



BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School
Thursday, September 22, 2016
7:00 PM

Included in this transmission is the following:

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

- II. Report of Student Representatives**
 - a. Brittany Dwyer
 - b. Jack Keefe

- III. Public Forum**

- IV. Consent Agenda A**
 - a. Warrants
 - b. Field Trips
 - c. Minutes of Meeting
 - a. September 22, 2016

- V. School Committee**
 - a. FY 15 Audit Report from R.E. Brown & Company
 - b. Superintendent's Evaluation and Goals

- VI. Report of the Superintendent**
 - a. Discussion of District Improvement Plan
 - b. FY 17 Budget Update
 - c. Millville Elementary Grade 5 Update

- VII. Report of the Assistant Superintendent**

- VIII. Public Forum**

IX. School Committee Forum

- a. Mrs. Erin P. Vinacco, Chair
- b. Mrs. Wendy L. Greenstein, Vice Chair
- c. Ms. Tara Larkin, District Secretary
- d. Mrs. Jane Reggio, District Treasurer
- e. Mr. William F. Chaplin, Jr., Member
- f. Mr. Steven J. Tringali, Member
- g. Ms. Jo-Anne Watson, Member
- h. Ms. Georgette A. Jarret, Member

X. Upcoming Meetings

- a. October 6, 2016 – Public Meeting
 - 1. Lions Club Vision Screening

XI. Executive Session

XII. 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
ALLEN W. HIMMELBERGER
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

MEMO

TO: Blackstone-Millville Regional School Committee

RE: School Committee 9-22-16, Consent Agenda A

DATE: September 22, 2016

Recommended Consent Agenda A – Items

1. Warrants

a. Payroll

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

b. Payables

- i. Move to approve the payable voucher numbers: General , and Café as submitted by the Superintendent of Schools

2. Field Trips

- a. Ms. Nicole Sacco requesting field trip to MASC Officers Shop at Holy Cross for Student Council – Thursday, October 20, 2016
- b. 7th Grade Teachers requesting field trip to Adventures in Respect at Hockomock Area YMCA, Attleboro, MA – Thursday, November 3, 2016 and Friday November 4, 2016
 - i. Move to approve field trip to MASC Officers Shop at Holy Cross, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools
 - ii. Move to approve field trip to Adventures in Respect at Hockomock Area YMCA, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

3. Use of School Facilities

- a. Blackstone-Millville Youth Basketball requesting the use of MES Gymnasium and requesting to waive building fees.
 - i. Move to approve the Blackstone-Millville Youth Basketball, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

- b. Blackstone-Millville Youth Basketball requesting the use of FWHMS Gymnasium and requesting to waive building fees.
 - i. Move to approve the Blackstone-Millville Youth Basketball, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

4. Minutes

- i. Move to approve the school committee minutes of September 8, 2016.

Tuesday September 20, 2016

CHARGING INTO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year. It is always an exciting and nervous time for all; students, parents, and staff. Our door is always open to all, and the proof is in our increased enrollment over the summer. The word is out, great things are happening in all of our schools and we welcome our new and returning students and a very special welcome to the Class of 2029. Don't worry, the tee shirts will fit soon enough!

Many parents ask what they can do to insure their children's success and the answer is quite simple and time tested.

1. Make sure your students get between 8-10 hours of sleep every night and that it is during the same time each night.
2. Make sure your students eat a healthy breakfast, the most important meal of the day, as well as a healthy and well-balanced lunch and dinner with healthy snacks.
3. Make sure your students get regular medical and dental checkups.
4. Inquire every day as to what your student liked most about school and what they liked the least, this dialogue is important to have to engage students in sharing what is on their mind and helps parents to communicate with teachers and school to work together for the very best educational outcomes.

The most important tool parents have to insure success is to read to and with their children from birth through elementary school. Studies have shown over and over again that students who read with parents at least twenty minutes a day acquire far more vocabulary and develop a greater understanding of context than peers who do not. Neurological pathways that are developed and exercised have a far greater capacity for learning and reading every day for twenty minutes provides this.

A quick note on questions, concerns, suggestions, clarifications, or any issues that are on parents minds as we start school and throughout the year. If it is a classroom issue, please contact the teacher. If it is a building question, please contact the principal. For any other concern, please email me or call my office for resolution. Social media may be more fun for some but it is not nearly as efficient and the School Committee will only forward your comments and questions to us. We cannot respond, solve, or understand what the concerns are if we do not hear directly from you. I can be reached at: ahimmelberger@bmrtd.net and my office number is: 508-876-0137. If everyone could follow the chain of command, all issues can be solved in an efficient manner. Dr. Thomson and I are committed to providing your children, our students, with the very best educational opportunities possible. Only by working together can we achieve that goal.

I look forward to a most successful 2016-2017 school year and hope your students take advantage of all that we have to offer here at BMRSD.