

**School Committee Meeting
July 15, 2014
Frederick Hartnett Middle School**

The Blackstone Millville Regional District School Committee met in the library of the Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

William F. Chaplin, Chairman
Steven J. Tringali, Vice Chairman
Wendy L. Greenstein, Treasurer
Erin P. Vinacco, District Secretary
Diane C. Robin, Member
Brian T. Faulkner, Member
Georgette A. Jarret, Member
Jane C. Reggio, Member

The school Committee Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. The members went into Executive Session and came out of Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. At that time the regular meeting began.

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

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Greenstein, seconded by Mrs. Vinacco, 7 in favor 1 abstained from voting (Mr. Faulkner) to approve section 9D effective July 1, 2014 which allows the District to pay one-half of the amount of the premium to be paid by the surviving spouse of an insured employee or a retired employee for health and dental insurance as provided in section 9B.

Mr. Hartnett asked if there would be any changes for those who have already paid at the 100% rate. Mr. Chaplin stated that they would take care of anyone who had already paid at the 100% rate. He was under the impression that no bills had gone out to these people. He stated that he would look into it.

Approval of FY14 budget

FY14 Circuit breaker will close with \$300,000. Mrs. Vinacco had a question on how we have excess in this account.

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Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Robin, seconded by Mrs. Reggio and unanimously voted, per preliminary results to transfer the following revolving accounts to the E&D account:

Circuit Breaker	\$300,000
Medicaid	\$ 60,000
Misc.	\$ 35,000
Preschool	\$ 50,000
Athletic	\$ 8,000
Music User Fees	\$ 15,000
Athletic User Fees	\$ 50,000

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Greenstein, seconded by Mrs. Robin and unanimously voted to close the following funds to the general fund (E&D)

Interest Fund 12	\$ 54.32
Interest Fund 13	\$ 30.50
Interest Fund 15	\$ 2436.95
Interest Fund 16	\$ 1892.19
Interest Fund 17	\$ 89.49
Fund 39 extended day	(\$29,219.02)
Fund 25 misc. revolving	(\$26,579.74)
Fund 29 Drug retiree acct.	\$14,953.50
Fund 30 Medicaid	\$41,864.28
Fund 14 Asbestos	(\$27,900)

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Robin, seconded by Mrs. Reggio and unanimously voted to apply estimated receipts from the following certain special revenue funds to the FY15 budget:

Medicaid	\$ 60,000
Rental of Classroom	\$ 35,000
Music and Athletic Fees	\$ 65,000

Motion: It was moved by Greenstein, seconded by Mrs. Robin and unanimously voted to use E&D funds in the amount of 150,000 to offset the FY15 budget.

The transportation funds came in higher than we thought.

At the August meeting they have committed to recertifying the budget and revisit the amounts we will take in from Blackstone and Millville. They will reduce the Town's assessments. They will not cut a check to them but will reduce the assessment bills that are sent out.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Faulkner, seconded by Mrs. Greenstein (7 in favor, 1 abstain – Mrs. Robin (she was not present at the last meeting) to approve Consent Agenda A which includes Warrants and Minutes of Meeting of June 26, 2014.

Superintendent Himmelberger spoke and thanked the Committee for appointing him. He would like to foster collaborative events between all parents, teachers, students and staff.

The proposed fee schedule was received from Unibank. It explained the services provided by UFASI to our District to take effect on July 1, 2014 and stay in effect until June 30, 2017 with all fees remaining the same.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Robin, seconded by Mr. Faulkner and unanimously voted to accept the fee schedule submitted by Unibank from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017.

The Committee discussed the proposed agreement for audit services and to enter into an agreement with a new audit firm. It would be a 3 year agreement with R.E. Brown and Company which came with a recommendation from Mr. Egghert our current accountant at \$16,000 per year. The fee includes a federal grant audit in compliance with OMB Circular A-133. They are also proposing services for the FY14-FY16 compliance requirements with regard to the School District end of year pupil and financial report for a fee of \$4500.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Robin, seconded by Mrs. Vinacco and unanimously voted to accept the R.E. Brown and Company Certified Public Accountants as the auditing firm for the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District for FY14 – FY16 for \$16,000 per year.

The Committee will need to vote to approve the motions on the Millville elementary school roof project. M.D.M. Engineering from Dudley Ma is the chosen bidder. The kick off meeting will be held on July 22nd with notice to proceed issued for July 23rd.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Reggio, seconded by Mrs. Robin and unanimously voted to award the contract for the roof replacement project at the Millville Elementary School to M.D.M. Engineering Company, Inc. in the amount of \$960,000.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Reggio, seconded by Mrs. Robin and unanimously voted to accept Alternate No. 1 for the roof replacement project at the Millville Elementary School in the amount of \$40,000.

There is a 75 day window to complete the High School roof project provided they have good weather.

Dr. Davis set the wheels in motion to replace the MES cafeteria floor. The work is complete and the company did an outstanding job. They will need a few days to let the floor dry and then move the furniture back. The walls have been given a new coat of paint.

Mr. Himmelberger thanked the Committee for keeping the Assistant Superintendent position in place. They have 32 responses and 19 candidates meet the qualifications. Interviews will take place over the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Tringali and Mrs. Robin are currently in contract negotiations with the Unit C support staff members. Mr. Himmelberger is available to assist them anyway he can.

2nd Public Forum –

Mark Juba – Teachers' Union president wanted to thank Dr. Davis for his services and welcome Mr. Himmelberger as Superintendent and looks forward to working with him.

School Committee Forum

Sub-committees should get together in a workshop at the next meeting which will be held on August 14th. They will need to appoint outside members to the committees. They will put an article in the Enlightener and put it on social media.

Phase 1 –Regional Agreement – Mrs. Greenstein and Mrs. Vinacco hope that by the end of September they will meet with teachers and discuss questions and concerns and 2 weeks later they will meet with parents and reach out all together and meet with the stakeholders. They want it to be a safe place for people to express their thoughts. They want to meet in November with everyone. They can share the concerns and categorize the impacts.

Phase 2- Regional Agreement – in November and December they will share what came out of the meetings and set up sub-groups.

Phase 3 – Regional Agreement - they will decide what they will do at that point in January and February to decide if they will move forward to change or not to change the Regional Agreement.

The reason for the possible change in the Regional Agreement is due to declining enrollment and fluctuating class sizes. They must discuss this and decide where they want to go with it.

The hope is to reach out and see if people are interested. Please send them your email and they will put you on the list. They want to have a generated list by Sept. 11.

Whatever decision they come to needs to be made with the consensus of the groups.

School Committee Forum

Mr. Faulkner – asked if students could come in this year to make presentations. They would like to have one meeting a month mainly for business and one for student presentations so the meetings do not run too long.

Mrs. Reggio – sends condolences for the family that lost their son – support for their family-

Mrs. Jarret – feels the same way

Mrs. Robin – asked if the school is doing all they can to provide emotional support-
Enjoy the summer!

Mrs. Greenstein – echoes what everyone said – would like to have Phil Toupin attend a meeting to discuss the infrastructure for Park testing.

Mrs. Vinacco - Welcome to Mr. Himmelberger-

The next School Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, August 14th @ 7:00 p.m.


Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Robin, seconded by Mrs. Greenstein and unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Monique F. Simard
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:


Erin P. Vinacco, District Secretary