub-committee to review the fields and how they should be used in the future. Mrs. Lesperance is looking for a vote on this, however, they cannot move

forward with anything until the sewer project is complete. Mrs. Lesperance would like to review the layout and future options for the athletic fields in the School District.

Mr. Campbell stated that the Committee should look for possible grants in this area. We need an initial vision on what the town, etc. would like to see here. Mr. Campbell stated that there is dire need for top notch recreational facilities for school events as well as town events.

At 8:30 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Lesperance, seconded by Mrs. Forbes to put a Committee together to review the athletic fields in the BMR School District and see how they can best be utilized in the future for both school and town events.

**UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.**

There was no Executive Session.

At 8:30 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Lesperance, seconded by Mrs. Landry to adjourn the School Committee Meeting of November 21st. **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Monique Simard  
Recording Secretary

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joanne Forbes, District Secretary