



## BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School  
Thursday, November 13, 2014

Included in this transmission is the following:

**\*\*AR – Action Required / IO - Information Only / DI – Discussion Item\*\***

- I. Opening of Meeting**
  - a. Call to Order
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance
  - c. Introduction of Members
  
- II. Public Forum**
  
- III. Report of Student Representative**
  - a. Eric Eisner IO
  - b. Griffin Reilly IO
  
- IV. School Committee**
  
- V. Consent Agenda “A”**
  - a. Warrants AR
  - b. Minutes of the meeting:
    - a. October 23, 2014 AR
  
- VI. Report of the Superintendent**
  - a. Recognition of Rachel Oliveira IO
  - b. Budget Presentation from Jim Eggert, District Financial Consultant IO
  - c. Math/Science Initiative, John Smolenski IO
  - d. Acceptance of Gifts AR
  - e. District Improvement Plan AR
  - f. Roof Projects Update IO
  - g. Request for Special Education Tuition Revolving Account AR
  
- VII. Report of the Assistant Superintendent**

**VIII. Public Forum**

**IX. School Committee Forum**

- a. Mr. William F. Chaplin, Chair
- b. Mr. Steven J. Tringali, Vice Chair
- c. Mrs. Erin P. Vinacco, District Secretary
- d. Mrs. Wendy L. Greenstein, District Treasurer
- e. Ms. Diane C. Robin, Member
- f. Mr. Brian T. Faulkner, Member
- g. Mrs. Jane C. Reggio, Member
- h. Ms. Georgette A. Jarret, Member

**X. Upcoming Meetings**

- a. Thursday, December 11, 2014
- b. Agenda items for next meeting

**XI. 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 11-13-14, Consent Agenda A**

**DATE: November 13, 2014**

**1. Warrants**

a. Payroll

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

Payables

- ii. Move to approve the payable voucher numbers: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ as submitted by the Superintendent of Schools

**2. Field Trips**

a. Plimoth Plantation – Plymouth, MA, November 14, 2014

b. Plimoth Plantation – Plymouth, MA, November 25, 2014

c. Museum of Science – Boston, January 13, 2015

d. New England Aquarium – Boston, May 28, 2015

- i. Move to approve field trip to Plimoth Plantation, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools
- ii. Move to approve field trip to Plimoth Plantation, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools
- iii. Move to approve field trip to Museum of Science, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools
- iv. Move to approve field trip to New England Aquarium, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools

**3. Minutes**

- i. Move to approve the school committee minutes of October 23, 2014

# Louise Sublette Award of Leadership Excellence



## Award Winner Rachel Oliveira

The Louise Sublette Award of Leadership Excellence in School Nutrition, is considered the highest honor a school nutrition manager can earn. It recognizes the importance of those closest to the school nutrition program: the managers.

The award is named in memory of Louise Sublette, a leader in school nutrition programs in Tennessee and in SNA. During her 43 years in the profession, she worked with many areas of foodservice and nutrition—public schools, colleges, hospitals and elderly feeding programs. Her name is given to this high award because throughout her life, Louise Sublette emphasized that the success of school nutrition depends upon those professionals who work in school nutrition programs. The award is given to the person who has taken a special idea, developed it into a goal and used that goal to help the school's nutrition program grow.

Winner Rachel Oliveira, of the FW Hartnett Middle School in Blackstone, understood the need for students to eat the most important meal of the day: breakfast. As the manager, she was disappointed that the breakfast participation at her school was too low, and decided that her goal was to find a way to increase participation.

Through a Fuel up to Play 60 grant from the New England Dairy Council, the Harnett Middle School used the funds to create a 'breakfast café' in the servery that included high top tables & chairs and professionally painted graphics. Rachel's hope was that if students had a setting other than the café to eat, more would participate. Other updates that Rachel oversaw was the implementation of a breakfast cart & tablet POS cash system to be used in front entrance of the school, in hopes of 'capturing' students as they entered the building. As a result of these changes, the breakfast participation rose from 4% to 14%.

While the increase in participation was impressive, Rachel was not satisfied. She managed to convince the principal, with the cooperation of Food Service Director, Jeanne Sheridan, to start a "Second Chance Breakfast". This was no easy feat, as there were many challenges, such as busses, time on learning and tight schedules, but she managed to get the faculty and administration on board with her idea. Rachel identified the "social nature" of middle school students, and created an opportunity for students

to spend additional time socializing with friends. The only stipulation for students to be able to come to the café during this social time is that they need to buy breakfast there. Rather than going to homeroom, students came the café, where they would hear the morning announcements and attendance would be taken. This novel approach helped surpass Rachel's goal, and participation is now at 23%!

Rachel attributes the success of this impressive participation increase to identifying barriers and finding creative and collaborative solutions to overcome the barriers. It is clear that Rachel Oliveira possesses great vision, tenacity and determination in her role as the manager of the FW Hartnett Middle School. She is an inspiration to us all!

