

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

*June 11, 2009*

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:

Michael J. Buckley, Chairman  
Ann M. Lesperance, Vice Chairperson  
Lynn M. Landry, Treasurer  
Charles K. Singleton, District Secretary  
John J. Eldridge  
Diane C. Robin  
Steven J. Tringali – arrived at 8:15 p.m.

*Catherine A. Robinson was not present.*

Also in attendance were Superintendent Christine D. Tyrie, Ed. D., Assistant Superintendent Kimberly B. Shaver-Hood, High School Principal Richard A. Porter, Middle School Principal Gabrielle T. Abrams, Fine Arts Director Ronald Bibeault and other interested parties.

A quorum being present, Chairman Buckley 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 Russell Judd, husband of Food Service Director Carol Greenbaum-Judd and also for Charlotte Holbrook, retired Food Service Director of the John F. Kennedy School.

***Chairman's Remarks***

Chairman Buckley feels the regional district certification process should be changed. He asked Senator Moore for relief from the early budget certification date and that some consideration be made in allowing Districts to go back to re-certify Exclusionary Costs once the budget from the State has been set. Mr. Buckley also congratulated the Class of 2009 for an outstanding awards ceremony and graduation last week.

***Consent Agenda***

Mr. Buckley presented the Consent Agenda which included the minutes of the meeting of May 28, 2009, warrants, a field trip request and approval of job descriptions for the music department.

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

## **Appointments**

Chairman Buckley welcomed retirees Peter Fedyszyn, Kevin Maloney, Jack Carroll, Anna Marie Roskey, Susan Decker, Joyce Parmentier and Mary Pasciucco. After thanking the retirees for their dedication and service to the children of Blackstone and Millville, Dr. Tyrie presented the retirees with books they chose to be donated to a school library of their choice. Mr. Carroll chose *The Catcher in the Rye*, Mr. Maloney chose *The Last Stand of the Tin Can Sailors* and Mr. Fedyszyn chose *The Second World War* to be donated to the high school library; Mrs. Roskey chose *Ruby Holler*, Mrs. Parmentier chose *Mr. Peabody's Apples*, and Mrs. Decker chose *You Read to Me, I'll Read to You* to be donated to the Robert A. Keefe Library/Media Center at the JFK/AFM Complex. Mrs. Pasciucco chose *Baby Bear, Baby Bear, What do you See?* for the library at the Millville Elementary School.

Mr. Buckley welcomed Ronald Bibeault, Director of Fine Arts. Mr. Bibeault presented the tentative schedule for the high school marching band.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Singleton, seconded by Mrs. Lesperance and ***unanimously voted*** to approve the 2009-2010 tentative schedule for the high school marching band.

Mr. Buckley welcomed FWH Middle School Principal Gabrielle T. Abrams to review changes to the middle school handbook.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mr. Singleton and ***unanimously voted*** to adopt the proposed changes to the FWH Middle School Handbook.

Mr. Buckley welcomed BMR High School Principal Richard A. Porter, Assistant Principal Keith A. Ducharme and Athletic Director Sharon A. Dupre.

Mr. Porter reviewed proposed changes for the high school handbook. Following a discussion regarding the parent portal and progress reports, Mr. Buckley asked for a motion.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Singleton, seconded by Mrs. Landry and voted ***6 in favor, one abstained (Mr. Tringali due to his time of arrival)*** to approve proposed changes for the high school handbook with additional wording to be included indicating if parents are not able to access the Internet they can request progress reports via mail.

Dr. Tyrie informed members on the status of the ice hockey program. Mr. Porter, Mr. Ducharme and Ms. Dupre were present at the meeting to answer questions regarding this program. Mr. Buckley stated that it's difficult to cut this program but feels it has to be done.

Mr. Buckley would like to look further at the cross country program that Mr. Maloney would like to implement for the middle school students.

## ***Public Forum***

Esther Cote stated that the Wizard of Oz was performed two nights this week and it was an outstanding performance.

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

Ms. Shaver-Hood reported on the status of the food service director. She also reported that they are still moving ahead with National Grid.

Ms. Shaver-Hood thanked Mr. Porter, Mrs. Abrams and Ms. Dupre for attending a collaboration regarding the cross country program. It was agreed that the middle and high schools will split a coaching position with Mr. Maloney working from the middle school.

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

Mr. Monroe received the funds for the “Thinkfinity Grant” which will help fund improvements with social studies in grades 4, 5 and 6.

Dr. Tyrie reported on the Adaptive Leadership Conference she attended this week. She also attended a Promising Practices Breakfast where Middle School Teacher Gwyn Swanson was recognized for an outstanding lesson she prepared for her math students.

## ***District Committee Reports***

Mrs. Landry reviewed changes made to the Student Activities Policy.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mr. Tringali and ***unanimously voted*** to approve the second reading of the Student Activities Policy.

Mrs. Landry reviewed the Alternative Career Exploration Policy.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Singleton, seconded by Mrs. Lesperance and ***unanimously voted*** to delete Policy GCCB, Alternative Career Exploration Policy.

It was agreed that the Hiring Policy and Storage Policy will be held until the next meeting.

Mr. Buckley stated that there are two students interested in being student representatives for the school committee. Mr. Buckley will ask Mr. Porter to have the students contact him.

## ***Committee Forum***

Mr. Tringali commended the beginner band that performed this evening at the high school.

Mrs. Lesperance reminded members that the Annual Town Meeting will be held in Millville on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr. Singleton stated that the Millville Finance Committee will meet on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 to present the budget. He also thanked everyone for the graduation ceremony and commended the staff of the *Pony Express* for their annual graduation issue which was completed by the end of the graduation ceremony.

Mr. Eldridge suggested coming together with municipalities four times a year and requested that a schedule be prepared. Mr. Buckley recommended getting through this budget and perhaps setting up a meeting at the beginning of September.

Mr. Buckley congratulated Dr. Tyrie, Mrs. Cullen, and Mr. Monroe for their work with the Thinkfinity Grant.

Mr. Buckley stated that there are cable revolving funds available in Millville and if the town releases them to the district then Blackstone will release their funds to the district. He would like the school committee representatives from Millville to approach the Millville selectmen regarding this matter and request them to release the funds to help our students. Mr. Singleton stated that he was at the meeting when this matter was discussed and Mr. Menard was not in favor of sending money to the school when it can be sent to the towns. He also stated that this Article will not be on the Warrant.

**Motion:** At 9:03 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 10:20 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Singleton, seconded by Mrs. Lesperance and ***unanimously voted*** to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Robinson  
Recording Secretary

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