

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

July 15, 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
Catherine A. Robinson, Assistant Treasurer
Charles K. Singleton, District Secretary
John J. Eldridge
Diane C. Robin
Steven J. Tringali

Also in attendance were Superintendent Christine D. Tyrie, Ed. D., Assistant Superintendent Kimberly B. Shaver-Hood, 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Buckley presented the Consent Agenda which included the minutes of the meeting of June 25, 2009 and the warrants.

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

Appointments

Chairman Buckley welcomed District Counsel Harold D. Gould Jr. Attorney Gould stated that Mill City Construction started the Life Skills Renovation Project on Monday and everything is going well.

Dr. Tyrie stated that Abide completed their work of removing the asbestos in 11 days. Following the completion of the Life Skills Renovation Project, Abide will return to do more air testing. This will be done before the beginning of the school year.

Attorney Gould has concerns with some invoices the District has received from Tighe & Bond and will begin to review them next week.

Members agreed to meet on July 29th at 7:00 PM for a grievance hearing.

Public Forum

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

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

Mr. Bibeault requested permission for the marching band to participate in the Cherry Blossom Parade in April.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Robin and ***unanimously voted*** to approve Mr. Bibeault's request for the marching band to participate in the Cherry Blossom Parade in Washington, DC on April 10, 2010.

Included in the signature folder is a notification from the Town of Millville of their intent to install a dispatch communications antenna on the rooftop of the Millville Elementary School as part of its initiative to regionalize emergency dispatch services.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Singleton, seconded by Mr. Tringali and ***unanimously voted*** to approve the Town's request to install the antenna.

Dr. Tyrie stated that she submitted a news release regarding full day kindergarten to the local newspapers.

Dr. Tyrie updated members on the latest FY10 budget.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Lesperance, seconded by Mr. Tringali and ***unanimously voted*** to certify the FY10 budget at \$20,738,376.

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

Ms. Shaver-Hood reviewed the Note for the sewer project.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Robinson and ***unanimously voted*** to renew the State Note from UniBank for Savings in the amount of \$875,000 with an interest rate of 1.75 percent which will be due on July 23, 2010.

Ms. Shaver-Hood reported on her trip to China and shared pictures.

Items for Discussion or Action

Dr. Tyrie reviewed the End of Year Financial Report as provided by the District's Account, Jim Eggert.

Mr. Eldridge voiced his concerns about voting on the End of Year Financial Report due to his lack of information; Dr. Tyrie stated that she will provide him with more detailed information.

The following motions were made with regards to the report: *(See attached)*

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Tringali, seconded by Mr. Eldridge and ***unanimously voted*** to reduce E & D by \$45,616 to cover the shortfall in budgeted funds from state aid.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Robinson and **unanimously voted** to reduce E & D by \$75,738 to cover the shortfall in budgeted revenue from revolving accounts.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Eldridge and **unanimously voted** to add \$9,400 which the district received in unbudgeted interest on the Middle School Project and the Sewer Project.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Robin, seconded by Mrs. Lesperance and **unanimously voted** to add \$110,137 to E & D from unexpended budgetary items.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Singleton, seconded by Mrs. Lesperance and **unanimously voted** to reduce E & D by \$530,000 to be applied to the FY10 budget for the purpose of reducing the assessments from the towns.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Landry, seconded by Mr. Singleton and **unanimously voted** to reduce E & D by \$77,393 to cover expenditures in the accounts as presented.

Mr. Buckley reported that he and Ms. Shaver-Hood attended a capital planning meeting with the Town of Blackstone last evening. Mr. Buckley informed the members that he would like to eventually have the complex tied into the town's septic system. It was agreed that they will meet again before the beginning of the school year.

Dr. Tyrie explained that there are five job descriptions that need to be approved in order to implement the evaluation process for Unit A members for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Landry, seconded by Mrs. Lesperance and **unanimously voted** to approve job descriptions for the kindergarten aide, business office secretary, financial assistant, bookkeeper and the curriculum and professional development clerk.

Dr. Tyrie asked for a motion to approve job descriptions for the Unit B members.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Landry, seconded by Mr. Tringali and **unanimously voted** to approve job descriptions for the assistant principal, director of library/media center, director of technology, director of student services and the director of curriculum and professional development.

Following a discussion regarding the request for a tuition waiver from Middle School Teacher Kevin McCourt the following motion was made:

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Singleton and seconded by Mrs. Lesperance to approve this request provided Mr. McCourt agrees to pay the full tuition if they do not move to either Blackstone or Millville by June 30, 2010 and if they pull out of school prior to that date, they will pay the pro rated amount. **The vote was 4 approved, 3 opposed (Mr. Eldridge, Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Landry).**

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge and seconded by Mr. Singleton that the fee to have a contract created by Attorney Gould will be borne by the applicant. **The vote was 7 in favor, 1 opposed (Mr. Buckley).**

Committee Reports

Hiring Policy

Following a brief discussion about this policy, it was agreed that there are a couple of changes to be made to this policy.

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

Storage Policy

Following the first reading of this policy Mr. Buckley expressed his concerns. He does not feel that there is a secure place in the middle school to have a file cabinet with confidential papers. He has strong reservations about putting this policy into place and he urged members to vote against it. Mrs. Lesperance agreed with Mr. Buckley.

Mr. Buckley also stated that he would like to move many documents in paper form to electronic base. He wants to get away from information just being printed.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge and seconded by Mrs. Robin to approve the first reading of the Storage Policy. ***The vote was 5 in favor, 3 opposed (Mr. Buckley, Mrs. Lesperance and Mr. Singleton).***

Dance Policy

It was agreed to hold the first reading of this policy until the next meeting.

Committee Forum

Mr. Singleton stated that he attended a baseball game at the high school and the field was not cut. Dr. Tyrie will look into this matter.

Mr. Buckley informed members that the District received a SmartBoard from French River.

Motion: At 9:30 p.m., it was moved by Mrs. Lesperance and seconded by Mr. Singleton to go into executive session for the purpose of reduction in force 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 10:00 p.m., it was moved by Mrs. Landry, seconded by Mrs. Lesperance and ***unanimously voted*** to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Robinson
Recording Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Charles K. Singleton, District Secretary