

Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee

Minutes of Meeting

Open Meeting

May 28, 2014

The Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee met in the library of the Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School at 6:34 p.m. with the following members present:

William F. Chaplin, Jr. Chairperson

Steven J. Tringali, Vice-Chairperson

Wendy L. Greenstein, District Treasurer

Erin P. Vinacco, District Secretary

Brian T. Faulkner, Member

Diane C. Robin, Member

Georgette A. Jarret, Member

Absent:

Jane C. Reggio, Member

Also in attendance was Perry P. Davis, Ed.D, Interim Superintendent of Schools

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was recited

Public Forum:

Mrs. Faulkner, 5th grade teacher at Millville Elementary School and two students, Nicholas Kirby and Julia Normandin. Mrs. Faulkner to the school committee that these two students submitted poems to the American Chemical Society's Poetry Contest and they were selected as Massachusetts winners and were recognized at a meeting at Fitchburg State University. Julia Normandin's poem was selected as a national second place honor. Both students read their poems and were congratulated by the members of the school committee.

School Committee:

The school committee discussed the results of the Blackstone Town Meeting to approve an additional contribution of \$400,000 to the FY 15 assessment. This means Blackstone approved the recertified FY 15 Budget and Assessment and Millville did not approve the FY 15 budget and assessment at its Town Meeting on May 12, 2014.

Dr. Davis recommended the Regional District School Committee recertify its FY 15 budget and assessments and send them to the Towns of Blackstone and Millville

Recertification of the FY 15 Budget

Motion: Mr. Tringali Moved to adopt a gross operating budget for the 2014-2015 in the amount of \$ 21,332,524, seconded by Mrs. Robin

Vote:

Mr. Tringali, yes

Mr. Faulkner, yes

Mrs. Jarret, yes

Mrs. Robin, yes

Mrs. Greenstein, yes

Mrs. Vinacco, yes

Mr. Chaplin, yes

Mrs. Reggio, absent

Motion approved unanimously

Motion: Mrs. Robin Moved to apply the following reimbursements to reduce said gross operating budget for the 2014-2015 year:

- Chapter 70 \$10,684,594
- Regional Transportation \$ 450,925
- School Choice/Charter Offset (\$ 315,077)

Above reimbursements total \$10,820,442. The total net operating budget for 2014-2015 is \$10,512,082, seconded by Mrs. Greenstein

Vote:

Mr. Tringali, yes

Mr. Faulkner, yes

Mrs. Jarret, yes

Mrs. Robin, yes

Mrs. Greenstein, yes

Mrs. Vinacco, yes

Mr. Chaplin, yes

Mrs. Reggio, absent

Motion approved unanimously

Motion: Mrs. Greenstein Moved to assess the amount of \$7,756,474 to the Town of Blackstone to be applied to the operating budget for the 2014-2015 year which includes \$6,313,167 for the minimum contribution, \$1,043,307 in exclusionary costs and \$400,000 in additional contributions as voted by the Blackstone annual town meeting on May 27, 2014, seconded by Mrs. Robin.

Vote:

Mr. Tringali, yes

Mr. Faulkner, yes

Mrs. Jarret, yes

Mrs. Robin, yes

Mrs. Greenstein, yes

Mrs. Vinacco, yes

Mr. Chaplin, yes

Mrs. Reggio, absent

Motion approved unanimously

Motion: Mrs. Vinacco Moved to assess the amount of \$ 2,441,608 to the Town of Millville to be applied to the operating budget for the 2014-2015 year which includes \$1,870,811 for the minimum contribution, \$412,605 in exclusionary costs and \$158,192 in additional contributions, seconded by Mrs. Jarret.

