

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

October 20, 2011

The Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee met in the Media Center of the Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School commencing at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Charles K. Singleton, Chairman
John J. Eldridge, Vice Chairman
Steven J. Tringali, District Secretary
Catherine A. Robinson, District Treasurer
Diane C. Robin, Assistant District Treasurer
Brian T. Faulkner, Member

Michael J. Buckley and Lisa C. Oliveira were absent from meeting.

Also in attendance at the meeting was Kimberly B. Shaver-Hood, Superintendent of Schools.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Robinson and **unanimously voted** to approve Consent Agenda A which includes Minutes of Meeting of October 6th and Warrants.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mr. Tringali to approve Consent Agenda B which includes Home Schooling requests by Mr. and Mrs. James Waclawik, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Merrill and Mr. and Mrs. John Gonya.

Mrs. Robin made a motion for the purposes of discussion not to allow Home Schooling for Mr. and Mrs. Keith Merrill and Mr. and Mrs. John Gonya. If the requests are not approved the parents will be contacted to let them know they need to provide more information on the curriculum that will be used in home schooling. Mrs. Robin would like to see specifics on what will be required of the parents. She does not want to vote no on this but feels more information is needed.

The motion on the floor is to deny the Home Schooling requests. This motion was withdrawn by Mrs. Robin. She is now making a motion to postpone the approval of the home schooling requests until principal, Richard Porter receives the information required from the parents.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Robin, seconded by Mr. Eldridge and **unanimously voted** to postpone the approval of the home schooling requests until more information is received from parents.

Alicia Pickering gave the student report. Student Council members and National Honor Society is working on fundraising,

Derek Tata gave the student report. He gave an update on field hockey, soccer and cross country. There will also be a group of students going to the MIAA wellness summit tomorrow. There is currently a canned good drive going on. One homeroom collected 200 canned goods.

The Blackstone Masters are requesting the master's basketball weekly league fee be lowered from \$70 to \$35 for use of the gymnasium. In the past any excess funds collected went to the Boys and Girls Club. Mrs. Robin asked that if there are extra funds that they consider giving it to the School District to use for repairs, etc. During the discussion Chairman Singleton recused himself from any discussion since he knows one of the participants.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Faulkner (**5 in favor, one recused – Chairman Singleton**) to reduce the Blackstone Masters Basketball fee from \$70 to \$35.

Chairman Singleton returned at 7:30 p.m.

Attorney Harold Gould spoke on rescinding the vote on incurring debt at the meeting of September 22nd.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mr. Tringali and **unanimously voted** that the motion on September 22nd to incur debt in the amount of two million dollars for the purposes of financing the costs of repairing and or replacing the roofs and their appurtenant components at the regional high school including architectural and or engineering costs and other costs incidental and related thereto be and is hereby rescinded.

The Budget Sub Committee has been reorganized. The new committee will be comprised of Chairman Singleton, Mr. Tringali, Mr. Eldridge and Mrs. Robin. Mr. Tringali will take over as chairman of this sub committee.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Robinson, seconded by Mrs. Robin and **unanimously voted** to approve the reorganization of the Budget Sub Committee comprised of Chairman Singleton, Mr. Tringali, Mr. Eldridge and Mrs. Robin with Mr. Tringali taking over as chairman of this committee.

Chairman Singleton would like to dedicate the Millville Elementary School courtyard to previous School Committee Vice-chairman Ann Lesperance.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mr. Tringali and **unanimously voted** to move forward with the process of dedicating the MES courtyard to Mrs. Ann Lesperance.

Chairman Singleton will bring this request to the town meeting for approval.

Report of the Superintendent

Superintendent Shaver-Hood has put together a proposal for Facilities Manager. This person would be working with the town building inspectors and town officials, if required. Revisions will be made to this proposal and brought back to the committee members.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mr. Faulkner and **unanimously voted** that having convened in an open meeting on October 20, 2011, the Blackstone- Millville Regional School District of the towns of Blackstone and Millville in accordance with its charter by laws and ordinances, has voted to authorize the superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the statement of interest form dated October 20,2011 for the Blackstone Millville Regional High School which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts Building Authority in the future.

The submittal will describe the condition and the need for a roof replacement at the Blackstone Millville Regional High School. As well as a submittal will be made to upgrade and remodel the science rooms and labs also located in the Blackstone-Millville Regional High School which is located at 175 Lincoln Street, Blackstone, MA and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this statement of interest form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority or commits the Blackstone Millville Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority .

The cost for MIAA to repair the High School roof will be approximately \$38,000 and will not be paid by the school district but covered through MIAA, our insurance company.

It was stated that 6,415 cans were collected for the can drive. The food pantry is thrilled because the shelves are full. A thank you goes out to all of the people involved in this.

There will be a toy drive in November.

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held the week of November 17th.

There is a rally planned at the State House to have a bill go through to have defibrillators at all athletic activities. A group of students will attend with Tim Johnson, Athletic Director. Representative Fattman will promote this bill.

MIAA applied for participation in the Early Retiree Reinsurance Program on our behalf. The program was set up to encourage employers to offer people who are retired, but not eligible for Medicare to continue offering health insurance to those retirees. There is a limited time period for the program as well as a limited dollar amount. The program will terminate January 1, 2014 or when the money runs out. The District's share is \$46,995.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Robin and **unanimously voted** to authorize the District to reduce the working rates for the early retirees reinsurance program.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Robin, seconded by Mr. Tringali and **unanimously voted** to adjust the leave of absence taken by secretary, Karen Breault to be a family medical leave with the same three month time frame.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Robin and **unanimously voted** to approve the Field Trip Requests presented at tonight's meeting.

There was no one in attendance for Public Forum.

Committee Forum

Core Values were reviewed in the strategic planning meeting. A sub-committee will be set up for each core value. They will then set goals to accomplish. If anyone from the community is interested in being on this committee they can contact the Superintendent.

Motion: At 8:10 p.m. it was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Robin to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Collective Bargaining with the Educator's Association and to discuss complaints and disciplinary action against an individual. They will come out of Executive Session only for the purpose of adjournment. The motion was followed by a role call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Monique F. Simard
Recording Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Steven J. Tringali, District Secretary