

MINUTES OF MEETING
BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
June 21, 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.

The following members were present as follows:

Toni M. Harvey, Chairperson
Ann M. Lesperance, Vice Chairperson
Mark J. Almquist, District Treasurer
Joanne R. Forbes, District Secretary
Robert J. Kluchevitz, Member

Absent from the meeting were members, Catherine A. Robinson, Lynn M. Landry and District Treasurer , Thomas J. Conlon.

Also present at the meeting were Superintendent, Everett B. Campbell and Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Kathleen A. Montagano.

At 7:05 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Lesperance, seconded by Mr. Almquist to accept the Consent Agenda which included Minutes of Meeting of June 6, 2007.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

At 7:10 p.m. Mrs. Pauline Allaire-Adams, retiring Curriculum Director presented the School Committee with the new English Language Learner Education Handbook. The handbook is based on the idea that the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District feels it is important to provide English language learners or limited English Proficient students with the opportunity to become proficient in English and provide them with full access to the curriculum. Some students do not have a strong base of literacy or fluency in their first language and need to develop essential skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing in English. In order to accomplish their goals English language learners will receive sheltered English instruction in English classrooms in accordance with state and federal laws.

Mrs. Allaire-Adams explained that parents also have the opportunity to opt out of this ELL program if they wish.

Since the handbook is quite large Mr. Campbell wants to give the School Committee the opportunity to review the handbook and take a vote on it at the next School Committee Meeting which will be held on June 28th.

At 7:20 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Forbes, seconded by Mr. Kluchevitz to put lost pothole money items back into the budget in the amount of \$72,000.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

At 7:25 p.m. Dr. Kathleen Montagano gave the report of the Assistant Superintendent.

A motion was made by Mrs. Forbes, seconded by Mr. Kluchevitz to accept the proposed job updates for the Curriculum Director position. **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.**

Dr. Montagano stated that the front entrance to the BMR High School is in need of repair. She is recommending that the School Committee accept a proposal from R. Brien Construction Co., Inc. from Cumberland, RI in the amount of \$14,385. This price includes repaving of the BMRHS front entrance as well as removal of the large island, and installation of a 20' X 3' island at the same location.

At 7:27 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Lesperance, seconded by Mr. Kluchevitz to accept the proposal from R. Brien Construction Co., Inc. to repave the front entrance at the BMR High School as well as remove and replace the island at same location for \$14,385. **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.**

Dr. Montagano also reviewed a bid received from Corporate Computer Services to provide the School District with an additional 90 computers for \$43,396.

At 7:29 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Forbes, seconded by Mr. Kluchevitz to accept the bid received by Corporate Computer Services of Burlington, MA to provide the School District with 90 new computers for a cost of \$43,396. **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.**

Dr. Montagano reviewed current budget items and requested that the Committee consider holding more money in the Reserve Account next year.

At 7:30 p.m. Mr. Campbell gave the Report of the Superintendent. Mr. Campbell stated that the BMRHS Handbook Appeal Process has been removed from the agenda and will not be appealed.

Mr. Campbell stated that at 7:00 p.m. on August 28th there will be a meet the new administration night at the AFM Auditorium. It will be a time for parents to get information and to ask questions. Any town member is welcome to attend this meeting.

Mr. Campbell stated that High School teacher John Morocco was recognized by the Blackstone Valley Collaborative at a teacher recognition breakfast on June 8th at the Asa Waters Mansion in Millbury, MA. Mr. Morocco has done wonderful things in the Construction Zone at the High School as well as restoring photos of Hurricane Katrina.

Mr. Campbell mentioned that three teachers were nominated by their building principals to attend a leadership academy. These individuals are Christina Ranieri who wishes to become an Elementary Principal, Jill Pilla-Gallerani who wishes to become a Special Education Director and Jeff Curran who wishes to become a Middle School Vice Principal. They have been chosen to attend and will pay their own way through the leadership academy which will meet after school at the Millbury High School.

Cafeteria Manager Carol Judd has requested an increase in Elementary School milk prices from 20 cents to 25 cents.

At 7:35 a motion was made by Mrs. Lesperance, seconded by Mrs. Forbes to increase the price of milk at the Elementary Schools from 20 cents to 25 cents.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

There were no items for Sub-Committee Reports, Communication or Committee Forum.

Mrs. Forbes asked that the American Flag at the Middle School be replaced since it is looking tattered. Mr. Campbell stated that all building flags would be checked and replaced if need be before the opening day of school.

Mrs. Harvey stated that there would be a School Committee Meeting on June 28th at the Middle School at 7:00 p.m.

At 7:40 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Lesperance, seconded by Mr. Almquist to enter into Executive Session to review Contract Negotiation and to come out of Executive Session for the purpose of adjournment only. **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Monique F. Simard
Recording Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Joanne R. Forbes, District Secretary

