

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

*January 8, 2009*

The Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee met in the library/media center of the Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School commencing at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Toni M. Harvey, Chairperson  
Ann M. Lesperance, Vice Chairperson  
Lynn M. Landry, District Treasurer  
Michael J. Buckley, District Secretary  
Diane D. Robin  
Charles K. Singleton  
Steven J. Tringali

*Catherine A. Robinson was absent.*

Also in attendance were Superintendent Christine D. Tyrie, Ed. D., Assistant Superintendent Kimberly B. Shaver-Hood, Student Representative Lindsay Poirier, and other interested parties.

Following the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the US, a moment of silence was held in memory of L. Jerome Sacco, father of Millville Elementary School teacher Maria Olbrys.

***PUBLIC FORUM***

Mrs. Lesperance asked if there were any issues for public forum; there was no response.

***REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT – Christine D. Tyrie, Ed. D.***

**Damaged Columns**

Dr. Tyrie welcomed Millville Elementary School Principal Eileen Tetreault to discuss the damage that was done to one of the columns in the back of the school during a snow storm. Mrs. Tetreault forwarded the report to the Town of Millville and has contacted several companies to get an estimate to repair the column which have also been forwarded to the Town of Millville.

Mrs. Tetreault also stated that the electrical upgrade is near completion.

**Intercom System**

Mr. Campbell updated members on the new intercom system that has been installed at the complex. AFM did not receive new phones in every classroom because of the cost

but will in the future. They are hoping to have the system up and running on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Five sets of doors have also been installed as part of the capital project.

### **Payroll**

Dr. Tyrie stated that the first payroll from BudgetSense was completed this week and was successful.

### **MARS**

Dr. Tyrie and Ms. Shaver-Hood attended a MARS workshop and Jay Sullivan of DESE made a presentation on regional transportation.

### **Asbestos**

Dr. Tyrie reviewed the latest O & M Report and the short term recommendations from Tighe & Bond for both the high school and JFK. Dr. Tyrie stated that she will update staff on this situation during the professional development day on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

## ***REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT – Kimberly B. Shaver-Hood***

### **Personnel Update**

Ms. Shaver-Hood reviewed the new hires including Steven Hayes, Kathryn Paradee, Travis Wildes and Tammy Austin.

Ms. Shaver-Hood also stated that they have not appointed a new Director of Student Services at this time.

### **Sewer Project**

Ms. Shaver-Hood requested approval for the following change orders:

CO #7 - \$1,100 for wire upgrade in the boiler room;

CO #8 – \$660 to build walls to attach panels at Early Village;

CO #9 – \$1,540 to convert to natural gas at Early Village.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mrs. Landry, seconded by Mr. Buckley and ***unanimously voted*** to approve the three change orders listed above.

Ms. Shaver-Hood stated that an official test is scheduled for Monday morning to be sure everything is running properly. The test will take a day and a half and the switch-over will take place the following week-end.

### ***Old Business***

Mrs. Landry reviewed the changes that were made to the MRSA and/or Related Health Issue Reporting Policy.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Singleton and ***unanimously voted*** to approve the second reading of the MRSA nd/or Related Health Issue Reporting Policy.

### ***New Business***

Dr. Tyrie reviewed the changes that have been made to the Unit B Contract. She also distributed signature pages to members.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Singleton and ***unanimously voted*** to approve the 2008-2011 Unit B Contract.

### **Energy Grant**

Dr. Tyrie informed members of the “Implementation of Energy Conservation Measures” Grant that is available to the district in the amount of \$208,610. Dr. Tyrie asked Mr. Hartnett to complete the application.

### ***CONSENT AGENDA***

Dr. Tyrie presented Consent Agenda “A” which included the minutes of the meetings of December 4 and 17, 2008 and the warrants.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Singleton, seconded by Mrs. Landry and ***voted unanimously*** to approve the minutes of the meetings of December 4 and 17, 2008.

Dr. Tyrie also presented Consent Agenda “B” which included a home schooling application from Mr. and Mrs. Lonergan of Millville.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Singleton, seconded by Mrs. Landry and ***voted 6 in favor, 1 opposed (Mr. Buckley)*** to approve the home schooling application.

### ***DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS***

Mrs. Lesperance voiced her concern with the lack of news in the local newspapers. She suggested the information be submitted to the newspapers on the second and fourth Friday of every month.

Dr. Tyrie will address this issue in writing to the principals.

The next facilities meeting will be held on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Lindsay Poirier***

Lindsay reviewed the highlights of the pep rally which went very well. The penny war was also very successful; they raised almost \$2,000. NHS broke their record this year

with their “*Hats and Mittens Drive*” and will have a “*Just Jeans Drive*” in January; band had a concert at the high school last evening. Lindsay also reviewed sports.

### **COMMITTEE FORUM**

Mr. Singleton asked for an update on students at the middle school participating in cross country. Dr. Tyrie stated that Athletic Director Sharon Dupre will be at the next meeting to discuss this subject.

Ms. Shaver-Hood stated that senior citizens in Blackstone began purchasing lunch through the district today.

Mr. Buckley asked if the candidates that do not get appointed to jobs get notified that the position has been filled. Ms. Shaver-Hood responded that letters do get sent to all candidates.

Mrs. Harvey stated that she will not be seeking re-election in April and informed the public that nomination papers are available at the town halls in both towns.

Mrs. Lesperance stated that the next CoRE meeting will be held on January 13<sup>th</sup> at the middle school from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

**Motion:** At 8:00 p.m., it was moved by Mrs. Lesperance and seconded by Mr. Tringali to go into executive session for the purpose of contract negotiations and the Committee would come out of executive session for the purpose of conducting a budget hearing. The motion was followed by a roll call vote that resulted in a ***unanimous vote***.

**Motion:** At 9:45 p.m., it was moved by Mrs. Landry, seconded by Mr. Buckley and ***unanimously voted*** to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Robinson  
Recording Secretary

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael J. Buckley, District Secretary