

**BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL
DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING**

October 6, 2011

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

Charles K. Singleton, Chairman
John J. Eldridge, Vice Chairman
Steven J. Tringali, District Secretary
Catherine A. Robinson, District Treasurer
Diane C. Robin, Assistant District Treasurer
Michael J. Buckley, Member
Brian T. Faulkner, Member
Lisa C. Oliveira, Member

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

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Tringali and **unanimously voted** to approve the Consent Agenda which includes Minutes of Meeting of September 22, 2011 and Warrants.

Derek Tata gave the student report on the clubs this evening. Derek spoke about the Student Council sponsored homecoming dance tomorrow night. Students are taking SAT's and PSAT's right now. Progress reports will be coming out on Tuesday.

Alicia Pickering gave the Athletic Report.

An after school program survey was taken by the Middle School. Many parents responded and overwhelmingly they thought it was a wonderful thing to do. It is here for the Committee's review and the Superintendent would like to move ahead if it is something the Committee would support.

Mr. Cameron has decided to move forward with team leaders without using Department Heads.

The Millville water is now drinkable and bubblers will be operational on Tuesday.

The High School doors have been repaired and look beautiful.

It will be a professional development day in the District tomorrow.

There is a chance that some of the MCAS scores in our District are incorrect for 10th graders. If this is the case they will ask to have this revisited.

MCAS data was provided in the School Committee packets and it was discussed.

They are now entering the second year of Race to the Top. They need to get started on implementing different components of this. This is not negotiable. They will start having meetings with faculty. It will change how we evaluate our teachers. They would like to go through a pilot run to know what to stress and not to stress with faculty. There will be a meeting with the union to go over the tool right now. They are looking at formulating data teams. This is a several year process.

The School District is currently involved in a food drive. They are working hard with the community group on ways to help in the community.

The Superintendent has a request for medical leave from Lauren Dwyer. Lauren is requesting this leave from October 24th through December 23rd and has a doctor's note for this leave.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mrs. Oliveira and **unanimously voted** to approve the medical leave for Lauren Dwyer from October 24th through December 23rd 2011.

School nurse, Mrs. Wiegers currently has the position of nursing district coordinator. She researches policies that may need to be reviewed and updated for the State. She is requesting that the policy committee re-convene and discuss this at a later meeting.

Dr. Paul Haughey submitted a monthly summary report. The Committee is thankful to him for this informative report.

Mr. Buckley would like the other directors to do something similar to this.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Oliveira and **unanimously voted** to approve the field trip requests which include a BVT tour, Sportsmanship Summit, trip to Davis Farmland and to Old Sturbridge Village.

There were two groups who asked for Use of Facilities waivers. They are the Blackstone-Millville Youth Basketball league and the Millville Police Dept.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Robinson and **unanimously voted** to approve the reduction of fee for the Blackstone-Millville Youth Basketball league from \$4,291.88 to \$3,971.88 and approve the waiver for the Millville Police Department by reducing the amount due by \$450.00.

The MSBA has released funds to update the science labs. They will need to put together a proposal on what it would take to update these labs. The Superintendent will try to get information on this and get back to the Committee at the October 22nd meeting.

The Superintendent has received a notice from the Blackstone Zoning Board of Appeals for the remodeling of Little People's Day Care. They will be adding on a dance studio. They received notice since the Middle School abuts this property.

There were no items for Public Forum.

Committee Forum

Mrs. Oliveira has a concern over the recent Middle School newsletter and the Humanities and Math class information. She would like to be sure that we are not in violation of any regulations by not offering all students the same equal classes. Attorney Gould is looking into this matter at this time.

Mr. Eldridge stated that the food pantry shelves are bare and they are desperately in need of food. As quickly as they put it on the shelves it is gone.

Mr. Buckley hopes that a certain level of respect will be given to Mr. Hartnett and Mr. Cecchi in that they are only trying to help out with the retirees and their insurance plans. He feels that the District has dragged their heels in giving Mr. Hartnett the information on the retirees that he recently requested.

Mr. Eldridge feels that there is certain information that Mr. Hartnett and Mr. Cecchi are not privy to due to Hipa Laws.

The District feels that they have provided what Mr. Hartnett has asked for. They have also sent out informative letters to the retirees and held an information session to ease them through the Medicare process.

Mr. Singleton stated for the record that he has reached his limit with Mr. Buckley's remarks that he may have a problem with Mr. Hartnett and Mr. Cecchi. He wants it known that he does not. He feels that Mr. Buckley is making accusations that are not true. He has no problem with these gentlemen helping the retirees. However, we do have a Superintendent and she needs to make the final decisions on all of these matters.

Mr. Singleton wanted to thank Mrs. Lima for all of her hard work in regards to the water situation at the Millville Elementary School. He also wants to thank Tom Petrowitz, Helen Coffin, Eileen Tetreault and Greenie Lancot. He is so thankful that the water has been restored to the Millville Elementary School.

Mr. Singleton stated that there was a joint meeting with the Boards of Selectman here last night and it was a full house. They met to review the budget. They will meet three more times as scheduled.

Mrs. Robin gave information on the Strategic Planning. She gave a handout to the Committee members with core values developed in different states. The Committee will need to decide what they want to have for core values. They do not have to stick with one program but can pick and choose. In the end they will need to have a mission and a vision.

Mrs. Robin along with Mrs. Robinson will head a focus group. They will meet on October 20th @ 6:00 p.m. prior to the next School Committee Meeting.

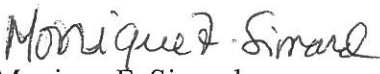
The vote taken at the last School Committee meeting to incur debt for two million dollars for replacing the HS roof will need to be rescinded now that MIAA will fund the repair of the roof to get them through the winter months. They are unsure at this time how much funding they will need in the Spring to replace the roof. This will take place at the next meeting.

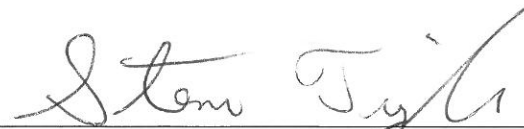
The District is still interested in having a Facilities Manager who would be responsible to know when things need to be replaced in the buildings. It would be their job to monitor each building and let the District know when something will need repair or replacement.

At one time the District had a Committee to review the facility needs in the District. They are considering bringing this Committee back again.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Robinson and **unanimously voted** to adjourn the School Committee Meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Monique F. Simard
Recording Secretary

ATTEST: 
Steven J. Tringali, District Secretary