

**School Committee Meeting  
August 14, 2014  
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:

Steven J. Tringali, Vice Chairman  
Wendy L. Greenstein, Treasurer  
Erin P. Vinacco, District Secretary  
Georgette A. Jarret, Member  
Jane C. Reggio, Member

Missing from meeting were William Chaplin, Diane Robin and Brian Faulkner.

Also in attendance was Superintendent of Schools, Allen W. Himmelberger.

There were no items for Public Forum –

Approval of Consent Agenda A – The School Committee abstained from voting on the Minutes of the Meeting of July 15<sup>th</sup> since they did not have a chance to review them.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mrs. Greenstein, seconded by Mrs. Vinacco and unanimously voted to approve the Warrants.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mrs. Greenstein, seconded by Mrs. Vinacco and unanimously voted to return the balance of transportation funding to the town of Blackstone in the amount of \$116,105 and the town of Millville in the amount of \$45,917.

Superintendent Himmelberger thanked the Committee for keeping the Assistant Superintendent position in the budget. He feels it is critical to the running of our District. Dr. David L. Thomson is his recommendation for the Assistant Superintendent position. Superintendent Himmelberger feels his drive, personality and ethics fit the bill perfectly. Dr. Thomson has an extensive career in the classroom and he sits on the national board of NASSP.

Dr. Thomson said a few words to the Committee. He thanked them for the opportunity. He looks forward to collaborating and working with Superintendent Himmelberger.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mrs. Reggio, seconded by Mrs. Jarret and unanimously voted to appoint David L. Thomson, Ed.D as the Assistant Superintendent of Schools in the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District.

Due to prior commitments in his current District it may be necessary for Dr. Thomson to start here as late as September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Sub Committee Reports**

Mrs. Reggio outlined the goals and the process for the fiscal committee. She wishes to pull the community and stakeholders together and develop understandings with these people. They would like a combined entity of 5 schools with one common purpose of educating the community where we live. They would like various representatives and a survey sent out to the community. They need to find out what it takes financially to achieve their goals.

Mrs. Greenstein would be willing to get things together for the survey with Mrs. Reggio.

### **Roof project updates –**

JFK/AFM Complex – this roof is complete and they are waiting for the punch list to be finished. The punch list should be completed over the next several weeks. The runoff during heavy rain is the main concern.

MES – Went out to bid July 2<sup>nd</sup> – awarded to MDM Roofing. This is a very complex roof to design given the different pitches and unique ventilation. It should be finished before the end of October. There will be re-routing of traffic and no usage of the circle behind the school for the first six weeks of school which will pose a disruption to the school and community.

As always the weather can be a factor in the completion of any roof project.

### **Report on Asbestos located at BMRHS by Superintendent Himmelberger-**

While working on the High School roof asbestos containing materials were found. Above the auditorium stage there was spray on fire proofing where they located the asbestos. They are cleaning it now and they are following state and federal laws. Tighe and Bond (engineering and environmental consultants) are on site and we requested a waiver from DCCAMM (Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance) so that it will not impact the start of school. There are no health and safety risks at all to anyone in the building. The original abatement was not completed. It wasn't done properly when it was originally done. They want to do the right thing. They are being overly cautious when cleaning all surfaces. This should be finalized by August 26<sup>th</sup>. The entire auditorium is sealed at this time. They will clean all seats to be on the safe side. Tighe and Bond agreed that they should do it all.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Public Forum –**

Joe Raposa – Board of Selectman and Green Energy Committee – Mr. Raposa is looking for a letter from the Superintendent of Schools on how they can come together on energy for the High School and Middle School. The Dept. of Energy has suggested that they combine efforts with the school district. He is looking at all aspects and not just solar.

## School Committee Forum

Mrs. Reggio – made aware of the process where parents can buy school supplies from amazon link and your school supplies arrive at your door.

Mr. Dudek will be asked who our student representatives are for this year and when they will begin.

Mr. Tringali – homecoming weekend is the weekend of Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. On this date all sports will take place. They will also have the 3rd annual BMR bonfire.

Mr. Tringali stated they are working on the dedication of the BMRHS track to coach Kevin Maloney.

Mr. Tringali welcomes Dr. Thompson to our District. The position of Assistant Superintendent has been needed for a long time. He is looking forward to a great year.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mrs. Reggio, seconded by Mrs. Greenstein and unanimously voted to adjourn the School Committee Meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Monique F. Simard  
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

  
Erin P. Vinacco, District Secretary