## FINANCIAL RECAP FOR 2014

1. YEAR END ACCOUNTS WERE CLOSED WITH NO PROBLEMS AND E&D HAS BEEN CERTIFIED AT \$876,106
2. WE ENGAGED NEW AUDITORS WITH THE LEAVING OF DAN HAYNES. AUDIT WILL TAKE PLACE IN EARLY 2015
3. END OF YEAR REPORT WAS FILED TIMELY WITH DESE
4. E&D CONSIDERATIONS

CONTINUITY IN BALANCE SHEET AND FUND BALANCE IS IMPORTANT

CONSIDER A POLICY TO MAINTAIN E&D AT A CERTAIN LEVEL (I WOULD SUGGEST MORE THAN LESS (5% IS ALLOWED BY DOR)

CONSIDER CAPITAL NEEDS AND A CAPITAL PLAN ( 3 TO 5 YEARS) WITH A CAPITAL PLAN COMMITTEE WHO WORKING WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT AND MEMBER TOWNS DETERMINE TIMING AND COST OF WHAT WILL NEED TO BE DONE

5. FISCAL ADVISOR ( UNIBANK ) SHOULD BE LOOKING AT PERMANENT FINANCING FOR THE BANS
6. PLEASE BE AWARE OF GASB REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL OPEB LIABILITY RELATED TO WORCHESTER COUNTY COST-SHARING OF PENSION OBLIGATION

Operating Budget Funding - 2009		Amount (in thousands)
CH 70		11,330.00
CH 71		711.00
Assessments		8,204.00
Estimates Receipts		218.00
Use of E&D		532.00
<b>Operating Budget Funding - 2010</b>		<b>20,995.00</b>
CH 70		11,104.00
CH 71		434.00
Assessments		8,080.00
Estimates Receipts		588.00
Use of E&D		530.00
<b>Operating Budget Funding - 2011</b>		<b>20,736.00</b>
CH 70		10,455.00
CH 71		302.00
Assessments		8,730.00
Estimates Receipts		448.00
Use of E&D		400.00
<b>Operating Budget Funding - 2012</b>		<b>20,335.00</b>
CH 70		10,511.00
CH 71		298.00
Assessments		9,009.00
Estimates Receipts		287.00
Use of E&D		350.00
<b>Operating Budget Funding - 2013</b>		<b>20,455.00</b>
CH 70		10,511.00
CH 71		318.00
Assessments		9,377.00
Estimates Receipts		318.00
Use of E&D		450.00
<b>Operating Budget Funding - 2014</b>		<b>20,974.00</b>
CH 70		10,637.00
CH 71		280.00
Assessments		9,958.00
Estimates Receipts		278.00
Use of E&D		655.00
<b>Operating Budget Funding - 2015</b>		<b>21,784.00</b>
CH 70		10,637.00
CH 71		280.00
Assessments		9,958.00
Estimates Receipts		278.00
Use of E&D		655.00

Operating Budget Funding - 2009



Operating Budget Funding - 2011



Operating Budget Funding - 2013



Operating Budget Funding - 2014



Operating Budget Funding - 2010



Operating Budget Funding - 2012



Operating Budget Funding - 2014



Operating Budget Funding - 2015



	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
<b>BMRSD</b>							
<b>REVIEW OF FUND BALANCE AND E&amp;D USAGE</b>				(000'S)			
UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE (E&D)		876	541	722	771	507	602
transfer out to member towns-- ch 71 excess		-162					
USE OF GENERAL FUND FOR NEXT BUDGET YEAR		150	655	450	350	400	530
TOTAL FUND BALANCE IN GENERAL FUND		864	1,196	1,172	1,121	907	1,132
UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE (E&D) AS A %OF NEXT YR BUDGET		3.28%	2.62%	3.39%	3.70%	2.45%	2.74%
<b>TOTAL FISCAL BUDGET OPERATING AND CAPITAL</b>	<b>\$ 21,783</b>	<b>\$ 20,678</b>	<b>\$ 21,293</b>	<b>\$ 20,841</b>	<b>\$ 20,733</b>	<b>\$ 21,975</b>	<b>\$ 22,229</b>

To: All School Committee Members  
From: Allen W. Himmelberger  
Date: November 13, 2014  
Re: Donation

I have been informed that International Power, which operates the power plant, would like to donate \$22,000 for improvements to the baseball fields at the High School. Under M.G.L. C 71 S37A, school committees must vote to accept charitable gifts and donations and vote as to how the funds are to be used.

It would be my recommendation to the Committee to approve the acceptance of this charitable contribution and to use the funds as designated. I would like to thank and recognize Mr. Jeff Stewart, General Manager for International Power, for this generous donation to improve our athletic facilities.