

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

*August 27, 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, Assistant Treasurer  
Charles K. Singleton, District Secretary  
John J. Eldridge  
Diane C. Robin  
Steven J. Tringali

Also in attendance were Interim 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 and a moment of silence for Senator Edward M. Kennedy.

***CONSENT AGENDA***

Mr. Buckley presented the Consent Agenda which included the minutes of the meeting of July 15, 2009 and the warrants.

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

Mr. Buckley informed members that the district received a request from Mr. William Demerest of Woonsocket for permission for his daughter to attend school in the District by paying tuition. The tuition cost is \$9,936.47 and he is willing to pay the cost.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Lesperance and ***unanimously voted*** that Rebecca Demerest be allowed to attend school at the high school dependent on the approval by Mr. Porter.

***Appointments***

Chairman Buckley welcomed District Counsel Harold D. Gould Jr. Attorney Gould requested that the following motions be made with regards to Ms. Shaver-Hood being appointed as the Interim Superintendent.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Tringali, seconded by Mr. Eldridge and ***unanimously voted*** to appoint Kimberly B. Shaver-Hood as Interim Superintendent of Schools of the District for the period commencing as of July 25, 2009 and terminating on June 30, 2010 be approved, ratified and confirmed.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Landry and ***unanimously voted*** that the document entitled "First Amendment to Employment Agreement" by and between the District and Kimberly B. Shaver-Hood setting forth the terms and provisions of her employment as Interim Superintendent of Schools of the District for the period commencing as of July 25, 2009 and terminating on June 30, 2010 be approved and that the District School Committee execute the same.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Singleton and seconded by Mrs. Lesperance and ***unanimously voted*** that pursuant to, and in accordance with, the provisions of 40 CFR §763.84 (g) (1), Kimberly B. Shaver-Hood be, and is hereby, designated as the person to ensure that the requirements of 40 CFR §763.84 are properly implemented by the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District.

Attorney Gould reviewed the request by Mr. and Mrs. McCourt that their child be permitted to attend school at JFK. They intend to relocate to Blackstone. If the family does not relocate by June 30, 2010 they will be responsible to pay the full tuition for the school year.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Singleton, seconded by Mrs. Lesperance that the Agreement by and between the District and Kevin B. and Heather A. McCourt regarding their son's enrollment in the kindergarten program at the John F. Kennedy Elementary School in September 2009 be approved and that Michael J. Buckley, Chairman of the Committee, be and is hereby empowered and directed to execute and deliver the Agreement for and on behalf of the District. ***The vote was six in favor, one opposed (Mr. Eldridge).***

Attorney Gould updated members on the renovations to the Life Skills bathroom; it is now complete. The asbestos work at the high school is also complete. The air and dust samples came back clean.

Ms. Shaver-Hood welcomed principals and their new staff members.

Mrs. Tetreault introduced Anthony DiFonso, fifth grade teacher and Alicia LaBonte, special education intensive preschool teacher. Mrs. Tetreault stated that Holly McGhee, .6 Team Chair, was unable to attend the meeting.

Mrs. Connolly introduced Pamela Astin, language based classroom teacher at JFK.

Mr. Porter introduced Kendra Baldini, .5 guidance counselor and stated that two new staff members not present were biology teacher JennyLyn Berry and library media specialist Jonah Smiley.

Mrs. Abrams reported on new staff members Julie Kearnan as a permanent substitute teacher, Kari Volk will be a .6 art teacher, Peter Hendrickson will be a .6 Spanish teacher, Natalie Hardy has been a permanent substitute teacher but will now be a science teacher and Candace McCall has been a substitute worker and has been appointed as a full time paraprofessional. Keith McNamara and Amanda Smutok worked at the high school last year but have been transferred to the middle school and Lynn Mercier will be a math leader for this school year. Mrs. Abrams also introduced Assistant Principal Justin Cameron.

Ms. Shaver-Hood introduced Jeanne Sheridan, Food Service Director. Ms. Sheridan will work at Bellingham School District as well as BMR.

### ***Public Forum***

Chairman Buckley asked if there were any issues for the public forum. Esther Cote stated that she would like to be added to the agenda. She also asked about the asbestos situation at the high school and requested that a letter be sent to staff members informing them that everything is clear.

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

Ms. Shaver-Hood reviewed staffing needs and class sizes. She will keep members up to date on this information as the school year begins.

Ms. Shaver-Hood attended the H1N1 meeting last evening with people throughout the Valley. She stated that the school district will work with Mr. Stanley of the Millville Board of Health and Mr. Walsh from the Blackstone Board of Health and they will keep parents updated.

### ***Appointment***

Mrs. Abrams and Mr. Cameron distributed information on MCAS. Mrs. Abrams gave a summary of the middle school status with regards to MCAS. The middle school did not make AYP for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year. Mrs. Abrams reviewed their restructuring action plans.

### ***Committee Forum***

Mr. Singleton thanked Ms. Shaver-Hood for taking the position of Interim Superintendent.

Mr. Buckley received correspondence from the Town of Blackstone regarding the joint meeting scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Buckley stated that he has not heard from Millville regarding the joint meeting and would like members from Millville to encourage the Selectmen and Finance Committee to attend the meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion:** At 9:15 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 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