

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

**November 12, 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  
Catherine A. Robinson  
Steven J. Tringali  
John J. Eldridge  
Diane C. Robin

Also in attendance at the meeting were Kimberly B. Shaver-Hood, Interim Superintendent of Schools, Luke Perreault and Amanda Chamberlin, student representatives and Everett B. Campbell, Principal and staff members at the A.F. Maloney Elementary School along with other interested parties.

A quorum being present, Chairman Buckley called the School Committee Meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Buckley presented Consent Agenda "A" which includes Minutes of Meeting of October 22<sup>nd</sup>, Warrants, Volunteer worker Paul Seaver and a student field trip with a stipulation that Paul Seaver conform to a CORI report in order to assist Mr. Roe with the basketball team.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Lesperance and unanimously voted to approve Consent Agenda "A" with the stipulation that Paul Seaver conform to a CORI report.

Mr. Buckley presented Consent Agenda "B" which included two requests for home schooling. Mr. And Mrs. John Gonya, 44 Union Street, Blackstone to home school their daughter Emily (grade 12). Mr. Porter reviewed and approved the educational plan. Mrs. Pam Laflin, 206 Main Street, Blackstone to home school her children Suzanne (15 years), Benjamin (14 years), Rachel (11 years) and Sam (9 years). Mr. Porter reviewed and approved their educational plan with the condition that standardized test results are provided in spring.

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

### **Student Representatives**

Luke Perreault spoke on the recent finals trip the Marching Band took to Annapolis, Maryland. The band placed 4<sup>th</sup> at these finals. At the NESBA finals the week before the Marching Band placed first in their division. On Friday they will have the end of season dinner celebration and slide show at the BMR High School.

Chairman Buckley stated that it is the District’s policy that all New England champs receive jackets. He also stated that report cards will be distributed on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Student Representative, Amanda chamberlain spoke on parent teacher conferences which will be taking place next week as well as the National Honor Society bake sale that will be held during the conferences. Tonight they are having a hypnotist at the High School.

### **Appointments**

Under Appointments principal Everett Campbell and teachers, Estelle Martineau, Renee Rousselle and Colette Newman spoke along with members of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes at the A.F. Maloney School.

Mrs. Rousselle’s 5<sup>th</sup> grade class made a presentation. Presenters were Brenden Theroux, Saralynn Spear and Shannon McDermott. Brenden spoke first followed by Saralynn who spoke on Social Studies and Math and Shannon spoke on Science and English Language Arts. The students also presented their projects to the School Committee.

Mrs. Newman’s 4<sup>th</sup> grade class made a presentation. Presenters were Emily Labrie, Zachary Bergeron and Ashley Dumas. Emily spoke on ELA and Art, Zachary spoke on Social Studies and American History as well as Science, animals and their adaptations. Ashley spoke on Math including rocket math, geometry and decimals.

The students entertained questions by the School Committee members. Mr. Buckley stated that the Committee was so pleased to have them here to see what they are doing in the classroom. Mrs. Lesperance thanked the teachers as well.

There were no items for Public Forum.

### **Report of the Interim Superintendent – Kimberly B. Shaver-Hood**

Ms. Shaver-Hood stated they have received a quote to replace the boiler system control at the High School at a price of \$18,950. They are also looking at quotes for replacing the generator and are anticipating quotes of approximately \$100,000. They are also looking at the possibility of putting swipe locks on all doors for security reasons. They could lock out certain doors. They will get an estimated cost for this. They are currently looking into the replacement of the gym lights which National Grid in their audit stated they will pay a portion of. They are currently working on the Reverse 911 system and hoping to have it up and running very soon.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mrs. Landry, seconded by Mrs. Robinson and **unanimously voted** to deem nineteen unused desks at the Middle School (previously donated to the school by the Power Plant) as surplus so the School District can donate them to a facility which will put them to use.

Ms. Shaver-Hood gave budget information and stated that they are looking at grants very carefully. They will always access the grant funds first from here on out. She feels good about where they are at right now. The District just received another check for Medicaid reimbursement in the amount of \$38,000.

Ms. Shaver-Hood stated that they are currently looking over the Statement of Interest prepared to look into the renovation of the existing BMR High School facility to provide a modern, safe and comfortable environment for all learners and for all of the programs the school offers. The deadline for the submission of this is tomorrow.

On the last Professional Development Day the guidance counselors worked on a draft of Crisis/Managing Traumatic Loss in School procedure which the District wants to be prepared for so they can provide the support, control and structure necessary to stabilize the crisis situation and return to a healthy learning environment should the situation arise. Once complete, a final draft will be distributed to the School Committee.

Ms. Shaver-Hood stated that the number of flu cases in the District are decreasing. They are beginning to see more students in school. The Board of Health in both communities have been very helpful.

The Food Service Director, Jeanne Sheridan is requesting that the Food Service Clerk Position be increased from 4.5 hours per day to 7 hours per day. Mrs. Sheridan also provided a food service report which was presented to the School Committee.

Mr. Buckley is very happy with the progress Mrs. Sheridan has made in the food service area.

Ms. Shaver-Hood met with teachers on scheduling to be sure that all teachers are on the same page and will present the Committee with a district wide schedule once it is ready. This will be a plan that the teachers have created and they will be asking for the support of the School Committee.

Ms. Shaver-Hood gave thanks to the police departments in both towns who are doing numerous residency checks. They have certainly helped in this process. Ms. Shaver-Hood is asking if you know of any students coming to school here who are not residents, to please let them know.

### **Committee Forum**

Mrs. Lesperance feels that the parent teacher conference survey on the elementary level is very positive. If anyone has anything they would like to include please let her know. Kevin Maloney did a great job with cross country at the Middle School this season. They started out with 40 or 50 runners and they did well. They competed in their final race this past Saturday and two students made All States. The students were so enthused that they did not want the season to end.

The Millville Mall will be held this Saturday at the Millville Elementary School.

Mr. Buckley asked that the Alternative Graduation Proposal be placed on the Agenda for the December 10<sup>th</sup> School Committee Meeting. The Alternative Graduation Proposal is for students who have not met the MCAS standards. They will need to cover this for the students who are in this category.

Mr. Buckley stated that a letter has gone to Governor Patrick requesting that federal stimulus funds be used to restore lost transportation funds to the School Districts. He has also spoken with our representatives to get additional information.

Mr. Buckley also stated that the state of Massachusetts lags in the country in new job creation. Fiscal 13 may be when you see any changes in the economy. It will be the recommendation of the Superintendent to look at level funded or a decrease in budget. Prepare for Regional transportation to be at 29%. There will be a joint meeting with the towns on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Blackstone Municipal Center. There will also be a budget and labor workshop session at the Middle School on November 19<sup>th</sup>. The next School Committee meeting will be held on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Eldridge requested that the Committee consider purging the Executive Session minutes twice a year. Mr. Buckley will look to Attorney Harold Gould for answers to this request.

Policy – The Committee received the first reading of the dance policy.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mrs. Lesperance, seconded by Mr. Eldridge and **unanimously voted** to accept the first reading of the dance policy.

The next policy meeting will be held on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**Motion:** At 8:10 p.m. it was moved by Mrs. Lesperance, seconded by Mr. Singleton to go into Executive Session to discuss performance and legal issues 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 9:28 p.m. it was moved by Mrs. Lesperance, seconded by Mr. Singleton and **unanimously voted** to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monique F. Simard  
Recording Secretary

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