

Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee

Minutes of Meeting

February 13, 2014

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, Jr. Chairperson

Steven J. Tringali, Vice-Chairperson

Wendy L. Greenstein, District Treasurer

Erin P. Vinacco, District Secretary

Michael J. Buckley, Member

Brian T. Faulkner, Member

Diane C. Robin, Member, arrived at 6:40 p.m.

Absent:

Catherine A. Robinson, Assistant District Treasurer

Also in attendance was Perry P. Davis, Ed.D, Interim Superintendent of School and Paul Haughey, Ed.D. Director of Student Services and Nadine Carter, Director of the Extended Day Program.

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

Report of the Student Representatives: The students did not attend the meeting due to the inclement weather

Public Forum:

The recognition of the High School Band was postponed to the February 27, 2014 meeting due to the inclement weather

Consent Agenda "A"

Dr. Davis added a field trip request by the class of 2014 for an overnight trip. There was some discussion and request for additional information.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mrs. Robin and unanimously voted to accept Consent Agenda which includes the Warrants and the class of 2014 class trip request.

Report of the Superintendent

A, Nadine Carter, Before and After School Program - Ms. Carter presented a program and financial report on the status of the before school and after school programs. She indicated that the projection for the budget was for the program to remain in deficit by June 30, 2014. She reviewed some of the steps she has taken to increase participation and reduce costs. She gave the School Committee some ideas for expanding programs to include academic and fun activities with a participant cost. She also said that she was looking at possible summer programs.

Members of the School Committee expressed concern over the projected deficit and the need to bring the program costs in balance with fees. Several members had suggestions for how to expand the programs. Ms. Carter will report back to the School Committee by June 1, 2014 on her plans to balance expenses to revenues for the next school year.

Dr. Davis will give direction to Ms. Carter on the work she will need to do to demonstrate a balance budget for FY 15.

B. - Dr. Haughey and Dr. Davis made a presentation on the FY 15 Draft Student Services Budget. The presentation focused on the Vision and Mission of the District and how that relates to the legal requirements for special education, English language learners and homeless children. Members of the School Committee had several questions about special education expenses for out of district tuitions. Dr. Haughey indicated that he works with other area school districts and collaborative to provides services that are reasonable.

The major budget drivers are: special education personnel, tuitions, transportation, consultation, ELL staff and transportation for homeless children living in Blackstone or Millville.

Dr. Davis supported the budget proposed by Dr. Haughey and that more work will be done to review all expenses.

C. Chapter 70 and State Aid – Dr. Davis and Mr. Buckley will make a presentation to the School Committee at its meeting on February 27, 2014

D. 2014 – 2015 School Calendar – Dr. Davis presented the School Calendar for next year and he clarified the half day in November and the third Professional Development Day in January.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Greenstein, seconded by Mrs. Vinacco to approve the 2014-2015 School Calendar and unanimously voted

E. Unit B Agreement – Dr. Davis presented the Unit B Agreement that the School Committee had agreed to in Executive Session and it now needed to be voted in Open Session

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Robin, seconded by Mr. Tringali to approve the Agreement with Unit B for the years, 2013 to 2016 and unanimously voted

Sub-Committee Reports

- a. Superintendent Search – Diane Robin, Erin Vinacco – Still interviewing candidates should be on track to announce finalists on February 27, 2014
- b. Strategic Planning – Diane Robin, Brian Faulkner – Need to get a final draft out to members of the school committee and the administrators
- c. Policy Review – All – No updates
- d. Regionalization Agreement – Wendy Greenstein, Erin Vinacco – No update
- e. Public Relations: William Chaplin, Michael Buckley – Plans to do the open houses at the schools the first two Saturdays in March
- f. Budget – FY 15 – William Chaplin, Michael Buckley, Erin Vinacco, Steve Tringali – Getting information to both Towns
- g. Facilities – Diane Robin, Brian Faulkner, Catherine Robinson – No update

Public Forum – No Comments

Committee Forum:

Mr. Chaplin

Mr. Tringali

Mrs. Vinacco

Mrs. Greenstein

Mrs. Robinson

Mr. Buckley

Mr. Faulkner

Mrs. Robin

Executive Session – None

Upcoming Meetings

School Committee meeting February 27, 2014

Possible meeting on February 20, 2014 to announce Superintendent Candidates

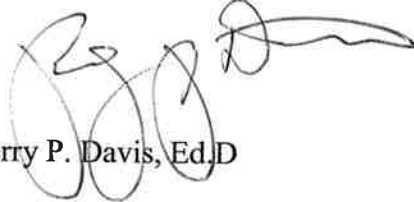
Meeting in Millville on February 19, 2014 – Open Hearing Millville Roof Project

Millville Town Meeting on February 24, 2014 – Millville Roof Project

Adjournment:

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Greenstein, seconded by Mrs. Robin and unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.


Respectfully Submitted,



Perry P. Davis, Ed.D

Interim Superintendent of Schools

ATTEST:


Erin P. Vinacco, District Secretary