



BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School
Thursday, September 8, 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. Consent Agenda A**
 - a. Warrants
 - b. Minutes of Meeting
 - a. August 11, 2016

- IV. School Committee**
 - a. Discussion of Millville Elementary 5th Grade Staffing
 - b. Charter School Cap, Discussion and Vote
 - c. Review of Sub-Committees
 - d. Superintendent's Evaluation

- V. Public Forum**

- VI. Report of the Superintendent**
 - a. Discussion of Superintendent 2016-2017 professional practice and improving student learning goals
 - b. Discussion and Vote of Middle School Field Trip
 - c. Back to School and Personnel 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. September 22, 2016 – Public Meeting
 - 1. FY15 Audit Report

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 - Consent Agenda A

DATE: September 8, 2016

Recommended Consent Agenda A – Items

1. Warrants

a. Payroll

- i. Move to approve payroll voucher numbers: 5, 6, 1004, and 1005 as submitted by the Superintendent of Schools

b. Payables

- i. Move to approve the payable voucher numbers: General 1880 and Cafeteria 1881 as submitted by the Superintendent of Schools

2. Minutes

- i. Move to approve the school committee minutes of
 - 1. August 11, 2016



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**Resolution Against Lifting the Cap on Commonwealth Charter Schools
(We urge you to Vote No on Question 2 on the November Ballot)**

WHEREAS, free public schools available to all students of income, ability, need or English language proficiency are foundational to our democracy; and

WHEREAS, all of our students deserve high quality public schools that teach the whole child, providing enrichment and addressing social and emotional needs in addition to core academic subjects; and

WHEREAS, local accountability for our public schools is necessary to ensure that schools are responsive to the needs of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Public school districts across the state are losing more than \$408 million this year alone - a loss of funds in part due to a declining reimbursement, that is undermining the ability of districts to provide all students with the educational services to which they are entitled; and

WHEREAS, Governor Baker's proposed reform charter reimbursement neither fully funds reimbursement nor equitably treats sending districts; and

WHEREAS, Commonwealth charter schools are often approved over the objections of the majority of community residents and their elected officials and are not accountable to local elected officials once they are approved; and

WHEREAS, Commonwealth charter schools often fail to serve the same proportion of special needs students, low income students and English language learners as the districts from which they receive students and often use high suspension rates to drive out students they don't want to serve; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth charter school system is creating separate and unequal opportunities for success; and

WHEREAS, lifting the cap on charter schools would greatly worsen the problems listed above and lead to a costly and divisive two track school system;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Blackstone Millville Regional School Committee opposes lifting the cap on Commonwealth charter schools.

BMRSD Chairperson of the School Committee

Hartnett Middle School Proposed Overnight Field Trips 2016/2017

6th Grade Nature's Classroom, October 2nd through October 4th

3 days, 2 nights (first year in five years that we are adding a night)

Leaving Sunday afternoon, October 2 from the middle school (arriving on a Sunday afternoon saves approximately \$18.00 a student)

Coming back Tuesday, October 4, late afternoon

Cost: 175.00 includes all meals, snacks, room/board (cost was \$145.00 last school year, but the trip was 1 night and a day in a half)

Will have available over 2K in scholarship money for those families who need assistance.

Families can defer a portion of the payment to after their son/daughter returns from the trip

Family Informational night schedule Tuesday, September 20

8th Grade Washington DC, June 7 through June 10

4 days, 3 nights (same as last year)

Leaving Wednesday, June 7th after school and returning Saturday June 10th

(Easter holiday is during April vacation in 2017.)

Cost: \$550.00

includes all meals, snacks, room/board and a dinner cruise (cost was 525.00 last school year; added cost for hotel closer to DC area so to avoid spending time in traffic on buses when leaving and coming back to DC from the hotel)

Will have available over 3K in scholarship money for those families who need assistance.

Family Informational Night will be scheduled for October