

Minutes of Meeting
July 8, 2019
6:00 p.m.
FWH Middle School

The Blackstone Millville Regional District School Committee met in the media center of the Hartnett Middle School at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Jane C. Reggio, Chairperson
Tara L. Larkin, District Secretary
Tammy A. Lemieux, Member
Caryn D. Vernon, Member
Sarah E. Williams, Member

Mrs. Vinacco, Mrs. Greenstein and Mr. Keefe were absent from the meeting.

Mrs. Reggio asked to hold the Minutes for the next meeting.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Larkin, seconded by Mrs. Lemieux and unanimously voted to approve the Warrants.

The School Committee Calendar for FY20 was presented. There will be a change in the day of the meetings from Wednesday to Thursday. All members were in agreement with this.

Report of the Superintendent

Dr. DeFalco mentioned needing more time to order labs and kits for the Science materials for the elementary school. They will launch the elementary during Trimester 2.

The Secondary units are further along and are ready to move at the beginning of the year. The following resources are needed at the Secondary level:

Middle School Level - imbed robotics into the course work. \$9,629.69
Need laptops with hard drives, not the chrome books \$16,500

High School - Forensics Course for \$3500
Lab Materials - Oscilloscope for \$1500
Technology V5 Robotics \$6000

Later in the meeting when we get to budget forecast the Committee will see that \$37,000 was encumbered in FY19 for this cost.

They are looking now at lab kits that go with Mystery Science for the elementary level. Dr. DeFalco is a bit hesitant to give a final cost for elementary at this point.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mrs. Vernon and unanimously voted to approve the purchase of the following items for the secondary science materials:

Middle School Level - imbed robotics into the course work. \$9,629.69

Need laptops with hard drives and not the chrome books \$16,500

High School - Forensics Course for \$3500

Lab Materials - Oscilloscope for \$1500

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Mrs. Lemieux noticed there was a Use of Facilities request in their packets.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Larkin, seconded by Mrs. Williams and unanimously voted to approve the Use of Facilities request for a support group meeting at the BMRHS with the stipulation that any school events or activities would take precedence if the facility is needed.

Dr. DeFalco stated that the A.P. test results are in. The first meeting will be held on July 10th with the Instructional planning reports released to principals. On July 22nd all student files will be released. On August 19th the student reports will be sent home so the School Committee members can anticipate a report around that time.

Mrs. Lemieux wants to look at the scores and determine whether a high enough percentage of students are passing and determine if instruction can remain or change to increase the number.

Dr. DeFalco stated that Mr. Dudek does a recognition ceremony in the fall for students on MCAS and will also do A.P. as well.

Learning Forward Summer Institute will be presented by the Dept. of Education on July 18th. Dr. DeFalco will represent how we are utilizing curriculum to change teaching and learning.

FY19 budget forecast closeout

Mr. Ehrenworth spoke on major revenues coming in regarding the larger lines and what we budgeted. He spoke on the variances.

The following came in higher than anticipated:

Transportation reimbursement came in \$83,000 over anticipated.

Circuit breaker originally was estimated at 72% and we received 74%.

Medicaid income - \$120,000 budgeted and we brought in \$194,000.

School Choice reimbursement went down a little bit and we lost money on this. A net loss overall.

We have encumbered things with the extra money. We have encumbered Science Curriculum materials and Wilson Language training. We can get 10 teachers trained with this amount.

Increased salary savings this year, Utility savings and increased revenue.

General fund total revenue vs. total expenses puts us at a negative \$135,826 and below it are the funds that we used to offset it. Year end closing balance of approximately \$253,000. This is in addition to the funds already encumbered.

The intent is to allocate all expenses to the fund they should come from at the start.

Mrs. Lemieux stated the cafeteria number is a concern to her. The lunch policy was put in before her arrival. The \$39,000 of unpaid lunch fees is crazy.

Mr. Ehrenworth said it is actually not the unpaid lunch fees but it is the loss of revenue over the year. The District already reimbursed the cafeteria fund for the unpaid lunch fees.

We increased the lunch rates this past year. We are undercharging on our a la carte items. Also the catering service the cafeteria provides for the District needs to increase.

Mr. Ehrenworth mentioned this summary of revenues was presented before and he wanted to address it. The net loss in the cafeteria is a loss for this year but they had fund balances in the cafeteria fund which absorbed this year's loss.

Stipend Reduction

During the budget season they talked about a reduction in stipend positions of \$50,000.

Mr. Ehrenworth stated they are recommending reductions in positions that are non student based that can be covered internally within the District. These are as follows for a total of \$20,007.26:

Reduce all 504 Coordinators, Central Detention and the AED Coordinator.

We had a number of credits on our MIAA account that amounted to over \$20,000 so they are applying these credits to our insurance premiums for this year and use these funds to offset the extra curricular activities.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Larkin, seconded by Mrs. Vernon and unanimously voted to approve the reduction in stipend positions for FY20 by \$20,007.26 by eliminating the 504 positions, the Central Detention positions and the AED Coordinator position.

The duties will still be performed but in a different way.

Dr. DeFalco stated this is work done during the school day. The work is not going away.

Facilities - Mr. Ehrenworth

Work should begin in the upcoming week on the Fire Panel at the BMR High School.

Millville Boiler - MSBA sent language that needed to be reviewed by the Town of Millville. It was accepted by them and they talked about the final cost of the project. They will get the language on a special town meeting and have Millville vote to move forward with the boiler.

JFK window replacement project is underway. Work is being done. Owner's project manager meetings began. The company provides the updated notes and minutes of their meetings. Mr. Ehrenworth has been in touch with the OPM regularly.

The next meeting will be held on August 15th at 6:00 p.m at the Hartnett Middle School.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Lemieux, seconded by Mrs. Vernon to move into Executive Session 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