

Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee

Minutes of Meeting August 22, 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
Catherine A. Robinson, Assistant District Treasurer
Erin P. Vinacco, District Secretary
Michael J. Buckley, Member
Diane C. Robin, Member
Brian T. Faulkner, Member

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

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Robin, seconded by Mrs. Vinacco and unanimously voted to approve Consent Agenda A which includes Warrants, Use of School Facility requests, Field Trip requests and Minutes of Meeting of July 11, 2013.

Mr. Cameron requests an opportunity to attend Natures Classroom in Charlton MA for an overnight on September 23rd with his incoming 6th grade students at FWH. The cost would be \$115 dollars per student. The trip should be taken in the fall because it gives them the opportunity to build a bond and culture for the students entering the 6th grade. There is a chance that the availability may not be there in the spring. Chairman Chaplin has knowledge about this and feels this is a great opportunity.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Robin, seconded by Mrs. Vinacco and unanimously voted to allow Mr. Cameron and 6th graders from the Frederick Hartnett Middle School to attend Natures Classroom for an overnight on September 23, 2013.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Tringali, seconded by Mrs. Greenstein (7 in favor, 1 opposed – Mr. Buckley) to approve Consent Agenda B which includes home schooling requests from Mr. and Mrs. Bissonnette, Mr. and Mrs. Ianuzzi, Mr. and Mrs. Baillargeon, Mr. and Mrs. Longergan and Ms. Boucher.

Appointments – Personnel updates – Perry Davis spoke on all of the new personnel hired in the District. He also spoke on the continued search for an Assistant Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Kirsten Esposito Balboni declined the position and there is no current candidate. Mrs. Vinacco feels they should reach out to the finalists from the last search to see if there are any who would be interested. They believe that the other candidates have already accepted other positions. The availability field might be quite narrow now.

Dr. Davis can make phone calls to see who is available as an interim assistant superintendent. If you go out and search this would be a minimum of about 2 months.

Diane Robin asked if they could look for an interim curriculum person.

The Committee feels they need to get moving on this.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Greenstein, seconded by Mr. Buckley and unanimously voted to consider an interim candidate for the Assistant Superintendent position.

The Sub-Committees are in place and will report at the next School Committee Meeting.

Superintendent Report

The MES roof replacement project was invited by MSBA to join the Accelerated Repair Program. The District needs to complete initial documents and submittals by September 4, 2013 for January 2014 MSBA Board approval.

Superintendent Davis spoke with Mr. Thomas Kazmowski, MSBA contact person to review the status of the initial documents and submittals. He indicated that Dr. Davis needed to be identified by the School Committee as the person to sign off on MSBA submittals.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Robinson, seconded by Mrs. Robin and unanimously voted to appoint Dr. Perry P. Davis, Interim Superintendent of Schools to be the representative of the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District for the Millville Elementary School Roof Project.

Dr. Davis stated that the roof project at the Complex will be done while school is in session. They will roof about 4 to 6 classrooms per day. Each teacher will be out of the room no more than 3 days. The cafeteria will need to be done on a Saturday.

Dr. Davis will send a letter to Dan Keyes, Blackstone Town Administrator asking to waive the building fees.

The project should begin in early fall. They will hold a parent informational meeting prior to the start of the project to review the procedures.

Mr. Faulkner wants to be sure that the staff will always be kept in the loop about the project.

Dr. Davis stated that the High School roof will not begin until the Spring.

Dr. Davis stated that the Town of Millville notified him that the current water quality testing results will not allow the well water to be used for drinking. They have scheduled a meeting for Monday, August 26, 2013 at the school for 6:30 pm to review the situation

with the consultants. The School District may need to provide bottled water to the entire school during the time that the well water does not meeting DEP standards for drinking. Dr. Davis encourages the School Committee members to attend the meeting with him.

Kathy Robinson stated that she would attend the meeting.

Budget transfers are needed to meet all of the contractual obligations for the Literacy Professional Development Program. The net is to charge the revolving account \$56,254 to cover the Foundations Learning Program which may reduce the amount of funds in the E & D account.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Vinacco, seconded by Mrs. Robin and unanimously voted to approve the budget transfer of \$56,254 from the revolving account and place it in the staff development accounts to cover the Foundations Learning Program.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Vinacco, seconded by Mrs. Robin and unanimously voted to move \$18,300 from the special education teacher assistant line to the special education supplies and materials line.

Dr. Davis met with representatives from Tellstone and Son Bus Company to review the bus routes. They brought up the possibility of overcrowding on the Blackstone elementary route. The problem is the current practice of allowing parents to have their child picked up or dropped off at a day care location.

The School Committee members discussed ways to fix the overcrowding. They recommended having another bus coming up Mendon Street pick up students at the Boys and Girls Club on their way to the school.

Mr. Ducharme, Transportation Coordinator needs to coordinate the routes with Tellstone and Sons so that they have the proper amount of students on each bus.

They will try to accommodate the Boys and Girls Club without increasing the cost of the bus routes.

Dr. Davis will schedule a meeting between Mr. Ducharme and Tellstone and Sons.

Mr. Dudek reports enrolling three students this summer under the School Choice Program. He recommends that the students who are a 9th, 11th and 12th grader attend the BMR High School.

Classroom teacher, Cassie Foley put in paperwork for retirement in 2015.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Robin, seconded by Mr. Buckley and unanimously voted to appoint Dr. Perry Davis to serve as our representative on the Board of the BICO Collaborative for the 2013-2014 school year.

D.E.S.E. notified the school district of an amendment request from the Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter Public School to become a regional charter school that will include the BMR School District. The District is asked to submit their comments by Sept. 13th.

Public Forum

The question was raised if the Complex has asbestos. Based on the testing done the Complex building does not have asbestos.

Estimating 10 weeks to be roofed – flashing will need to be done after this barring poor weather conditions.

All work crews will have CORI checks and use bathroom facilities outside. They will not be allowed inside without and escort.

Committee forum

Mrs. Vinacco – good luck in the new school year.

Mrs. Greenstein- same – welcome to Dr. Davis.

Mrs. Robinson- wishes all a great opening day.

Mr. Faulkner – congratulates Caitlyn Martufi on her new baby.

Mrs. Robin- welcome back.

Mr. Buckley – Commends Dr. Davis for his first month on the job. He is heading in the right direction.

Mr. Tringali – smooth transition – fall sports meeting – concerned about the new user fee rates – how to apply for a waiver – apply for free and reduced lunch- don't let the user fee keep you from doing the activity-

Mr. Chaplin – welcome Dr. Davis – a lot of work to do this year –

Motion: At 8:45 p.m. it was moved by Mrs. Robinson, seconded by Mrs. Robin and unanimously voted to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Contract Negotiations and to come out for the purpose of adjournment only.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monique F. Simard
Recording Secretary

ATTTEST: _____
Erin P. Vinacco, District Secretary