

## **Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee**

### **Minutes of Meeting May 23, 2013**

The Blackstone Millville Regional District School Committee met in the library of the Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School at 7:00 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  
Diane C. Robin, Member  
Brian T. Faulkner, Member

Catherine A. Robinson, Asst. District Treasurer was absent from the meeting.

Also in attendance was Kimberly B. Shaver-Hood, Superintendent of Schools.

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

**Motion:** It was moved by Mrs. Robin, seconded by Mr. Buckley and unanimously voted to approve Consent Agenda A which includes Warrants, Use of School Facilities, Field Trips and Minutes of Meeting.

There were no items for **Public Forum**.

#### **Student Representatives Report-**

This is the last meeting of Anna Franciosa and Zachary St. Amant. They spoke on NHS, Drama Club, Top 10 student awards, sports highlights and senior week activities.

Superintendent Shaver-Hood presented them with a small gift and note of thanks for all they have done to make the meetings more enjoyable for all.

Mr. Cameron spoke on the proposed changes to the Hartnett Middle School handbook. The changes would include a change in wording on in-school suspension. They are trying to discourage students from writing on themselves so they are proposing wording on this in the handbook. They want parents to use the parent portal more often and all things electronic.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mrs. Robin, seconded by Mrs. Greenstein and unanimously voted to accept the changes made to the Middle School Handbook.

Mr. Dudek spoke on the changes made to the High School handbook.

Interim progress reports will be available on the parent portal and X2. They do not feel that additional copies of progress reports need to be available.

Students will be exempt from taking final exams if they have a 90 or above average. Change in the term language. Change in the in-house and out of school suspension rules. The use of cell phone use change.

Mr. Buckley asked how they would manage keeping track of cell phone usage.

Mrs. Vinacco questions the severity of the punishment for cell phone usage since it is so 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Mr. Buckley asked if tardiness is tracked by the office. Do they spot trends?

They have a list of students they track and have monthly meetings with guidance and administrators. Mr. Buckley asked if there is police presence at the meetings.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mrs. Robin, seconded by Mrs. Vinacco and unanimously voted to accept the changes made to the High School handbook with the exception of the last paragraph on the police department.

Strategic Planning – discussion by Mr. Faulkner –he thanked Mrs. Robin for all of her hard work on the document. This document will grow and change and modifications will be made to it. Administrators will review it and tell them how they will meet the goals.

Mrs. Robin thanked all of the administrators involved in the process. They will come up with action plans during the summer.

Other committees have been shuffled. Mr. Chaplin will sort this out by the next meeting.

Regional Agreement – Mrs. Vinacco and Mrs. Greenstein- they will gather the people who want to participate on a sub-committee. They are parents, staff members, and major stake holders.

Facilities – reorganization

Policy – reorganization

### **Report of the Superintendent**

They are reviewing the MSBA contracts. Contracts will be brought forward for signature by the Committee in the next few weeks. They are waiting for the bill to come back for MES and the HS.

They will receive funds on the 29<sup>th</sup> and initiate the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase for JFK/AFM. JFK/AFM will start work shortly after school is out of session. They will ask for the specifics soon on when the work will begin.

Greenie Lanctot, MES head custodian did a great job on sharing his concerns with the visiting committee who reviewed the MES building.

There were no items for **Public Forum**.

**Committee Forum-**

Mrs. Robin – congrats to seniors –

Mrs. Vinacco – congrats to seniors – change meeting for June 6<sup>th</sup> – it will be the Awards Night.

Mr. Tringali – went to the NHS inductions. They were an impressive group. The speakers were dignified and definitely going places.

Mr. Chaplin – busy week next week for seniors – next meeting will be held on June 20<sup>th</sup> and retirees will be invited to that meeting.

Mr. Buckley stated that the Blackstone annual town meeting will be held on Tuesday night at 7:30 at the BMR High School auditorium.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. Tringali and unanimously voted to change the School Committee meeting from June 6<sup>th</sup> to June 20<sup>th</sup> only.

**Motion:** It was moved by Mrs. Vinacco, seconded by Mr. Buckley and unanimously voted to adjourn the School Committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Monique F. Simard, Recording Secretary

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Erin P. Vinacco, District Secretary

