

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

January 3, 2008

The Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee met in the Media Center of the Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School on Thursday, January 3, 2008. The following school committee members were in attendance:

Toni M. Harvey, Chairperson
Ann M. Lesperance, Vice Chairperson
Mark J. Almquist
Joanne R. Forbes
Catherine A. Robinson

Thomas J. Conlon, Lynn M. Landry and Robert J. Kluchevitz were absent from the meeting.

Also in attendance were:

Superintendent Herbert W. Levine, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent Kathleen A. Montagano, Ed. D., and other interested parties.

At 7:10 p.m., a quorum being present, Chairperson Harvey called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was recited.

At 7:12 p.m., Chairperson Harvey asked if there were any issues for the Public Forum. There was no response.

At approximately 7:12 p.m., Dr. Kathleen A. Montagano, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, gave her report.

- Dr. Montagano reviewed the personnel update.
- Dr. Montagano asked for a motion to approve the support staff job descriptions that were distributed at the last meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Almquist and seconded by Mrs. Lesperance to approve the cafeteria staff job descriptions.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Dr. Montagano stated that several other support staff job descriptions will be in shortly. They are in draft form.

- The cost for the interface module from BudgetSense is \$4,975. There will also be a maintenance fee of \$1,295 for each following year. The support for payroll will be removed from BudgetSense that costs approximately \$2,500 each year. The cost for Harper's to develop software is \$3,000 and they will install it. If the software does not work to our satisfaction, Harper's will remove it at no cost to

us. A motion was made by Mrs. Lesperance and seconded by Mrs. Forbes.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

At 7:15 p.m., Dr. Herbert W. Levine, Superintendent of Schools, gave his report.

- Dr. Levine requested that a motion be made to remove the title of “head custodian” from the head custodian position that has just been vacated at JFK. This will allow one head custodian to cover both the JFK and AFM Schools. A motion was made by Mr. Almquist and seconded by Mrs. Lesperance.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED
- Mrs. Cullen would like to submit an application for the academic support grant. If and when we receive the grant in the amount of \$14,200, it will pay for extra help for any student in grade 9 or 10 who did not score “proficient” in MCAS. A motion was made by Mrs. Lesperance and seconded by Mrs. Robinson to approve the submission of said grant. **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED**
- The academic support grant will also pay for one late bus two days per week. Since this is a two-town region, Dr. Levine asked to expend \$3,000 from the miscellaneous revolving account to pay for a second late bus. The students will be provided late buses two days per week. A motion was made by Mrs. Forbes and seconded by Mrs. Lesperance. **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED**
- Dr. Levine requested that a motion be made to approve the request for a waiver of a \$35.00 use of facilities fee for a daisy troop that will be meeting at JFK every other Monday. He would like such requests to be presented yearly. A motion was made by Mr. Almquist to approve the fee waiver with the condition that it is one fiscal year for use. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lesperance.
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

At 7:20 p.m., Chairperson Harvey asked if there were any subcommittee reports to be made at this time.

Mr. Almquist stated that it was brought to his attention that the use of facilities fees for the library and teacher’s cafeteria are not listed on the policy. It was agreed by members to charge the price of a classroom.

Mrs. Lesperance stated that the next CoRE meeting will be held on January 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the high school. The meeting will be held in the library/media center.

At 7:25 p.m. Chairperson Harvey asked if there were any issues for the Committee Forum.

Mrs. Lesperance stated that the NHS Empty Bowl Supper will be held on Thursday, February 7th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6.00 and can be purchased by NHS students. All profits go to the food pantry.

Chairperson Harvey distributed information on capital improvements. Mr. Hartnett will make a presentation on at the next meeting on January 17th.

Chairperson Harvey also reviewed upcoming meetings that included: January 9th negotiations meeting; January 16th joint meeting with the Boards of Selectmen and Finance Committees from Blackstone and Millville; CoRE meeting on February 7th with School Councils, and on February 27th with all parent groups.

At 7:30 p.m., a motion was made by Mrs. Lesperance 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