

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

October 8, 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
Charles K. Singleton, District Secretary
Diane C. Robin
Steven J. Tringali

John Eldridge and Catherine A. Robinson were not present.

Also in attendance were Interim Superintendent Kimberly B. Shaver-Hood, Student Representatives Amanda Chamberlin and Luke Perreault, 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. Chairman Buckley also requested a moment of silence in memory of Normand Thibault, father of bus monitor Patricia Vilnit and also for Henry Goulet, former member of the Board of Selectmen and the A. F. Maloney School Building Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Buckley presented Consent Agenda "A", which included the minutes of the meeting of September 24, 2009, several field trip requests, requests to observe classes and to discard books at the Millville Elementary School and the warrants.

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

Mr. Buckley presented Consent Agenda "B" which included a request from Mrs. Elizabeth Driscoll, 10 Church Street, Blackstone to home school her daughter Chelsea (grade 9). Mrs. Tetreault reviewed and approved their educational plan.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Lesperance and seconded by Mrs. Landry to approve Consent Agenda "B" as presented. The vote was ***four in favor, two opposed (Mr. Buckley and Mr. Singleton)***.

Student Representatives

Luke Perreault and Amanda Chamberlin updated members on band, sports, and class activities; progress reports were distributed at the high school today; NHS is selling cookie dough and tickets for a spaghetti dinner which will benefit the food pantry.

Public Forum

Mr. Buckley asked if there were any issues for the public forum; there was no response.

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 pending litigation 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 8:00 p.m., the meeting resumed.

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

Ms. Shaver-Hood reviewed a proposal submitted by KBA to assist the District in preparing a Statement of Interest to submit to the State for a project to update the high school. The fee for the work by KBA would be \$2,100.00.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Lesperance, seconded by Mr. Tringali and **unanimously voted** to approve the proposal submitted by KBA at a cost of \$2,100.00.

Request for waiver

Ms. Shaver-Hood reviewed a request for a waiver from the Blackstone Millville Youth Basketball League. Their request is to waive the fee for the use of the facilities at the FWH Middle School and Millville Elementary School and the salary for a custodian when they have basketball during the week. They will pay the cost of the custodians for their Saturday games.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Lesperance and seconded by Mrs. Landry to approve the waiver request from BMYBL; **the vote was 5 in favor and one abstained (Mr. Singleton)**.

Ms. Shaver-Hood asked administrators to submit a level spending budget. She also reviewed revenues received; she will update members monthly.

Ms. Shaver-Hood reported that the food service department is not in the red at this time. She also stated that it will not show on the books until the books close in June or July.

Food Service Director Jeanne Sheridan informed Ms. Shaver-Hood that staffing is over in all schools; they are employing too many staff for the number of students served.

Ms. Shaver-Hood reported that Chapter 70 transportation will be cut; some extra curricular positions have been restored and Focus Club positions which are sponsored by PTO have also been restored.

Interviews for the position of assistant principal for the complex will be held tomorrow.

Ms. Shaver-Hood reported that the district will not be providing the H1N1 flu shots; the Town of Blackstone will be hosting a community wide vaccination day.

Ms. Shaver-Hood stated that there will be a BMRHS Wall of Fame. It will be used to recognize BMR alumni who have distinguished themselves in society after they graduated

from BMRHS and to honor outstanding faculty members who have dedicated their careers to the communities of Blackstone and Millville.

Sub Committee Reports

Policy

Following the third reading of the Hiring Policy the following motion was made:

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Lesperance, seconded by Mrs. Landry and ***unanimously voted*** to adopt the Hiring Policy.

Following the third reading of the Storage Cabinet Policy the following motion was made:

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Tringali and seconded by Mrs. Landry to approve the third reading of the Storage Cabinet Policy. ***The vote was 3 in favor, 3 opposed. (Mr. Buckley, Mrs. Lesperance and Mr. Singleton)***

The first reading of the Observations in Special Education Law Policy will be held in November.

Mrs. Landry stated that the policy subcommittee will be meeting on Tuesday, October 13th at 6:30 PM at the high school.

Committee Forum

Mr. Singleton requested additional testing information on students.

Mrs. Lesperance stated that she would like to see more publicity from the schools.

Motion: At 8:45 p.m., it was moved by Mrs. Lesperance and seconded by Mrs. Landry to go into executive session for the purpose of meeting with Director of Student Services Patricia Connolly, 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. Lesperance, seconded by Mrs. Landry and ***unanimously voted*** to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Robinson
Recording Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Charles K. Singleton, District Secretary