

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

*May 28, 2009*

The Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee met in the library/media center of the Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School commencing at 7:10 p.m. with the following members present:

Michael J. Buckley, Chairman  
Ann M. Lesperance, Vice Chairperson  
Lynn M. Landry, Treasurer  
Catherine A. Robinson, Asst. Treasurer  
Charles K. Singleton, District Secretary  
John J. Eldridge  
Diane C. Robin – *arrived at 7:40 p.m.*  
Steven J. Tringali

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

A quorum being present, Chairman Buckley asked Student Representative Lindsay Poirier to be the Acting Chairperson. Lindsay called the meeting to order which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and a moment of silence for Mr. Harry McMichael, father of teachers Ellen McMichael and Ann Ruscitti.

Student Representative Lindsay Poirier gave her final report. Lindsay reported that NHS officers were elected; FBLA and SADD members have started electing officers for next year; the Vegetarian Club is doing a fund raiser; this Saturday there will be a district wide concert beginning with the 6<sup>th</sup> grade band. Lindsay also updated members on sports. The senior class had their parade last Friday and senior week will begin on Monday concluding with graduation on Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.

***Public Forum***

Lindsay asked if there were any issues for the public forum.

Mr. Buckley presented Lindsay with a bouquet of flowers from members for her hard work and faithfulness with the committee for the past two years. Lindsay stated that it was a privilege being with the committee to see how the district works and thanked members for the opportunity to work with them.

***Appointments***

District Counsel Harold D. Gould Jr. reviewed the bids that were received for the asbestos abatement. The bids ranged from a low of \$28,400 to a high of \$70,000.

Attorney Gould explained that two bids needed to be disqualified because they did not follow procedure.

Following a brief discussion, Attorney Gould recommended the bid be awarded to Abide, Inc. for \$43,430.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Landry and ***unanimously voted*** that the Bid of Nealco Too, Inc. in the total amount of \$28,400 for the Asbestos Abatement Project at the Blackstone-Millville Regional High School and the John F. Kennedy Elementary School be rejected for the following reasons: 1) The Bidder did not submit its Bid on the revised Bid Form included in Addendum No. 1 issued on May 11, 2009; 2) The Bidder did not acknowledge and include Addendum No. 1 in its Bid; and 3) The Bid was not accompanied by the required bid security.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mrs. Landry, seconded by Mrs. Lesperance and ***unanimously voted*** that the Bid of Compass Restoration Services, LLC in the total amount of \$41,600 for the Asbestos Abatement Project at the Blackstone-Millville Regional High School and the John F. Kennedy Elementary School be rejected for the following reasons: 1) The Bidder did not submit its Bid on the revised Bid Form included in Addendum No. 1 issued on May 11, 2009; 2) The Bidder did not acknowledge and include Addendum No. 1 in its Bid; and 3) The Bid Bond that accompanied the Bid was not executed by the Bidder as Principal.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Singleton, seconded by Mr. Eldridge and ***unanimously voted*** that the Contract for the Asbestos Abatement project at the Blackstone-Millville Regional High School and the John F. Kennedy Elementary School be awarded to Abide, Inc. for the total sum of \$43,430.00.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Singleton, seconded by Mr. Eldridge and ***unanimously voted*** that Michael J. Buckley, Chairman of the Committee, be, and is hereby, authorized, empowered and directed to execute and deliver, for and on behalf of the District, an Agreement by and between the District and Abide, Inc. for said Project and all other documents, of whatever kind, nature and description, deemed necessary or appropriate by said Chairman for, and in connection with, the undertaking and completion of said Project, all of the foregoing documents to be in such form and to contain such terms and conditions as the said Chairman shall, by his execution thereof, approve and ratify.

Attorney Gould stated that the Project will begin on June 24<sup>th</sup> in the area of the life skills classroom and be completed by August 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Buckley welcomed Curriculum Director Suzan Cullen to make a presentation on ways to keep curriculum going next year. Mrs. Cullen thanked school committee members and staff for their help while she was employed in the District. She also commended Student Representative Lindsay Poirier for all she did while working in the curriculum office.

