



BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School - Media Center
April 24, 2019
7:00PM

- I. **Opening of Meeting**
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance
 - c. Introduction of Members

- II. **Public Forum**

- III. **Consent Agenda A**
 - a. Warrants

- IV. **School Committee**
 - a. Presentation from Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools
 - b. Discussion and Vote to Seek a Consultant Group to Lead the Regional Agreement

- V. **Report of the Superintendent**
 - a. Technology Department Reorganization
 - b. Review and Approve to Enter into a MOA with Unit C Evaluation Tool

- VI. **School Committee Forum**
 - a. Mrs. Jane Reggio
 - b. Mrs. Erin P. Vinacco
 - c. Ms. Tara Larkin
 - d. Mrs. Caryn Vernon
 - e. Mr. Jack R. Keefe
 - f. Mrs. Tammy Lemieux
 - g. Ms. Sarah Williams
 - h. Mrs. Wendy Greenstein

- VII. **Upcoming Meetings**
 - a. School Committee Meeting – May 8, 2019

- VIII. **Executive Session**
 - a. Executive session will be held for the purpose of: M.G.L. chapter 30A, section 21(a) (3) to conduct strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares; and not to return to open session (Administrator’s Association).

- IX. **Adjournment**

The items listed on this agenda are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair to be discussed at the meeting. Not all items may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

**BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

MEMO

TO: Blackstone-Millville Regional School Committee
RE: School Committee, Consent Agenda A
DATE: April 24, 2019

1. Warrants

a. Payroll

- i. Move to approve payroll voucher numbers: as submitted by the Superintendent of Schools

b. Payables

- i. Move to approve the payable voucher number: 2005 General, 2006 Café, 2004 Bonds, and 2007 as submitted by the Superintendent of Schools

**Amending the
Regional Agreement**

**Presentation to
Blackstone-Millville Regional School District**

***Massachusetts Association of
Regional Schools***



Procedure to Amend Overview

- Review the current Regional Agreement for procedures for amending
- Review State Laws concerning regions
- Form a Regional Agreement Amendment Committee
- Develop a Community Relations Process
- Review and suggest amendments to current Regional Agreement
- When submitting an amendment, all parts of the regional agreement must be in compliance with State Laws and Regulations
- Produce an amended Agreement
- Seek preliminary approval from Commissioner of Education
- Amended agreement is Voted in each town
- Final Approval by the Commissioner of Education



Blackstone-Millville RSD Agreement

- Current Agreement when formed K-12 Region
1982
- Last time Agreement amended = 1998



Your Agreement

- What is on file with the DESE?
- Has the agreement been updated with amendments that have been approved by the Towns?
- Does DESE have all the amendments?
- This is an opportunity to update the agreement with all the amendments into one document.



Blackstone-Millville RSD Regional Agreement: Amendment Language

- Limitations: cannot make any amendments that absolve any member town from past, present, or future financial obligations
- Procedure:
 - Initiated by RSC or 10% of voters
 - BOS put on warrant
 - Required majority vote of all member towns



Why is an Update Needed?

- Education Reform Act of 1993
- New laws & DESE regulations
- Opportunity to update Agreement to meet the current interests of the school district and the communities



Process to Amend

- Form a Regional Agreement Amendment Committee
- Review the current Regional Agreement for issues to amend
- Incorporate State Laws, DESE Regulations & current practice
- Review and suggest amendments to current Regional Agreement
- Produce an amended Agreement which is presented to the School Committee
- School Committee votes to approve, not approve or change the amendment and updates to regional agreement
- Seek preliminary approval from Commissioner of Education
- Send agreement to Selectmen in each Town



Member Towns Voting

- Selectmen place article on the warrant at annual or special Town Meeting
- Voters approve or disapprove amended agreement
- If approved, signed agreement and certified votes sent to DESE
- Commissioner approves amended agreement provided it is in compliance



State Laws - Regional Agreements

- Regional agreements must address all sections as outlined in MGL, Chapter 71 Section 14B
- All required sections must be up-to-date & corrected where necessary



Community Relations Plan

- Public Forums
- BoS & FinCom Regional Study Committee members communicate with their respective boards (BoS & FinCom)
- School Committee members share updates at meetings
- Community members communicate with other members of the communities



Significant Issues

- Assessments
 - Statutory Method
 - Alternative (Agreement) Method
- School Committee membership



Why Amendment Process Facilitation?

- Consultants familiar with amendment process
- Familiarity with multiple laws & regulations that need to be addressed
- Liaison between District and DESE
- Help with developing final product
- Work with District to re-order the agreement



A Reflection

- Amendment Process requires careful thought
- Need to develop a significant Community Relations Program
- Length of time to complete amended Regional Agreement depends on the significance of the issues
- Recommendation is to have DESE and legal assistance throughout the process



Questions



Section 14E: Regional school district committee membership options

Section 14E. A regional school district may, by amendment to its regional school district agreement, provide for one of the following options concerning the members of its regional district school committee: (1) electing committee members by voters in member communities with each community's representation apportioned according to population; (2) electing members in district-wide elections to be held at the biennial state elections; (3) electing members with residency requirements in district-wide elections to be held at the biennial state elections; (4) weighing the votes of committee members according to the population they represent; and (5) appointing committee members by locally elected officials such as school board members. Each regional school district shall designate an individual to serve as district clerk.

If a regional school district decides to elect members in district-wide elections to be held at the biennial state elections or if any vacancy is to be so filled, the district clerk shall notify the state secretary by April fifteenth of the year of the biennial state election of that fact and also of his name and mailing address.

Blackstone-Millville Regional School District
 Reorganization Overview
 Department Name: Technology

Current SY 2019-20 Design: Structures Positions Costs	Proposed SY 2019-20 Design: Structures Positions Costs
(1) Network and Integration Administrator \$100,000	Contract with outside Technology Provider \$40,000
(1) Computer/Network Technician \$65,575	(1) Computer/Network Technician \$65,575
(1) District Help Desk Technician \$40,800	(2) District Help Desk Technicians \$80,800
	Additional Network and Hardware Needs \$10,000
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Total- \$200,375	Total - \$196,375 (\$10,000 savings)