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BIDDEFORD SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
January 12, 2010
REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
7:00 p.m. – City Hall Council Chambers

Minutes

Roll Call: Mayor Twomey, Peggy Bean, Roberta Bernier, Alexandra Clarke, Tammy Fleurent, Nathan Mills, Laura Seaver, Ryan Fecteau and Joseph Drew. **Also in Attendance:** Sarah-Jane Poli, Superintendent and Jeff Porter, Assistant Superintendent. **Excused:** Tony Michaud

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Twomey led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.
2. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** None
3. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:**
Mr. Mills moved and Mrs. Seaver seconded, unanimous vote, to approved the minutes of 12/22/09.
4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**
Roland Pelletier, Ward 3, on behalf of the VFW, presented Michael Budd, BPS teacher, with an apple plaque of appreciation. Mr. Budd volunteers his time and involves his students in placing flags during Memorial Day celebrations.
5. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
6. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Positive Events**
Debra Kenney, BIS Principal, reported on the following (see attached notes):
 - Math Meet; BIS Drama Club; Matt Travares, Maine Author/IllustratorBritton Wolfe, BHS Principal, reported on the following (see attached notes):
 - MLTI laptops; ePals accounts; Parent Portal; ConnectEd
 - b. **Presentation: Riverview Foundation**
Andy Mishkin and Abby Lockhart provided a Power Point Presentation on the Riverview Foundation AIM (Access to Inspiration and Motivation) Program. This program brings adventure, health and academic enrichment to the BMS students through after school activities.
 - c. **Presentation: NCLB Report Card**
Mr. Porter provided an overview of the NCLB Report Card as required by federal law. The report card summarizes the Biddeford School Department's 2008-09 performance on the Maine Educational Assessment (MEA) that is administered in grades 3-8 and the Maine High School Assessment (MHSA) that is administered in grade 11. The report card outlines four major areas: specific assessment reports, accountability reports, teacher quality data and NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress)/MEA Comparison data.
 - d. **Presentation: ESL Testing Results, Jeff Porter**
Mr. Porter provided an overview of the ESL Testing Results for the Annual Measurable Achievement Objective as required by federal law. Biddeford met the Annual Determinations in all three categories.
 - e. **Discussion: Developing an Ad Hoc Committee Dealing With Communications**
An ad hoc communications committee was established in years past to publish a school newsletter. It was pointed out by Mr. Fecteau that the Curriculum Committee includes a Public Relations Committee. Miss Poli advised the school committee that people would need to serve on the committee, write the articles and be responsible for publication.
7. **RESIGNATIONS-NOMINATIONS-APPOINTMENTS-TRANSFERS:**
 - Appointments:**
 - Revised Standing Committees (see list in packet)
Mr. Mills moved and Mrs. Bernier seconded, unanimous vote, to accept the revisions as presented.
 - Advisory Committees (see list in packet)
Mr. Mills moved ad Mrs. Bean seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the above as presented.

- Theresa Douglass, Food Service Worker, BHS (to replace Barbara Rumbos)
Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Clarke seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the above appointment.
- Kristen Armstrong, Ed Tech III, ISS Monitor, BHS (to replace Mark Angers)
Mrs. Seaver moved and Mr. Mills seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the above appointment.
- Volunteers (see memo in packet)
Mr. Mills moved and Mrs. Bean seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the volunteers.

8. REPORTS OF THE FOLLOWING STANDING COMMITTEES:

- CIP • Curriculum • Finance • Negotiations/Personnel • Policy • Transportation
- Mr. Mills read the schedule of meetings for 1/21 and 1/26 to determine the chair for each standing committee (see attached). In addition, the Finance Committee is scheduled to meet on 1/26 at 6:30 p.m.

9. REPORTS OF THE FOLLOWING AD HOC COMMITTEES:

- **Student Representatives**
Mr. Drew reported on the following (see attached note):
 - Be the Change Talent Show; SMAA Cheering Competition in Tiger Gym
- **BHS Renovation Committee** No report

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Miss Poli reported on the following:

This evening, I have one announcement and it has to do with people interested in serving on short term sub committees of the Biddeford High School Ad Hoc Renovations Committee. If people are interested in serving, they can get a description of each subcommittee and application form on the Biddeford School Website (www.biddschools.org).

This evening, a Boardmanship Workshop was held for all board members by MSMA. The purpose of the workshop was to discuss school committee member's roles and responsibilities. MSMA also answered questions by individual members had regarding their role as a school committee member. MSMA did an excellent job in conducting this workshop.

School Administrators are continuing to work on their strategic plan based on goals established by the school committee last year. A presentation will be made within the next month.

Just a reminder, a school committee finance curtailment workshop will be held on Thursday, January 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Mayor's office. The administrators are also busy working on the development of the school budget. Budget meetings will be set up for school committee members during the months of February and March. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact me.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mrs. Peg moved and Mrs. Bernier seconded, unanimous vote, to move the committee into Executive Session for Discussion on Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq. 34 C.F.R. Part 300 at 8:35 p.m.

Mrs. Seaver moved and Mr. Mills seconded, unanimous vote, to move the committee out of Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Mills moved and Mrs. Bean seconded, unanimous vote, to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Perro, Recording Secretary

Sarah-Jane Poli, School Committee Secretary