

BIDDEFORD SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
January 10, 2012

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REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
7:00 p.m. – City Hall Council Chambers

Minutes

A. Call to Order: Mayor Casavant called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call: Mayor Casavant, Jim Emerson, Tammy Fleurent, Mark Gervais, Heather Mills, Bil Moriarty, Lisa Vadnais and Sean O'Neil. **Also in Attendance:** Sarah-Jane Poli and Jeff Porter.

Excused: Elyse Oliver. **Absent:** Tony Michaud.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Casavant led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** None

3. **Consideration of Minutes:** 12/13/11

Mrs. Fleurent moved and Mr. Moriarty seconded, unanimous vote, to accept the minutes of 12/13/11.

4. **Public Participation:**

Ron Peaker, Ward 1, spoke regarding several items including a superintendent search committee, merge finances with the City and elimination of administrative positions.

5. **Old Business:** None

6. **New Business:**

a. Positive Events

Britton Wolfe, BHS Principal, reported on the following (see attached):

- The Promise of Pepperell
- Clark University Model United Nation Mission Statement

Charles Lomonte, BMS Principal, reported on the following (see attached):

- 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens

Peg Levasseur, BRCOT Director, reported on the following (see attached):

- Night to Remember Fashion Show

b. Discussion/Action: Request from Biddeford Firefighters Association for a Sponsor Ad

Mrs. Fleurent moved and Mr. Emerson seconded to deny the above request.

Vote: 5-1 (Mr. Moriarty opposed) (Student Rep O'Neil opposed)

c. Discussion/Action: Request to Allow Tooth Protectors to Provide Dental Clinics, K-5

Mrs. Fleurent moved and Mrs. Mills seconded to accept the agreement from Tooth Protectors, Inc. to provide dental services within our schools. Vote: 5-1 (Mr. Gervais opposed)

Mr. Moriarty moved and Mrs. Mills seconded to move the committee into Executive Session for Discussion on Personnel Issue Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) at 7:50 p.m.

Vote: 5-1 (Mr. Gervais opposed)

Mrs. Fleurent moved and Mrs. Mills seconded, unanimous vote, to move the committee out of Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.

7. **Resignations-Nominations-Appointments-Transfers:**

Resignations: Accepted by the Superintendent

- Claudette Lachance, Administrative Assistant, BMS

Nominations:

- Michael Aaskov, Industrial Arts Technology Education Teacher, BHS (to replace Gary MacMullen)
Mrs. Fleurent moved and Mr. Emerson seconded to approve the above nomination.
Vote: 5-1 (Mr. Gervais opposed)

Appointments:

- School Committee Members to the Standing Committees
Mr. Moriarty moved and Mrs. Mills seconded to approve the above appointment.
Vote: 5-1 (Mr. Gervais opposed)
- School Committee Members to the Advisory Committees
Mrs. Fleurent moved and Mrs. Mills seconded to approve the above appointment.
Vote: 5-1 (Mr. Gervais opposed)
- Marc Boissonneault, Part Time Food Service Worker, JFK (to replace Karen Laflamme)
Mrs. Fleurent moved and Mr. Emerson seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the above appointment.
- Volunteers (see memo in packet)
Mrs. Fleurent moved and Mr. Emerson seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the list of volunteers.

8. Reports of Standing Committees:

Finance. Policy, Negotiations/Personnel – No reports.

9. Reports of Special Committees:

Student Representatives

Sean O'Neil reported on the following (see attached):

- Habitat for Humanity; US Navy Reps coming to BHS; Be The Change Group Talent Show; and Student of the Month Event.

CIP, Curriculum, Transportation – No Reports.

10. Superintendent's Report:

Miss Poli reported the following:

Yesterday, members of the Biddeford Administrative Team attended training on a new data system sponsored by the Department of Education. The workshop facilitators felt Biddeford Administrators were really interested, involved and made many excellent suggestions on ways of improving their data system program. The program will be unveiled by the state within the next month.

Administrators and supervisors are busy working on their budgets. The Business Manager, the Assistant Superintendent and I will be meeting throughout the month of January with each administrator and supervisor to review their budgets. Budget meetings with the School Committee will be scheduled for early February. These meetings will take place in the evening in one of our schools. This will require at least 3-4 meetings.

Ledgewood Construction Company accomplished a great deal of work over the December school break. A copy of the Construction News was sent to each of you via email this morning.

I will need to meet with each of the Standing and Advisory Committees. We need to set up meeting agendas, times and locations of the upcoming meetings. The Standing Committees are Finance, Policy and Personnel/Negotiations. The Advisory Committees are Capital Improvement Projects, Curriculum and Transportation. All of these committees will need to select a Chair or Co-Chairs at their first meeting. Assistant Superintendent Porter and I are looking forward to working with each of these committees.

11. Communications: None

12. Executive Session:

Mr. Moriarty moved and Mrs. Mills seconded, unanimous vote, to move the committee into Executive Session for Discussion/Action on Employment of Employee Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) at 8:15 p.m.

Mrs. Fleurent moved and Mr. Moriarty seconded, unanimous vote, to move the committee out of Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.

Mr. Moriarty moved and Mr. Emerson seconded, unanimous vote, to accept Sarah-Jane Poli's letter of retirement effective June 30, 2012.

13. Adjournment: Mrs. Mills moved and Mr. Emerson seconded to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.
Vote: 5-1 (Mr. Gervais opposed)

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah-Jane Poli, School Committee Secretary

Minutes Recorded: Karen Moody
Minutes Transcribed: Diane Milliard
