

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

September 24, 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 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 Helen Zekanoski, retired nurse from the high school.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Buckley presented Consent Agenda "A", which included the minutes of the meeting of September 10, 2009 and the warrants.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Singleton, seconded by Mrs. Robinson, to approve Consent Agenda "A" as presented. The vote was ***seven in favor, one abstention*** (*Mrs. Landry abstained from the vote due to her absence from the meeting on September 10, 2009*).

Mr. Buckley presented Consent Agenda "B" which included a request from Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McGonagle, 136 Thayer Street, Millville, to home school their children Mitchel (grade 7) and Robert (grade 4). Mrs. Tetreault reviewed and approved their educational plan.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Landry 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***).

Appointments

Mr. Buckley welcomed senior Class Advisor Denise Morell and Class Officers Ethan Hardy, Devyn Oliver and Courtney Mercadante. The students reviewed the activities planned for the upcoming school year.

Student Representatives

Amanda Chamberlin reported on the homecoming events that will be taking place this weekend including a dance that will be held on Friday evening; over 300 tickets have been sold for the dance. Amanda also reported on the motivational speaker that was at the high school last week who spoke about plans the students have following graduation. He also spoke about respect.

Luke Perreault reported that the marching band will be performing this weekend both Saturday and Sunday. He noted the junior class officers have started meeting and discussing fund raising plans for the upcoming school year.

Public Forum

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

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

Ms. Shaver-Hood reviewed the expenditure ledger. Ms. Shaver-Hood also reported that she met with a health care representative today and she will begin preparing for next year; she will request a zero percent increase or lower in health costs.

Ms. Shaver-Hood and Mr. Buckley met with Mr. Monroe to review the district technology plan and it was agreed that the focus will be on upgrading the high school.

Mrs. Lesperance asked when the parent portal will be up and running and Ms. Shaver-Hood informed members that Mr. Toupin is working on the parent portal; it is a priority.

Ms. Shaver-Hood met with Bill Walsh and Mark Poirier on September 22nd. They informed Ms. Shaver-Hood that they received a grant and would like to bring some material to our students about proper hand washing as we enter into the flu season. Members agreed to have the children learn about proper hand washing and would also like the health departments in the district get involved.

Ms. Shaver-Hood stated that during their September 22nd meeting they also discussed the matter of the district participating in a meeting on September 30th to begin preparing for inoculations of the H1N1 flu shot. Ms. Shaver-Hood stated that there will be an order given by the State which is not negotiable and people will need to respond immediately following the order. In order to prepare for the inoculations there will be an exercise on October 6th and a mock drill on October 14th for the students to practice receiving inoculations since they will be given at school by the school nurses. Permission slips will be sent home as soon as Ms. Shaver-Hood receives the information. Parents can opt out of this but the school is required to provide the shots.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Lesperance and ***unanimously voted*** that Ms. Shaver-Hood should participate in the meetings, the exercise and the mock drill with the Blackstone EMS and Board of Health.

Mrs. Lesperance asked if the Town of Millville can be involved and Ms. Shaver-Hood will look into this.

Ms. Shaver-Hood contacted vendors to purchase hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes and tissues. Wal*Mart offered the best prices; she will keep members updated with the final cost.

Ms. Shaver-Hood continues to monitor attendance daily.

Ms. Shaver-Hood presented a request for a waiver of facility fees from members of the Men's Adult Basketball League. It was agreed to ask some representatives to attend the next school committee meeting to answer questions that members have for them.

Ms. Shaver-Hood informed members that Glen Koocher of MASC will have a workshop for school committee members on November 2nd from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the middle school. Mr. Buckley stated that Mr. Tringali and Mr. Eldridge are required to attend because they are new members. Ms. Shaver-Hood will contact other schools to see if they would like to participate.

Committee Forum

Mrs. Robin commended the Millville Elementary School for the Power to Save campaign.

Mr. Buckley informed members that the policy *Observations of Special Education Programs* is included in their packets. Mr. Buckley stated he will look into getting a policy for observation of regular education programs.

Marching Band will have their Home Show on Saturday evening at Bellingham High School.

Mr. Buckley read a letter he received from the MTA regarding Mrs. Cote's attendance outside of her classroom. Mr. Buckley will respond to the letter.

Motion: At 7:50 p.m., it was moved by Mrs. Lesperance and seconded by Mr. Singleton to go into executive session for the purpose of collective bargaining and 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 8:30. 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