Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee Minutes of Meeting January 3, 2013

The Blackstone Millville Regional District School Committee met in the Library/Media Center of the Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School commencing at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

John J. Eldridge, Chairman
Diane C. Robin, Vice Chairperson
Catherine A. Robinson, District Treasurer
Brian T. Faulkner, Assistant District Treasurer
Steven J. Tringali, District Secretary
Michael J. Buckley, Member
Erin P. Vinacco, Member
Wendy L. Greenstein, Member

Also in attendance were Kimberly B. Shaver-Hood, Superintendent of Schools and Student Representatives, Anna Franciosa and Zachary St. Amant.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States was recited along with a moment of silence for all those affected by the tragedy in Newtown, CT.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mrs. Greenstein and unanimously voted to approve Consent Agenda A which includes Warrants, Use of School Facilities, Field Trip Requests and Minutes of Meeting of December 13, 2013.

There were no items for Public Forum.

Mr. Buckley asked if there are plans to install communication systems in the classrooms of the buildings.

Superintendent Shaver-Hood is currently looking into this. It is different in each building. Some classrooms get outside lines but cannot call out from the rooms.

Superintendent Shaver-Hood stated that she would like to enter into Executive Session to explore this further and share other information with the School Committee.

Chairman Eldridge stated that in the interest of security there are certain security features that cannot be made public. He wants the citizens to know that the Committee is looking into all areas of security.

The Student Representatives spoke on SADD activities and Penny Wars which were both successful. They also mentioned that the students are working hard on the yearbook and starting to wrap things up. Sports information was given on the basketball teams. The Jazz Band will perform on Valentine's Day. The Pep Rally was very successful and all had a great time.

Report of the Superintendent

The Superintendent will provide information on the fall music and athletic gate receipts as they become available.

The School District is looking at a combination of Choice Literacy and Fundations reading materials for future purchase.

The Superintendent is looking into our MIAA Property and Casualty Insurance. She is reviewing what they have carried in the past and making sure they are covered in case of a loss.

The School District went out to bid for oil. They have locked in at \$3.14 per gallon. The cost per gallon was \$3.12 last year.

Fall User Fee projections were also in the Committee packets.

Committee Forum

Mr. Tringali would like the Committee to look into an elective class that would be taken at the High School level to give students the basics on things such as balancing a check book, cost of insurance, living expenses, etc. These are vital areas for students to learn about. Mr. Tringali would like to see this as a pre-requisite to graduation from BMR.

A CPR class and certification could be another important area to explore for students.

All members of the School Committee want to wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Chairman Eldridge took a moment to thank all members of the School Committee for their support and understanding with his current situation.

It was moved by Mrs. Robinson, seconded by Mrs. Vinacco to enter into Motion: Executive Session and to come out of Executive Session for the purpose of adjournment only. This motion was followed by a roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monique F. Simard

Recording Secretary