Vote:

Mr. Tringali, yes

Mr. Faulkner, yes

Mrs. Jarret, yes

Mrs. Robin, yes

Mrs. Greenstein, yes

Mrs. Vinacco, yes

Mr. Chaplin, yes

Mrs. Reggio, absent

Motion approved unanimously

Motion: Mr. Faulkner Moved to apply the following amounts to the gross operating budget for the year 2014-2015:

- Medicaid \$ 60,000
- Interest \$ 4,000
- User Fees/Music/Athletic \$ 65,000
- Rental of Classrooms \$ 35,000
- E&D Funds \$ 150,000
- \$ 314,000

Seconded by Mrs. Greenstein

Vote:

Mr. Tringali, yes

Mr. Faulkner, yes

Mrs. Jarret, yes

Mrs. Robin, yes

Mrs. Greenstein, yes

Mrs. Vinacco, yes

Mr. Chaplin, yes

Mrs. Reggio, absent

Motion approved unanimously

Motion: Mrs. Vinacco Moved to adopt a capital and interest budget in the amount of 330,196 to be assessed solely to the Town of Blackstone which includes \$170,412 for the FWH Middle School, \$108,706 for the BMR High School sewer connection and 51,078 for the roof projects, seconded by Mrs. Robin.

Vote:

Mr. Tringali, yes

Mr. Faulkner, yes

Mrs. Jarret, yes

Mrs. Robin, yes

Mrs. Greenstein, yes

Mrs. Vinacco, yes

Mr. Chaplin, yes

Mrs. Reggio, absent

Motion approved unanimously

Motion: Mrs. Robin Moved to adopt a capital and interest budget in the amount of \$120,689 to be assessed solely to the Town of Millville which includes \$67,394 for the FWH Middle School, \$42,991 for the High School sewer connection and \$10,304 for the roof projects, seconded by Mrs. Greenstein.

Vote:

Mr. Tringali, yes

Mr. Faulkner, yes

Mrs. Jarret, yes

Mrs. Robin, yes

Mrs. Greenstein, yes

Mrs. Vinacco, yes

Mr. Chaplin, yes

Mrs. Reggio, absent

Motion approved unanimously

Report of the Superintendent:

Dr. Davis told the school committee there was a pump failure that will need to be replaced. He is waiting for a cost estimate from the Town of Blackstone.

School Committee Forum

Steven Tringali thanked the efforts of the teachers and staff to provide child care at the two Town Meetings to allow parents to attend the meetings. He thanked the Blackstone voters for their support of the additional \$400,000 contribution to the FY 15 budget and assessment.

Brian Faulkner thanked the residents of Blackstone who attended the Town Meeting and supporting the Regional School budget and assessment.

Georgette Jarret agreed with Mr. Tringali's and Mr. Faulkner's thanks to the Blackstone residents for supporting the FY 15 District budget and assessment. She thanked Dr. Davis for his effort and presentations on the FY 15 budget and assessment.

Diane Robin thanked the Blackstone residents for their support of the FY 15 Regional budget and assessment. She expressed concern that the Regional School Committee needed to expand its efforts to bring the schools and communities together on how to better plan for the future of the schools.

Wendy Greenstein asked Dr. Davis for a review of the next steps with Millville to get final approval of the FY 15 budget and assessment. Dr. Davis said that he will send the newly recertified budget and assessments to the two Town on Thursday. He will consult with Attorney Harold D. Gould on the legal issues to move forward. Millville will need to take action on the budget.

Erin Vinacco thanked the residents of Blackstone for coming to the Town Meeting and supporting the FY 15 budget and assessment.

William Chaplin expressed his concern that the Regional School Budget is a twelve month process and is a partnership between the District and the Towns. He stated that it is a fifty/fifty partnership to bring more elected and appointed officials to the table to plan for the future needs of the District.

Motion to Adjourn:

Diane Robin moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:56pm, seconded by Wendy Greenstein

Vote:

Mr. Tringali, yes

Mr. Faulkner, yes

Mrs. Jarret, yes

Mrs. Robin, yes

Mrs. Greenstein, yes

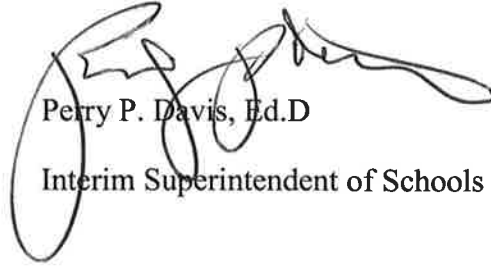
Mrs. Vinacco, yes

Mr. Chaplin, yes

Mrs. Reggio, absent

Motion approved unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,



Perry P. Davis, Ed.D
Interim Superintendent of Schools

Attest: Erin P Vinaceo
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