

**“REVISED”**

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
April 3, 2008  
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  
Thomas J. Conlon, Assistant District Treasurer  
Lynn M. Landry, Member  
Joanne R. Forbes, District Secretary

Absent from meeting was Catherine A. Robinson, Member.

Also in attendance were Superintendent Herbert W. Levine, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent Kathleen A. Montagano, Ed. D., and student representative Lindsay Poirier.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lesperance, seconded by Mrs. Forbes to accept the Consent Agenda which includes minutes of the meetings of March 13 and 19 and four field trip requests.  
**UNANIMOUSLY VOTED**

Mrs. Harvey requested that the Committee vote on the appointment of the Superintendent of Schools.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lesperance, seconded by Mr. Conlon, to move that the Committee approve and execute the Employment Agreement dated March 28, 2008 by and between the Regional School District and Christine Tyrie which was executed by Christine Tyrie on said date. **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED**

Mrs. Harvey stated that she is very excited by the appointment. Christine Tyrie currently works with four different towns. Mrs. Harvey welcomed her to BMR.

At 7:10 p.m. the senior class officers spoke along with their advisor Mrs. Lynn Gomes. They gave information on upcoming events such as the prom which will be held on Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, Mr. BMR on April 10<sup>th</sup> and a senior class trip to High Meadow Resort in Grandview, CT on Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The cost for the senior trip will be \$37.00 per person plus a bus fee of \$20. They are hoping that the prom will generate enough money to pay for half of this cost.

*Chairperson Harvey reminded students that they must put in a request for the trip to the school committee so that it can be voted on and approved. She also reminded them to make this request as soon as possible to avoid any problems. Chairperson Harvey asked Dr. Levine to oversee this to be sure that the request is made.*

Each student present discussed their plans for college.

At 7:25 p.m. Yearbook Committee members made a presentation along with their advisor Mr. Mark Juba. They stated that the yearbook should arrive on May 17<sup>th</sup> and will be distributed on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Juba stated that Shelley DePalo is also a co-advisor and he thanked her for her hard work and dedication.

The Newspaper Staff made a presentation. They stated that they have five weeks to put together each edition. They also stated it is a lot of work but well worth it. It is a great way to meet new people and have the chance to have workshops and perform interviews.

SADD – Students against Destructive Decisions made a presentation. SADD seeks to aid students who make destructive decisions. They have received two major grants to bring the “Yellow Dress” performers to the high school on April 16<sup>th</sup>. One grant came from Dean Bank and the other from the B.M.E.F. They recently wore very effective T-shirts at the high school on dating violence. SADD members try not to preach to students but give them the right information so they can make good choices.

There were no items for Public Forum.

Dr. Levine gave the Report of the Superintendent.

He stated that the terrible smell they were experiencing at the Millville Elementary School turned out to be burned out ballasts found by a custodian at the school and the problem was resolved.

He also stated he and Brad Monroe are working on the parental portal for the X2 program so that next year parents can look up grades, discipline reports as well as progress reports online.

Dr. Levine is also working hard with others to put the Mass Communication System into effect so that eventually they will have access to this in the event of an emergency where they need to reach parents in the District very quickly.

Dr. Levine stated that he is interested in applying for an Academic Support Summer Enhancement Grant and is looking for the School Committee permission to go after this grant.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lesperance, seconded by Mrs. Landry to move forward and explore the possibility of acquiring an Academic Support Summer Enhancement Grant totaling \$5,000 which can be used for stipends this summer for high school teachers, guidance department personnel or administrators. **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED**

Dr. Levine asked for a motion to accept Ms. Kimberly B. Shaver-Hood as the new Assistant Superintendent of Schools.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lesperance, seconded by Mrs. Forbes, to move that, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, Kimberly B. Shaver-Hood be, and is, hereby appointed Assistant Superintendent of Schools for the period commencing on July 1, 2008 and terminating on June 30, 2011 subject to the negotiation and execution of an Employment Agreement by and between the Regional School District and Kimberly B. Shaver-Hood.

**UNANIMOUSLY VOTED**

Ms. Shaver-Hood stated that she appreciates the support and looks forward to the opportunity. Mr. Conlon believes that she will bring growth to the District.

Dr. Montagano gave the Report of the Assistant Superintendent.

A motion was made by Mrs. Landry, seconded by Mrs. Lesperance to award the rubbish removal bid to Allied Waste Services at a rate of \$4,743.60 for 3 trips/week for the high school, \$9,496.80 for 2 trips/week for the middle and elementary schools and \$39.50 for extra trips during vacation periods. **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED**

Dr. Montagano stated that the BMR School District has completed all requirements for the C.P.R. (Coordinated Program Review). She thanked all staff members who assisted with this process.

Dr. Montagano stated that the District currently has a good solid budget balance.

There were no items for Sub-Committee Reports.

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Student Representative, Lindsay Poirier gave her report. Lindsay spoke about the sophomores ordering their class rings, crafty readers, educating students in Uganda, fundraiser ideas, walk for hunger, senior citizens prom, awareness week, jazz band winning gold in MICCA competition, book club news, etc.

Dr. Levine referenced the progress being made on the JFK/AFM capital needs projects and again thanked Mr. Ken Bianchi, Town Administrator, for supporting the phone/intercom system and door replacements.

Mrs. Harvey stated that this would be the last school committee meeting that would be attended by Mr. Mark Almquist and Mrs. Joanne Forbes. She thanked them for all of their hard work and dedication to the District.

Mr. Almquist feels that the committee was a great group of people to work with and believes that Ms. Lindsay Poirier is a great asset to the Committee.

Mrs. Forbes stated that she is very glad that the dropout rate has decreased and felt that being on the School Committee was a very rewarding experience for her.

Dr. Levine stated that he has served with many people along the way and found this to be one of the highest quality boards. He feels that all members have been great role models for the children of the District.

Mrs. Harvey took the time to read a letter from a parent, Tami Gagnon, who praised the leadership skills of Kim Shaver-Hood at the middle school.

At 8:45 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Lesperance, seconded by Mrs. Landry to adjourn the School Committee Meeting. **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED**

Respectfully Submitted,

Monique F. Simard  
Recording Secretary

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
District Secretary, Thomas J. Conlon