

Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee

Minutes of Meeting

Frederick Hartnett Middle School

July 12, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Introduction of Members:

Jane C Reggio, Chairperson - virtually

Erin P. Vinacco, Vice Chairperson - acting Chair this evening - present at meeting

Keri L. Gaudette, District Treasurer

Tammy A. Lemieux, Member

Tim Howell, Member

Amanda D. Guilmain, Member

Sarah E. Williams, Member

Mrs. Larkin was not present at the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was recited.

Also in attendance were Jason DeFalco, EdD, Superintendent of Schools and Matthew J. Ehrenworth, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Jill Pilla-Gallerani and Jenny Chan-Remka.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mrs. Lemieux and unanimously voted to approve Consent Agenda A which includes Warrants and Minutes of the June 23, 2021 meeting.

Public Forum - There were no items for the first Public Forum.

It was recommended to move the Superintendent's evaluation to the end of agenda.

Report of the Superintendent

Dr. DeFalco gave an overview of all summer programs offered by the District.

- A small ESY program started today and will officially take off tomorrow. There are 86 students enrolled for the ESY program. It is driven by their IEP's and runs until August 19th.
- The Boys and Girls Club program launched on Monday, June 28th. There are 150 Blackstone-Millville students participating. They are meeting for restructuring with the team. They are sending home to families the different activities they are doing in their zone. They want to keep the kids interested in their zone and make it fun for the students. They are rearranging the focus skills here.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Howell, seconded by Mrs. Lemieux and unanimously voted to approve the optional teacher professional development day on August 30, 2021.

Dr. DeFalco is looking for approval for a new job description for the 21st Century grant site coordinator.

They drafted a list of responsibilities for this coordinator. There is no cost to our local budget. It will be an additional job duty for a current staff member.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Howell, seconded by Mrs. Gaudette and unanimously voted to approve the addition of the 21st Century grant site coordinator position.

Report of the Business Office

Matthew Ehrenworth - Assistant Superintendent

Mr. Ehrenworth gave a summary of fund lines. They need to balance the amounts in the different fund groupings. He has recommended motions to transfer funds.

The green line on the sheets is what he estimates E & D to be for FY21 when it gets certified next year. Below that is the summary of the various fund groupings which comes from the bottom of the analysis sheet they go over regularly.

There is a need to balance the amounts in the different fund groupings. There is a surplus in some and a deficit in others. He has indicated where he has recommended motions.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Reggio, seconded by Mr. Howell and unanimously voted to move funds in order to balance the general fund in the amount of \$300,000 from the 3000 series (Other Student Services) to the 4000 series (Maintenance).

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Howell, seconded by Mrs. Guilmain and unanimously voted to move funds in the amount of \$15,000 from the 2000 series (Instructional) to the 1000 series (Administration) and \$5,000 from the 2000 series (Instructional) to the 5000 series (Benefits and Leased Equipment).

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mrs. Gaudette and unanimously voted to move funds from the Specific Revenue funds to the General Fund with \$122,081 from the Medicaid Special Revenue fund and \$1,894 from the Interest Special Revenue fund.

Personnel Update

Robert McAnulty was hired as the new .75 groundskeeper in the District.

Dr. DeFalco stated they do have the workbooks that go with all subjects. This past year was difficult with the pandemic and more technology was used. He feels it is important for kids to get materials in their hands. Phones need to be off and put away during the school day.

Superintendent End of year evaluation

A copy was placed in the packets for all members.

Mrs. Vinacco wants to explain what they are looking at.

She will read the indicator and where Dr. DeFalco fell on the rating.

He is being evaluated in one voice and comments from individuals will not be read.

- Standard 1 - Instructional leadership - Exceeded
- Student Engagement - Exceeded
- Meeting Diverse Needs - Exceeded
- **Overall for Standard 1 - Exceeded**

Successfully guided BMRSD through a pandemic. Steered the district in the right direction during this trying time.

- Social Emotional well being - Standard 2 - Exceeded
- Health and Safety - Exceeded
- **Overall for Standard 2 - Exceeded**

Students educational needs were well balanced against the Pandemic priorities.

- Student Support Standard 3 - Exceeded
- Family support - Exceeded
- **Overall Standard 3 - Exceeded**

Available to families 24/7. Present as much as humanly possible and has attempted to meet all student needs. Made sure the free school meals continued.

- Commitment to high standards - Standard 4 - Has met
- Continuous learning of staff - Met
- **Overall for Standard 4 - Has met**

Dedication of all was directed from the top.

- Professional Practice goal - Exceeded
- District Improvement Goal Curriculum and Instruction - Met
- District Improvement Equity - Significant Progress
- Fiscal Management - Exceeded
- Student Learning goal - Some progress

Mrs. Vinacco - would like to know if lockers will be used again?

Dr. DeFalco stated they have not yet had that conversation.

Mrs. Reggio- the Committee will need to revisit the protocols and policies surrounding Covid.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Howell, seconded by Mrs. Lemieux to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and move into Executive Session for the purpose of Contract Negotiations and not to return to the regular meeting. This was followed by a roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Monique F. Simard
Recording Secretary

ATTEST: 
Tara L. Larkin, District Secretary