Mrs. Cullen reported on the mandates of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) which included spending at least \$125 per student funds on professional development and maintaining records of all professional development offerings. She reviewed an average schedule for a professional development day. Professional development does not happen on just three days but throughout the school year, during and after the school day.

Mr. Buckley explained that this position will not be filled next year because of budget cuts. He expects the central office and principals to take some of the responsibilities that Mrs. Cullen spoke about.

Mr. Eldridge voiced his concern with losing this position and is in favor of using stimulus money to fund this position.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Buckley presented the Consent Agenda which included the minutes of the meeting of May 14, 2009, the warrants, field trip requests and approval of a student teacher.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mr. Singleton and ***unanimously voted*** to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

Ms. Shaver-Hood reviewed the expense ledger. Mr. Buckley feels the bills for the asbestos will need to be reviewed.

Ms. Shaver-Hood reviewed a list of AV surplus equipment that will be recycled.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mrs. Lesperance, seconded by Mrs. Robinson and ***unanimously voted*** to declare the AV list of outdated equipment as surplus and said items to be recycled.

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

Dr. Tyrie was not present but supplied a written report for members that Mr. Buckley reviewed. He also reviewed the superintendent's evaluation form that was previously adopted by the committee that he would like members to use. He would like the evaluations turned into him by June 11, 2009. Mr. Buckley would like members to use the same form to evaluate the assistant superintendent.

### **Old Business**

The changes to the elementary handbook were reviewed. Mr. Tringali asked about page 9 with regards to budget cut related changes. Mr. Buckley stated that an addendum will have to be added if there are changes.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mrs. Landry, seconded by Mrs. Lesperance and ***unanimously voted*** to accept the elementary handbook for 2009-2010.

Mr. Buckley asked Ms. Shaver-Hood to talk to Sharon Dupre and Kevin Maloney about the cross country program.

### ***New Business***

Ms. Shaver-Hood presented the rubbish bid. There was one bid submitted by Allied Waste Services of Fall River, MA.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mr. Singleton and ***unanimously voted*** to accept the rubbish bid as submitted by Allied Waste Services for the 2009-2010 school year.

Mr. Buckley requested that job descriptions be tabled until the next meeting.

Ms. Shaver-Hood reviewed a request from Mr. Sergi requesting all fees be waived for the use of the fields for baseball and softball. It was agreed that because they are Group 2 there would be no charges.

### ***District Committee Reports***

Mrs. Landry presented the Student Activities Policy for the first reading. Following a brief discussion and agreeing to several changes the first reading was approved.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mrs. Robinson, seconded by Mrs. Lesperance and ***unanimously voted*** to approve the first reading of the Student Activities Policy.

Mrs. Landry stated that the Hiring Policy will be ready for the next meeting and she will look into the Alternative Career Exploration Policy before it is voted to be deleted.

The next Policy Subcommittee Meeting will be held on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Lesperance thanked Middle School Principal Gabrielle T. Abrams for getting news to the newspapers and congratulated Student Representative Lindsay Poirier for having an article in the *Valley Breeze*.

Ms. Shaver-Hood stated that she is waiting for National Grid to come and do the audit.

Mr. Buckley reminded members that the Remodeling/Renovation Committee will be meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup> with Senator Moore and Representative Callahan at the high school at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Shaver-Hood reported that the intercom system at the complex will be looked at again by the end of this week.

### ***Committee Forum***

Mr. Eldridge thanked Mr. Bibeault and Mr. Arnold for the music that was provided on Memorial Day.

**Motion:** At 9:35 p.m., it was moved by Mrs. Lesperance and seconded by Mr. Eldridge to go into executive session for the purpose of 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 10:00 p.m., it was moved by Mrs. Landry, seconded by Mrs. Lesperance and ***unanimously voted*** to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Robinson  
Recording Secretary

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Charles K. Singleton, District Secretary