

Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee

Minutes of Meeting January 30, 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
Absent:
Diane C. Robin, Member
Catherine Robinson, Assistant Treasurer

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 – there were no items for public forum

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mrs. Greenstein and unanimously voted to accept Consent Agenda A which includes Warrants.

Student Representatives were not present

Report of the Superintendent

1. Ms. Desai and Ms. Brown gave their FY15 budget presentations.
2. They gave a power point presentation with an overview of the budget on the future of the Elementary Schools, JFK, AFM and MES. Dr. Davis stated that the line item budget contained funds to continue the commitment to provide high quality instruction to all students. He noted that several line items had limited budget history due to the past practice of funding supplies and materials from prior budgets.

The principals gave an overview of what they see in the second year of the Literacy Initiates and its impact on student learning. There was a discussion of the enrollment numbers for next school year in Kindergarten. The principals are doing the community outreach to determine the number of eligible children that will be enrolling in September. Dr. Davis said that he will wait until March to make a recommendation on personnel needed for Kindergarten.

Several members of the School Committee had questions about the implementation of the Literacy Initiative and the impact on student learning. Both principals responded to the questions.

3. Dr. Davis reviewed the technology budget for next school year. He said that the budget was based on the district's commitment to provide technology to support instruction. He added that there were no major new initiatives in the budget. The current technology plan does not address the professional development for teachers to utilize additional technology in their classrooms. He said that will be a priority for the new superintendent of schools.
4. Dr. Davis reviewed the district professional development budget for the next school year. The major expenses are for the second year of the literacy initiative for grades K-5. There are some funds to continue the induction and mentoring program for new teachers. Dr. Davis said that each of the school budget do have funds for school based professional development. The professional development plan needs to be addressed by the new superintendent. Dr. Davis asked the School Committee to indicate their support for the literacy initiative. There was a consensus that funding for the literacy initiative was a major priority. Dr. Davis said that he will sign the agreement with the consultants for the literacy training for the 2014-2015 school year.
5. Dr. Davis gave a brief overview of the Chapter 70 anticipated for FY 15. Mr. Buckley explained some of the aid numbers. It was decided that Dr. Davis and Mr. Buckley will meet and make a presentation to the School Committee at the February 13, 2014 meeting.

Sub-Committee Reports

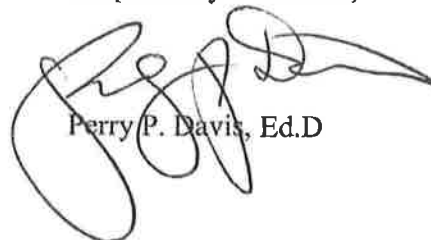
1. Superintendent Sub Committee – Work is proceeding to review candidates and schedule initial interviews.
2. Strategic Planning – no items to report
3. Regional Agreement – no items to report
4. Public Relations – spoke on the building walk through to be held in March
5. Budget – no items to report
6. Facilities – planning for the school tours on the first two Saturdays in March.

At the School Committee meeting on February 13th a presentation will be given by the Special Education.

Dr. Davis told the School Committee that the MSBA Board voted at its meeting to approve the Millville Elementary School Roof Project.

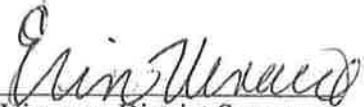
Motion: It was moved by Mr. Faulkner, seconded by Mr. Tringali and unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Perry P. Davis, Ed.D

Interim Superintendent of Schools

ATTEST: 
Erin P. Vinacco, District Secretary