

**School Committee Meeting
December 15, 2016
Frederick Hartnett Middle School**

The Blackstone Millville Regional District School Committee met in the library of the Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Wendy L. Greenstein, Assistant Chairperson as Acting Chairperson
Tara L. Larkin, District Secretary
Jane C. Reggio, District Treasurer
Steven J. Tringali, Member
Jo-Anne Watson, Member

Superintendent Himmelberger was absent from the meeting as well as Mrs. Vinacco, Mr. Chaplin, Mrs. Jarret and Student Representative, Brittany Dwyer.

Also in attendance was Assistant Superintendent of Schools, David Thomson, Ed.D.

Report of Student Representative

Jack Keefe stated that Spirit Week will be held next week. Pep Rally will be on Friday and the theme is Cities. Charter Stampede fan club. Students sign up to attend boys and girls basketball games and the club will cheer with themes.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Reggio, seconded by Mr. Tringali and unanimously voted to approve Consent Agenda A which includes Warrants and Minutes of Meeting of December 1, 2016.

Report of the Assistant Superintendent

The New England School Development Council (NESDEC) projected a decrease in student enrollment based on house building in the area. The good news is that it seems to level out in 2019. The enrollment now is at 1750 and is projected to be reduced to 1500 in the next few years to come. NESDEC looks through town records and projects enrollment. They look at births and enrollments and house building permits for the last 4 or 5 years. It is not broken down by Town except for building permits. State funding is based on enrollment. We still have some of the same fixed costs with running a school no matter how many students are enrolled.

They need a vote on the video audiotaping policy which has been reviewed by legal counsel. We read it in May but we did not vote to accept it.

The other is the toileting policy. It is based on bathroom use and supervision by staff for students who need to be toileted.

Mrs. Reggio has reviewed policies. There is a difference between policy and procedure. She doesn't feel it needs to be in the policy manual but should be under procedures. The concept of three policy readings is our policy and not mandated by the State.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Reggio, seconded by Mr. Tringali and unanimously voted to waive the readings on the Video Audiotaping Policy and to approve this policy.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Larkin, seconded by Mrs. Watson and unanimously voted to change the toileting policy to a toileting procedure and to approve this procedure.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Tringali, seconded by Mrs. Reggio and unanimously voted to approve the hiring of a para professional in the Social Emotional classroom at the FWH Middle School.

Dr. Thomson stated that it will be a minimal cost for 2/3 of the school year and absorbed in the Special Education budget. He stated that this is a new hire and currently there is a substitute in the classroom but a steady para professional is needed.

Mrs. Greenstein asked if there are any other needs in this program. Dr. Thomson stated that you start and needs pop up and this is one of the challenges of budgeting and staffing with special needs. A student has moved into the community and we need this in place. We have a competent school psychologist working in the program as well as a BCBA, teacher and now a para professional.

If there are supplies needed it would be minor. We can move some items around in the District.

Mr. Tringali stated that the BCBA is Districtwide. If a need pops up somewhere that person can assist in that location.

You need two adults in the room to respond to the needs of the students.

All are in favor to approve the motion.

There were no items for Public Forum

School Committee Forum

Mrs. Reggio met with MASC regarding policies in the District. It is a lengthy process which will be carried out over several years. They will review it in a workshop when it is finished.

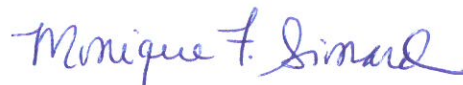
Mr. Tringali will meet with Joe Niemczyk on safety concerns in the District. They will put their heads together and start from the beginning.

Mrs. Larkin – 8 attended the first Regional Agreement meeting.

Upcoming School Committee meetings are scheduled for Jan. 12th and 26th.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Reggio, seconded by Mrs. Larkin and unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Monique F. Simard, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



Tara L. Larkin, District Secretary