

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

April 12, 2007

The Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee met in the Media Center of the Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School on Thursday, April 12, 2007. The following school committee members were in attendance:

Toni M. Harvey, Chairperson
Ann M. Lesperance, Vice Chairperson
Mark J. Almquist
Thomas J. Conlon – *arrived at 7:25 p.m.*
Joanne R. Forbes
Robert J. Kluchevitz
Catherine A. Robinson

Lynn M. Landry was not present.

Also in attendance were:

Superintendent Everett B. Campbell, Assistant Superintendent Kathleen A. Montagano, Student Representative Matthew Chamberlin and other interested parties.

At 7:00 p.m., a quorum being present and the first order of business being that of reorganization of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee, Superintendent Campbell 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 Constance Haggas, mother-in-law of MES teacher aide Lory Haggas; Arnold Kalmbach, father of FWHMS teacher Arnold Kalmbach; Patrick Joyal, brother of JFK teacher Christine DiLibero and Rodney Delasanta, father of FWHMS teacher Deborah Carroll and BMRHS teacher Lisa Demers.

The Warrants were given to the School Committee Members for signature.

Superintendent Campbell reviewed with committee members the procedure of the reorganizational meeting. He indicated the floor was open to nominations for the office of Chair of the Regional School Committee.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lesperance and seconded by Mr. Kluchevitz to nominate Toni M. Harvey as Chairperson of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee for the year 2007-2008. Superintendent Campbell asked if there were any more nominations and there was no response.

Assistant Superintendent Montagano distributed paper ballots and thereupon a written ballot was taken and Toni M. Harvey was elected Chairperson of the Blackstone-

Millville Regional District School Committee for the year 2007-2008. Results of the written ballots were **six votes for Toni M. Harvey** (six voting members present).

Chairperson Harvey indicated she would entertain nominations for appointment to the office of Vice Chair of the Regional District School Committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Almquist and seconded by Mr. Kluchevitz to nominate Ann M. Lesperance as Vice Chairperson of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee for the year 2007-2008. Chairperson Harvey asked if there were any more nominations and there was no response.

Assistant Superintendent Montagano distributed paper ballots and thereupon a written ballot was taken and Ann M. Lesperance was elected Vice Chairperson of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee for the year 2007-2008. Results of the written ballots were **six votes for Ann M. Lesperance** (six voting members present).

Chairperson Harvey indicated she would entertain nominations for appointment to the office of District Secretary of the Regional District School Committee.

A motion was made by Mrs. Harvey and seconded by Mrs. Robinson to appoint Joanne R. Forbes as District Secretary of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee for the year 2007-2008. Voice vote: **UNANIMOUS**

Chairperson Harvey indicated she would entertain nominations for the office of District Treasurer for the year 2007-2008.

A motion was made by Mr. Kluchevitz and seconded by Mrs. Forbes to appoint Mark J. Almquist as District Treasurer of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee for the year 2007-2008. Voice vote: **UNANIMOUS**

Chairperson Harvey indicated she would entertain nominations for the office of Assistant District Treasurer for the year 2007-2008.

A motion was made by Mr. Almquist and seconded by Mrs. Forbes to appoint Mr. Conlon as Assistant District Treasurer of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee for the year 2007-2008. Voice vote: **UNANIMOUS**

A motion was made by Mrs. Lesperance and seconded by Mr. Kluchevitz to appoint Office Manager Donna M. Scungio and Administrative Consultant Frederick W. Hartnett as Assistant District Treasurers of the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District for the year 2007-2008. Voice vote: **UNANIMOUS**

A motion was made by Mr. Kluchevitz and seconded by Mrs. Forbes to appoint Attorney Harold D. Gould, Jr. as the District Counsel of the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District for the year 2007-2008. Voice vote: **UNANIMOUS**

At approximately 7:10 p.m., Student Representative Matthew Chamberlin reported on activities taking place at the high school. Matt stated that both the boys' and girls' tennis teams won their meets this past week.

Matt also reported that the "White Face Campaign" was held today in preparation for the prom that will be held on Thursday, April 19th at Lake Pearl Lucianos in Wrentham. They also ran an ad on TV today which came out very well. Tomorrow the mock accident will be held in the parking lot near the track. Following the mock accident an assembly will be held in the auditorium with a guest speaker from MADD. Matt thanked the fire department for their help with the mock accident.

At 7:15 p.m. the Consent Agenda was reviewed which included several field trip requests. A motion was made by Mrs. Lesperance and seconded by Mrs. Forbes to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED**

At 7:20 p.m., Chairperson Harvey asked if there were any issues for Public Forum. There was no response.

At 7:20 p.m., Mr. Everett B. Campbell, Superintendent of Schools, gave his report.

- Mr. Campbell reviewed potential reductions to the budget totaling \$243,583. A motion was made by Mrs. Robinson and seconded by Mr. Kluchevitz to approve the recommended reductions presented by Mr. Campbell. **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED**
- Mr. Campbell reported on the progress of negotiations with Blue Cross/Blue Shield.
- A copy of the most recent back page is included in member's packet which was reviewed by Mr. Campbell.

At 7:20 p.m., Ms. Kathleen A. Montagano, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, gave her report.

- Ms. Montagano asked members if there were any questions about the job description for the advisory program director. With no questions, a motion was made by Mrs. Forbes and seconded by Mrs. Lesperance to approve the job description for the advisory program director. **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED**

Ms. Montagano stated that all job descriptions that have been revised and approved by the school committee have been placed on the website.

- Harper's Payroll will come to the central office within the next two weeks to begin the transfer and they plan to be ready for the payroll of July 12th.
- Ms. Montagano suggested using some foundation reserve money to purchase the identification card system for staff which will cost approximately \$3,500.

Following the initial cost the district would only have to purchase ink and extra cards and lanyards.

Ms. Montagano also suggested purchasing a curtain for the cafeteria at JFK and the cost would be approximately \$4,000. Mr. Campbell explained that there is not a fundraiser planned to raise money to purchase the curtain but Dean Bank made a donation of \$500.

Mr. Campbell also stated that there is another championship they may have to purchase jackets for. He is looking into this matter.

The consensus of the committee is that they would like a breakdown of the above stated expenses at the next meeting.

- Ms. Montagano reviewed the expenditure ledger.

At 7:40 p.m., Chairperson Harvey asked if there were any subcommittee reports to be made at this time.

Mrs. Lesperance reported that she has given information to the schools for their newsletters regarding the Chapter 70 update and the schedule of upcoming CoRE meetings.

At 7:45 p.m., Chairperson Harvey asked if there were any issues for the Committee Forum. There was no response.

At 7:45 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Kluchevitz and seconded by Mr. Almquist that the Regional District School Committee **adjourn the meeting.**
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Robinson
Recording Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Joanne R. Forbes, District Secretary