

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

*November 6, 2008*

The Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee met in the library/media center of the Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School commencing at 7:05 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  
Michael J. Buckley, District Secretary  
Diane D. Robin  
Charles K. Singleton  
Steven J. Tringali

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

***APPOINTMENTS***

Chairperson Harvey welcomed Interim Director of Student Services Patricia Connolly. Ms. Connolly gave an overview of the Student Services Department. There are a total of 353 students that receive some type of services which is about 15%; the state average is 18%.

Mrs. Connolly stated that IEPs are done throughout the course of the year.

After a brief question and answer session, Chairperson Harvey asked Ms. Connolly to return at a later date to keep members updated on the Student Services Department.

***PUBLIC FORUM***

Selectman John Laura informed members that he will be meeting with the engineers at the Millville Elementary School on Friday to investigate other options instead of flushing each faucet. He would like to loop the pipes and have them on timers in the boiler room. The Board of Selectmen would also like to use the tank outside as fire prevention water, not drinking. He also talked about using a filter before the filter system that is in place.

Dr. Tyrie spoke about the meeting she attended with the Board of Selectmen to discuss this matter. Selectman Laura stated that he will have more details after he meets with the engineers.

Mr. Buckley recommended that representatives from the Central Office be at the Millville Elementary School Friday morning to meet with the engineers.

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

**Business Administrator Certification**

Dr. Tyrie feels that someone in the Central Office should be certified in business administration; she will pursue this. Ms. Shaver-Hood will possibly look into this next year.

**Posters**

Dr. Tyrie shared posters that were made by Mr. Carroll and library aide Mrs. Denise Carroll to post in the schools encouraging students to read.

**Coffee Hour**

Dr. Tyrie completed four *Superintendent's Coffee Hours*. She felt they went well and staff members were able to discuss what was on their minds.

**Mid-Cycle Review**

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will conduct a special education mid-cycle review. There will be a visiting team from DESE and they will be looking at the areas they felt we needed to improve from the original review.

**MCAS**

Dr. Tyrie distributed books on MCAS that were compiled by Suzan Cullen. Dr. Tyrie stated that she would like principals from the elementary and secondary levels to attend the second meetings in November and December to discuss the MCAS data.

**AP Scholars**

Mr. Buckley read an article about eight students at the high school that achieved AP Scholar status.

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

**Personnel Update**

Ms. Shaver-Hood reviewed the personnel update and added that Doug Forbes has resigned as head custodian and has been appointed to custodian at the Complex. The head custodian position has been posted.

**Sewer Project**

The completion date for the sewer project is mid December.

Ms. Shaver-Hood reviewed the following change orders:

Change Order #1 - \$17,450.00 for electrical components.

Change Order #2 - \$22,650.00 for plumbing in the kitchen area.

Ms. Shaver-Hood stated that District Counsel will also review the change orders. She also stated that she anticipates one more change order.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mrs. Lesperance and ***unanimously voted*** to accept Change Orders #1 and #2.

### ***CONSENT AGENDA***

Dr. Tyrie presented the Consent Agenda which included the minutes of the meetings of October 9 and 23, 2008, several field trip requests and the warrants.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mrs. Lesperance, seconded by Mrs. Robinson and ***voted unanimously*** to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 9, 2008.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mrs. Lesperance, seconded by Mr. Tringali and ***voted 7 in favor, 1 abstained, (Mr. Buckley)*** to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 23, 2008.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mrs. Landry, seconded by Mrs. Lesperance and ***unanimously voted*** to approve the field trip requests.

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

Chairperson Harvey reviewed the following requests for use of facilities.

It was the consensus of the Committee that the request from the Blackstone Valley Boys and Girls Club to use the gymnasium on Monday and Friday evenings be tabled until they receive additional information.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mrs. Lesperance, seconded by Mrs. Robinson and ***unanimously voted*** to waive the fee for this year only for the Blackstone Master's Basketball League.

### ***Lindsay Poirier***

Lindsay reported that STUCO is conducting "*Tissue Box for Treats*"; there will be fifteen members attending the Fall Conference where they will be presenting a workshop; NHS is having a pie fund raiser and are beginning to plan their holiday happenings; SADD members distributed red ribbon pins for a Drug Free America and the senior class will be hosting Frank Santos on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Band received fourth place in the finals and soccer and field hockey both made districts.

### ***COMMITTEE FORUM***

Mr. Buckley commented what good news it is for the cities and town that Question #1 did not pass.

Chairperson Harvey encouraged people to attend CoRE meetings; the dates will be posted on the website.

Mrs. Lesperance stated that the tentative dates are January 15<sup>th</sup> and April 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion:** At 9:00 p.m., it was moved by Mrs. Lesperance, seconded by Mr. Tringali, to go into executive session for the purpose of non-affiliated contract negotiations and the Committee would come out of executive session for the purpose of adjourning the meeting. The motion was followed by a roll call vote that resulted in a ***unanimous vote***.

Motion: At 9:30 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