

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

October 23, 2008

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
Catherine A. Robinson, Assistant District Treasurer
Diane D. Robin
Charles K. Singleton
Steven J. Tringali

Michael J. Buckley was not present.

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

Dr. Tyrie requested a moment of silence for Mr. Cronan, father of Middle School Teacher Michael Cronan.

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

Mrs. Tetreault received a grant from International Power America to cover the cost of replacing the remaining light bulbs and fixtures.

Dr. Tyrie reviewed the FY09 budget and the timeline for the FY10 budget.

Following a request by Dr. Tyrie, members agreed to reschedule the school committee meeting of December 18th to December 17th.

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

Ms. Shaver-Hood stated that she will be posting the pre-school teacher position that will be open due to a retirement.

The sewer project is 70% complete; they are waiting for pumps and generators to arrive. Ms. Shaver-Hood stated that the plumber looked at where the tie-ins will be and to tie in the dishwasher would require an additional 20 feet of pipe. Ms. Shaver-Hood

recommended that they tie in at this time; she will get an estimate before the committee makes a final decision.

Ms. Shaver-Hood reviewed the following change orders:

Change Order #1 – \$825.00 due to additional work at Early Village.

Change Order #2 - \$9,440.00 for removal of ledge and the need for additional crushed stone that was unexpected.

Change Order #3 - \$4,755.00 due to all the rain in July, additional equipment and workers had to be brought in to complete the work on schedule.

The Clerk of the Works and District Counsel, Harold D. Gould, Jr., have reviewed the change orders and recommend they be approved by the committee.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Landry, seconded by Mrs. Lesperance and ***unanimously voted*** to approve the payment of \$15,020.00 in Change Orders.

OLD BUSINESS

Full Day Kindergarten

Chairperson Harvey reviewed the full day kindergarten program that was presented to members at the last meeting. She asked members for their feedback before they vote to approve or oppose to move forward with a full day kindergarten program.

All members spoke of their approval of the concept and goals of the full day kindergarten subcommittee.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Robinson, seconded by Mrs. Landry and ***unanimously voted***, that the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee adopt a full day kindergarten program pending the district's ability to finance this program as well as the programs the district currently offer.

Chairperson Harvey explained that the cost for the first year will be approximately \$147,000. The grant will cover \$100,000 and the District will be responsible for \$47,000.

MARS Representative

Dr. Tyrie stated that the annual MARS meeting is scheduled for November 17th and the District will need a representative to attend.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Lesperance, seconded by Mrs. Robinson and ***unanimously voted*** to appoint Chairperson Harvey as the MARS representative.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Tyrie stated that Governor Patrick made budget cuts but none in Chapter 70. MARS has requested that school districts contact our State Representatives to thank them for their support; Dr. Tyrie will send a letter.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Tyrie presented the Consent Agenda which included the warrants and several field trip requests.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Lesperance, seconded by Mrs. Landry and ***unanimously voted*** to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Chairperson Harvey reviewed the following requests for fee waivers for use of facilities.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Singleton, seconded by Mrs. Robinson and ***unanimously voted*** that the fee assessed to the BMR Music Department of \$370.47 for Saturday, February 21, 2009 be waived.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Singleton, seconded by Mrs. Landry and ***unanimously voted*** that the fee assessed to the BMR Music Department of \$221.05 for Saturday, November 8, 2008 be waived.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Landry, seconded by Mrs. Robinson and ***unanimously voted*** that the fee assessed to MESPA of \$240.47 for Saturday, November 15th ***not be waived***.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Landry reported that the Policy Subcommittee will continue to work on the Use of Facilities Policy.

Mrs. Lesperance stated that information for the next update should be sent to her by the end of next week.

Ms. Shaver-Hood and Chairperson Harvey reviewed the meeting of the facilities subcommittee that was held this week. Ms. Shaver-Hood distributed a copy of the Agreement with Red Cross that will be used if the committee agrees to allow them to use the facilities as a shelter.

One bid was received for the intercom/telephone system at the Complex. The cap on the bid was \$60,000 and in order to come in under bid the wall phones for AFM were not included. Ms. Shaver-Hood suggested that members keep an open mind because this is a safety concern. Ms. Shaver-Hood will notify members when she receives more information.

Lindsay Poirier

Student Council had "Hat Day" to honor Mrs. Waterman and during lunch they raised over \$400.00 for the American Cancer Society. The Homecoming Dance was a great success, selling over 300 tickets; they raised \$1,500.00 at the Walk-A-Thon; SADD will be distributing red ribbons to wear during Drug Awareness Week; NHS will have a bake sale during parent conferences; the marching band took first place the last two shows. Lindsay reviewed the stats and upcoming games of the sports teams.

COMMITTEE FORUM

Chairperson Harvey stated that she and Dr. Tyrie attended a meeting in Millville on Monday evening to discuss the E & D situation. The water issue was discussed and the Board of Selectmen informed them that they will meet on Friday to discuss the situation and on Monday they will meet with the engineers. Chairperson Harvey asked the committee for their guidance regarding their attendance at the meeting that is scheduled for Monday. Chairperson Harvey has been getting different messages from the Board of Selectmen; some members want them to attend while others want them to wait and let them attend a school committee meeting to relay the information. The consensus of the committee is that Chairperson Harvey and Dr. Tyrie attend the meeting on Monday evening as observers. *(Mrs. Lesperance and Mrs. Landry opposed)*

Mrs. Lesperance stated that Senator Moore has been advocating for Chapter 70. Mrs. Lesperance corresponded with Senator Moore who indicated that if Question 1 passes the district will receive 1/3 less state aid and the towns will receive 2/3 less aid.

Mrs. Lesperance stated that the CoRE meeting will be held Thursday, October 30th at the middle school from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

Motion: At 8:20 p.m., it was moved by Mrs. Landry, seconded by Mr. Tringali and ***unanimously voted*** to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Robinson
Recording Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Michael J. Buckley, District Secretary