

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

February 4, 2010

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
Charles K. Singleton, District Secretary
Lynn M. Landry, District Treasurer
Catherine A. Robinson, Assistant District Treasurer
Steven J. Tringali, Member
John J. Eldridge, Member
Diane C. Robin, Member

Also in attendance at the meeting were Kimberly B. Shaver-Hood, Superintendent of Schools and Amanda Chamberlin, Student Representative. Luke Perreault, Student Representative did not attend this meeting.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Buckley presented the Consent Agenda which included Minutes of Meeting of January 21, 2010 and Warrants.

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

Chairman's Remarks

Mr. Buckley stated that the House Two budget figures held and that Chapter 70 and unrestricted aid to cities and towns remains at the same level. Chapter 70 funding is up by 10 million dollars to 5.02 billion. This means level funding for the School Districts and an increase in Charter School funding which is a negative offset for our school district.

The transportation budget is currently at 59% reimbursement which uses last years transportation figures. This year the School District saw a decrease in costs due to a reduction in the mid-day kindergarten buses.

It is likely that it will be May before the State knows for sure. They are hoping that funding from the federal government will come to the states in the form of stimulus funds or newly created jobs.

The School Committee will meet with the Towns of Blackstone and Millville next week. The minimum contribution for Millville would be up \$60,000 over last year and the minimum contribution for Blackstone would be up \$110,000 over last year. These are minimum contributions. In the past the Towns have been quite generous in their supplemental contributions. Last year the School Committee made the decision to forego the increased contributions. They are not ruling out the possibility of requesting additional contributions this year.

As always, Mr. Buckley wants to remind everyone that the reason we are here is for the children and we all need to focus on the delivery of services to our children. Superintendent Shaver-Hood has been getting the message out to the staff on this subject.

Student Representative

Amanda Chamberlin stated that they are currently taking collections for the following:

Student Council – canned food drive

Honor Society – Empty Bowl Project – February 25th, 6-8 at the High School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$5.00.

FBLA – collecting for the March of Dimes

SADD- collecting for Haiti victims

Amanda stated that the Winter Guard and Winter Percussion will be performing on February 28th in the high school gym.

Mr. BMR will be held on March 19th from 7-9 in the High School Auditorium.

Basketball season is coming to a close.

The seniors were fitted for caps and gowns during homeroom this week.

Mr. Buckley stated that they will be moving the School Committee Meeting of February 25th to the High School Library so that the members can attend the Empty Bowl Project.

Mr. Buckley stated that due to Mr. Campbell being ill, he and Mrs. Connolly would not be presenting their budgets this evening for the JFK/AFM Complex and the Student Services Department. They are moving the presentations to Wednesday, February 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the BMR High School.

Mr. Buckley asked the members if they had any items for the February 11th meeting. He will need to know by noon tomorrow if there is anything additional to add.

Report of Superintendent

Superintendent Shaver-Hood presented waiver requests as follows:

The Blackstone Youth Basketball association requests a waiver of \$165.00 for Wednesday evenings in January, February and March at the Hartnett Middle School gymnasium and \$160.00 for Thursday's in January, February and March at the JFK Gymnasium.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Lesperance and **unanimously voted** to approve the request for waiver for the Blackstone Youth Basketball Association in the amounts of \$165 and \$160.

The Blackstone Youth Basketball Association is also requesting a waiver of the fee for Saturday, April 3rd from 3-6 p.m. They already have the facility but need extra time to complete their tournament. They will pay for the custodian on this date.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Robinson and **unanimously voted** to approve the request for waiver for the Blackstone Youth Basketball Association for April 3rd from 3-6 p.m., which does not include the cost of custodian.

A request was made by Jeff Sutherland to waive the fee for a baseball clinic in the Millville gymnasium on March 5,12,19 and 27. Mr. Buckley stated that the gym is not intended for this activity. The building principals need to deny these requests at their level before it reaches the School Committee. They have had this discussion previously and it remains that the gymnasiums are to be used for their intended purposes only. Superintendent Shaver-Hood will take care of this. The School Committee will not be entertaining a motion on this waiver.

Superintendent Shaver-Hood handed out the expense ledger. She stated that the Committee will have access to the ledger on a Google document. If they prefer a printed copy she can do this also.

Superintendent Shaver-Hood met with the candidates for the JFK/AFM principal search. She interviewed two of the candidates and will be taking a walk through with one of them next week. Mr. Tringali enjoyed being on the search committee and having the chance to speak with the educators. Keith Ducharme chaired the committee and all members did a fine job.

There are three individuals scheduled to interview for the Student Service Director position next week.

Congressman Richard Neal will be at the BMR High School tomorrow to nominate a student for the West Point Academy. He will also teach a Social Studies class at 11:45 a.m.

Committee Forum

Mrs. Lesperance mentioned that the schools need to continue to submit publicity items. The High School is doing a fairly good job but the Middle School is falling behind and the Elementary Schools need to continue this as well. She wanted to remind the principals that they have been asked to submit two publicity items per month.

Motion: At 7:30 p.m. it was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mr. Singleton to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel 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 8:45 p.m. it was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mr. Singleton and **unanimously voted** to adjourn the School Committee Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monique F. Simard
Recording Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Charles K. Singleton, District Secretary