

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

June 25, 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:

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
Steven J. Tringali

Diane C. Robin was not present.

Also in attendance were Superintendent Christine D. Tyrie, Ed. D., District Counsel Harold D. Gould, Jr. 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 Sophia Grace Laren, daughter of Middle School Teacher Norma Laren.

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Buckley received a letter from Barbara Finn-Campopiano regarding the Title I Pre-School Program. She asked Mr. Buckley to read it publicly. (*See attached*)

Mr. Buckley voiced his feeling that this was a difficult cut to make but unfortunately cuts needed to be made and they were all difficult decisions.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Buckley presented the Consent Agenda which included the minutes of the meeting of June 11, 2009, warrants, a field trip request and a request for an internship.

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

Appointments

Chairman Buckley welcomed District Counsel Harold D. Gould Jr. Attorney Gould stated that the asbestos abatement project started on Wednesday morning.

Attorney Gould reviewed the bids he received for the Life Skills Renovation Project. He recommended that the bid be awarded to Mill City Construction, Inc. for \$34,789.00.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Singleton, seconded by Mrs. Lesperance and ***unanimously voted*** that the Contract for the Life Skills Renovation Project at the Blackstone-Millville Regional High School be awarded to Mill City Construction, Inc. for the sum of \$34,789.00.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Singleton, seconded by Mrs. Lesperance 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 Mill City Construction, 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.

Motion: At 7:15 p.m., it was moved by Mrs. Lesperance and seconded by Mr. Singleton to go into executive session for the purpose of contract negotiations and the Committee would come out of executive session for the purpose of continuing the meeting. The motion was followed by a roll call vote that resulted in a ***unanimous vote***.

At 7:40 p.m., the meeting was reconvened.

Public Forum

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

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

Dr. Tyrrie reviewed the Cherry Sheet which indicated that we gained some transportation money but she is concerned about the difference in the charter school funds; she will continue to research this matter.

Dr. Tyrrie stated that she was notified by DESE about eligibility for the kindergarten grant. The notification stated that we are eligible for \$95,200. Dr. Tyrrie will call DESE and ask if we can put out a press release. Mrs. Lesperance asked if letters will be sent out to individual parents and Dr. Tyrrie said she is sure the principals will notify parents.

Dr. Tyrrie attended a Data Warehouse Conference sponsored by DESE and she feels that it is going to be extremely powerful but very difficult to use.

Mr. Buckley stated that they received a request from a member of the staff for the school committee to consider a waiver for tuition for his son who is entering kindergarten. He and his family are trying to move into the region but due to the economy their house has not sold as of yet. Mr. Buckley would like to discuss this at the meeting of July 15th.

District Committee Reports

Policy

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Lesperance, seconded by Mr. Eldridge and ***unanimously voted*** to approve the third reading and final reading of the Student Activities Policy

The first reading of the Storage Policy and Hiring Policy will be voted on at the next meeting.

Committee Forum

Mr. Tringali stated that the 5th grade graduation at the Millville Elementary School was a tremendous program; they went to Breezy Acres following ceremony.

Mrs. Lesperance stated that the Annual Town Meeting was held in Millville on Monday and the budget passed.

Mr. Buckley asked Dr. Tyrie to set up a meeting with both towns in September to begin the budget process. He would like the Boards of Selectmen and Finance Committees in attendance. Mrs. Lesperance would also like to discuss the cable advisory money that the District is not receiving at the meeting.

Motion: At 8:00 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Singleton and seconded by Mrs. Lesperance 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 8:30 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