

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

April 25, 2007

The Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee met in the Media Center of the Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School on Wednesday, April 25, 2007. The following school committee members were in attendance:

Toni M. Harvey, Chairperson
Ann M. Lesperance, Vice Chairperson
Mark J. Almquist
Thomas J. Conlon
Lynn M. Landry
Catherine A. Robinson

Robert J. Kluchevitz and Joanne R. Forbes were not present.

Also in attendance were:

Superintendent Everett B. Campbell, Assistant Superintendent Kathleen A. Montagano, High School Teacher Ethan Roe, Student Representative Matthew Chamberlin and other interested parties.

At 7:05 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 the victims of the Virginia Tech Tragedy.

Mr. Campbell presented the Consent Agenda which included minutes of the meetings of March 29 and April 12, 2007, one field trip request, several requests for observation and one request from a high school teacher to volunteer as an assistant with track and field. A motion was made by Mrs. Lesperance and seconded by Mrs. Landry to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED**

At 7:10 p.m., Chairperson Harvey welcomed BMR High School Teacher Ethan Roe. Mr. Roe is working in conjunction with BMYBL to form a summer basketball camp. Mr. Roe presented members with a brochure explaining the camp that he is planning for the week of August 14-17, 2007. Their goal is to have students in grades 5 through 9 participate. He has spoken with the principals from the middle and high schools and received permission to use the schools at that time. Following a question and answer session, Chairperson Harvey stated that she would like this matter put on the agenda for the meeting of May 10th and members will vote on it at that time. Mrs. Harvey informed Mr. Roe that the committee is addressing the matter of use of facilities fees at this time.

Chairperson Harvey asked if there were any issues for the Public forum. There was no response.

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

1. Mr. Campbell reviewed the budget. School committee members will meet with members of the Finance Committees and Boards of Selectmen tomorrow evening. Mr. Campbell thanked everyone who participated in writing to Senator Moore and Representative Callahan regarding the finances of the school district.
2. The final report of user fees was reviewed.
3. Letters of invitation will be sent to retirees to attend the meeting of Wednesday, June 6th to recognize their retirement.
4. Mr. Campbell presented a list of upcoming meeting dates to members. He stated that Commissioner David Driscoll will be visiting the school district on Monday, April 30th.
5. Included in member's packets is the schedule of school committee meetings for FY08. Mr. Campbell would like to vote on the schedule at the next meeting.
6. Mr. Campbell made a recommendation to remove the money for the loading dock from the foundation reserve account and fund a speech and language consultant at the middle school for the life skills program. There is a need for language development for this class; our speech/language therapist does most of her work with students who have verbal skills. Working with non-verbal students and students with limited verbal skills is a specialty area.

A motion was made by Mr. Conlon and seconded by Mrs. Lesperance to approve this recommendation. Mrs. Harvey stated that the consultant will work to educate and update the current staff as well as the classroom teacher. It is for the middle school level only. **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED**

Mr. Campbell stated that he hopes to be able to pay for the loading dock from the middle school account.

7. Mr. Campbell recommended that the district move forward with the change to workers' compensation that was discussed during the work session and send a memo to all staff within the next two weeks to notify them of the change. The change will take effect July 1, 2007. A motion was made by Mrs. Lesperance and seconded by Mr. Almquist to approve this recommendation. **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.**
8. Mr. Almquist requested that the meeting to review principal handbooks and school improvement plans take place prior to the meeting of June 21st. Mr.

Campbell will notify the principals that they will be invited to the meeting of June 6th for this purpose. This will give the principals more time to make changes if necessary and get the documents to the printer in a timely fashion.

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

1. Ms. Montagano reviewed the expenditure ledger. She also reviewed some account numbers such as the substitute nurse, fuel at the Millville Elementary School and the cost of the roof repairs at the high school.
2. Included in member's packets is a job description for the position of English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Teacher. Ms. Montagano has reviewed this job description with the current teacher and Mrs. Allaire-Adams. She also received union approval from Ms. McGahan. Ms. Montagano would like to vote on this at the next meeting.
3. Ms. Montagano reviewed the breakdown for the cost of the ID tags. She will also get the cost from two other companies.

At 7:45 p.m., Chairperson Harvey asked if there were any subcommittee reports to be made at this time.

Chairperson Harvey stated that she didn't have anything new to report for the middle school.

Mr. Almquist will have a proposal for the use of facilities policy at the next meeting. He also stated that there is an entire section of policies related to students. He suggested having a small group of students review this section to get some input from them; perhaps students from NHS or Student Council.

Mrs. Lesperance stated that the communications subcommittee will send out information regarding the next CoRE meeting scheduled for May 3rd and the dates of the upcoming town meetings. They are also asking people in both towns that attended the CoRE meeting of March 6th to send thank you letters to both Senator Moore and Representative Callahan to thank them for helping the school district receive additional money for Chapter 70.

At 7:50 p.m., Student Representative Matt Chamberlain gave his report. Matt reported that the mock accident and the MADD speaker went very well. The feedback from the students was very positive; they felt it made a difference to them. The prom was successful and Matt stated that approximately sixty students went to the Main Street Café which was opened for them from 11:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. The band performed at Symphony Hall on Saturday, April 21st, the senior citizen prom will be May 4th and the senior class trip to Six Flags will be June 4th. Matt also stated that the students have responded so well to the Book Club at the high school that a second club will be starting soon.

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

Mrs. Lesperance requested that the forms for the scholarship be given to members.

Mr. Almquist suggested talking to Mr. Porter at this time to get two student representatives for next year. Matt stated that one student has approached him about this and he will give the name to Mr. Porter.

At 8:00 p.m., a motion was made by Mrs. Lesperance and seconded by Mr. Almquist 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 9:30 p.m., a motion was made by Mrs. Lesperance and seconded by Mr. Conlon that the Regional District School Committee **adjourn the meeting**. **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED**

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Robinson
Recording Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Joanne R. Forbes, District Secretary