

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

*March 1, 2007*

The Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee met in the Media Center of the Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School on Thursday, March 1, 2007. The following school committee members were in attendance:

Toni M. Harvey, Chairperson  
Ann M. Lesperance, Vice Chairperson  
Mark J. Almquist  
Thomas J. Conlon  
Joanne R. Forbes  
Robert J. Kluchevitz  
Lynn M. Landry  
Catherine A. Robinson

Also in attendance were:

Superintendent Everett B. Campbell, Assistant Superintendent Kathleen A. Montagano, Student Representative Matthew Chamberlin, Student Services Director Rachel Lawrence, members of the Special Education Parent Advisory Council and other interested parties.

At 7:00 p.m., a quorum being present, Chairperson Harvey called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the U.S. followed and a moment of silence was held for Eleanor Eddleston, mother of AFM Secretary Karen Breault; Pauline McQuade, retired teacher of BMR High School and Thomas Jones, father-in-law of MES teacher Kathleen Jones.

At 7:05 p.m., Superintendent Campbell reviewed the Consent Agenda which included a request for classroom observation at the Millville Elementary School. A motion was made by Mrs. Lesperance and seconded by Mrs. Forbes to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.**

At approximately 7:05 p.m., Chairperson Harvey welcomed Student Services Director Rachel Lawrence and Special Education Parent Advisory Council members Amanda Torrey, David Torrey, Monique Kingsman and Olga Millette. They reviewed the speakers that are planned for this year and discussed some of their concerns such as the need for the high school being ready for upcoming students. PAC meetings are held the first Monday of every month.

They would like to have an assembly for students that focuses on disability awareness. Chairperson Harvey suggested they contact the building principals to coordinate this event.

Their website is [www.blackstonesepac.org](http://www.blackstonesepac.org) and there is a link through the District's website – [www.bmrtd.net](http://www.bmrtd.net).

At 7:30 p.m., Chairperson Harvey asked if there were any issues for the Public Forum. There was no response.

At approximately 7:30 p.m., Mr. Everett B. Campbell, Superintendent of Schools, gave his report.

- Following a review of concerns members had regarding the calendar for the 2007-2008 school year, a motion was made by Mrs. Forbes and seconded by Mrs. Landry to approve the calendar as presented. **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED**.
- The District was informed on February 7<sup>th</sup> that the elevator at the high school needed to be repaired immediately. The existing cylinder on the elevator needs to be replaced with a double bottom cylinder. Mr. Campbell received three quotes and has asked Michael McKeon of Kaestle Boos Associates, Inc. to review them. Following Mr. McKeon's review the committee will then vote on the quotes.
- On March 8<sup>th</sup> there will be two meetings for staff members to give them an overview of the budget.
- Included in member's packets is a copy of a letter that was sent to the Department of Environmental Protection regarding the sewer project. The District is required to send monthly updates until this project is completed.
- Mr. Porter received notification from NEASC on February 15<sup>th</sup> that the high school has been granted full accreditation. The next review will be in March 2009.

At 7:40 p.m., Kathleen A. Montagano, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, gave her report.

- Following a review of quotes received to outsource payroll, a motion was made by Mrs. Landry and seconded by Mrs. Lesperance to approve the recommendation of Ms. Montagano to move forward with Harper's with a July 1<sup>st</sup> start date. **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED**
- Ms. Montagano informed members that according to the current balances on the expenditure ledger we have approximately \$200,000 less than we had last year at this time.
- Ms. Montagano also explained that the account for the school committee secretary on the expenditure ledger is in the red because minutes have been being recorded at the CoRE meetings; therefore that line item has been over expended.

At 7:50 p.m., Chairperson Harvey asked that the subcommittee reports be made.

Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Conlon and seconded by Mrs. Forbes to accept the second reading of the Bid Request Policy. **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED**

Mrs. Lesperance stated that communication is up to date for the month of March.

At approximately 7:50 p.m., Chairperson Harvey asked Student Representative Matthew Chamberlin for his report.

Matthew informed members that the varsity basketball team has made it into the semi-finals and will play tomorrow night, the hockey team made it to the state tournament and they will host the game tomorrow night, the talent show will be on Monday, the Empty Bowl Drive raised over \$1,000 and the "Mr. BMR" contest will be held on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Matthew also stated that the members of the marching band are very grateful for the jackets they received.

At 7:55 p.m., Chairperson Harvey asked if there were any issues for the Committee Forum.

Mr. Almquist asked if there was an opportunity to expand on the subject of classroom management that Mrs. Allaire-Adams discussed at the last school committee meeting. Ms. Montagano said they are looking into continuing with this.

Mrs. Lesperance stated that there have been CoRE meetings as an outreach to the community. The next CoRE meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6th, at the FWH Middle School at 7:00 PM. Senator Richard Moore and Representative Jennifer Callahan will be present to listen to our concerns. Mrs. Lesperance also stated that the District will only receive .98% increase from the state this year according to Governor Patrick's House I Budget.

At 7:55 p.m., a motion was made by Mrs. Lesperance and seconded by Mr. Conlon to **enter into executive session** for the purpose of contract negotiations and the Committee would come out of executive session for the purpose of adjourning the meeting. The motion was followed by a roll call vote that resulted in a **UNANIMOUS VOTE**.

At 8:30 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Almquist and seconded by Mr. Kluchevitz that the Regional District School Committee **adjourn the meeting**. **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED**

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Robinson  
Recording Secretary

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Joanne R. Forbes, District Secretary