

Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee

Minutes of Meeting September 26, 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.

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

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Robin, seconded by Mrs. Robinson and unanimously voted to accept Consent Agenda A.

Dr. Davis asked if the Committee would like to meet with Mr. Cameron on the Washington, DC trip. The Committee decided that they would like to have him come to a meeting since it is a significant event. They would like to see the details of the trip.

Public Forum –

Joe Raposa from the Millville Board of Selectman spoke on behalf of the green energy committee. He is looking for support from the Committee for Millville for the green energy committee. Millville is eligible for a grant. The Millville Elementary School is the largest user of energy in the town. They need a letter from the Superintendent. He gave a sample letter from another District to Dr. Davis. The District will not give any funds to this. Dr. Davis has agreed to do type the letter.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mrs. Robinson and unanimously voted to have Dr. Davis produce a letter on behalf of the green energy committee in Millville reserving the right to review any changes to the proposal for the Millville Elementary School.

Report of the Student Representatives

Morgan McCarthy – The Harlem Wizards came to the High School recently. Advisory Program is working on Cancer Awareness. Sports season is in full swing and so many teams have winning records right now.

Thomas Gallagher – Dance on Friday, October 11th from 7:00 to 10:00. There will be a Community bonfire on Thursday, October 10th at the High School with food for sale. Marching band is running into trouble with the mosquito issue. They are going to Millville to practice in the evening.

Dr. Davis spoke on new hires in the District. Dr. Davis authorized an aide at the Complex in Student Services.

Dr. Davis has not had no luck in finding an Assistant Superintendent at this time.

Dr. Davis was at MES for the literacy training and noticed that Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Desai have stepped up to take on more curriculum duties.

Dr. Davis needs a temporary clerk in the Superintendent's Office to help them catch up.

Sub Committee Reports

Legislation – Mr. Buckley spoke on legislature.

Regional Agreement – Mrs. Vinacco stated that they are waiting for NESDEC enrollment projections – Dr. Davis feels we should have the data by the end of October.

Report of the Superintendent

Dr. Davis will be meeting with Harold Gould tomorrow. The general contractor is Greenwood Industries for the JFK/AFM roof project. They appear to be well within budget on the project. They will sign the contracts and get them off to Greenwood Industries.

The High School Roof project will probably start in late spring or early summer.

Attorney Gould is meeting with the architect and project manager on the Millville roof project. It is not a flat roof but a shingled pitch roof which makes replacement much cheaper.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Robinson, seconded by Mrs. Robin and unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Chaplin as MESC delegate for meeting on November 8th in Hyannis, MA.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mrs. Robinson and unanimously voted to appoint Mrs. Robin as the alternate delegate for the MESC meeting on November 8th.

Mr. McNamara wants to do volunteer work on the baseball field at the BMR High School. He would like to put up netting in between the baseball and softball field. They are asking the Committee to consider using the rental fee that was collected over the summer to offset the cost of the netting.

The Committee has asked that Mr. McNamara attend a meeting to discuss this. Mrs. Vinacco is concerned that the softball field is not getting any attention.

Dr. Davis reviewed MCAS results and action steps that will be taken by the leadership team. The principals have been looking at the results for the last month and now they are made public. The students will be bringing the results home on Friday and principals will be doing a one call now alert notifying parents they will be coming home in a sealed envelope.

The District has made many gains over the last several years and we are moving in the right direction.

Public Forum

Joe Raposa from Millville is representing the cable access committee. They will be able to broadcast live from the Millville Elementary School very soon. A 24 channel panel will be installed by Charter. They will improve security at the school with outside cameras which will be monitored by the police station and cruisers.

Committee Forum

Mr. Buckley – MCAS – note that you acknowledge accomplishments. Thank you to the class of 2013 for the fabulous chargers sign on the High School building.

Mrs. Robin – beautiful sign on the High School Building. Nice to see the graduates giving back to their school.

Mrs. Greenstein – BEPO fundraiser at Wojcik’s Farm this weekend.

Mr. Tringali – Home Show for band on Saturday at Hopedale.

They will move the next meeting to Wednesday, October 9th so that they can attend the bonfire on Thursday, October 10th.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mrs. Greenstein and unanimously voted to move the next School Committee meeting from October 10th to October 9th to allow the members to attend the community bonfire on October 10th.

Dr. Davis wants to get an organized reactive budget process going.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mrs. Vinacco to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monique F. Simard
Recording Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Erin P. Vinacco, Recording Secretary

