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BIDDEFORD SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

January 26, 2010

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

Minutes

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

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 approve the minutes of 1/12/10.
4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None
5. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
6. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Positive Events**
Joan Warren, BPS Principal, reported on the following (see attached notes):
 - BPS Kid Correspondents Gino Gatusso and Maggie Behen
 - Wee Deliver Program
 - Response to Intervention Staff recognition
Dorothy Marecaux, Sp Ed Director, reported on the following: (see attached notes):
 - School Performance Profile Monitoring
 - b. **Approve: Overnight Trip Request, Swan Island, BMS**
Mrs. Seaver moved and Mr. Mills seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the above request.
 - c. **Approve: Quotes for Desktops and Laptops, Title IA**
Mr. Mills moved and Mrs. Seaver seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the purchase of 100 Dell computers for Title IA in the amount of \$72,712.
 - d. **Approve: Quote for Desktops, Data Processing Lab, COT**
Mr. Mills moved and Mrs. Bernier seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the purchase of 8 Dell computers for the COT Data Processing Lab in the amount of \$5,312.
 - e. **Approve: Quote for Desktops, Computer Lab, BIS**
Mr. Mills moved and Mrs. Seaver seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the purchase of 26 Dell computers for the BIS Computer Lab in the amount of \$17,264.
 - f. **Approve: Quotes for Replacement Intercom , BPS**
Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Clarke seconded, unanimous vote, to award the above quote to Signet in the amount of \$17,900.
 - g. **Action: Schedule a Workshop to Discuss Request to Add Communications as an Agenda Item**
Mr. Michaud moved and Mrs. Seaver seconded to add "Communications" to the agenda without a workshop.

Mr. Mills moved and Mrs. Clarke seconded to amend the motion and change the name to "Announcements" and place in on the agenda just before "Public Participation".

Vote: 1-5 (Mrs. Bernier, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Fleurent, Mr. Michaud, Mrs. Seaver opposed) Motion fails.

Mrs. Bernier moved and Mrs. Fleurent seconded to suspend Roberts Rule to allow for continued discussion.
Vote 4-2 (Mr. Michaud, Mrs. Seaver opposed)

Mr. Mills made a motion to move the question to change the name to “Announcements”, no seconded.

Vote on original motion: 4-3 (Mr. Mills, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Fleurent opposed) (Mayor Twomey voted in favor to break the tie)

7. RESIGNATIONS-NOMINATIONS-APPOINTMENTS-TRANSFERS:

Resignations:

- Elizabeth Girard, Grade 2 Teacher, BPS
 - Ray Belanger, Custodian, BMS
- Superintendent Poli has accepted the above resignations.

Appointments:

- Phil Radding, Capital Improvement Advisory Committee, BHS Renovation Ad Hoc Advisory Committee
- Ryan Fecteau, Policy Advisory Committee, Curriculum/PR Advisory Committee
- Steven Gendron, Full Time Bus Driver (to replace Terry Belanger)
- Winter/Spring Coaches, BMS (see memo in packet)
- Volunteers (see memo in packet)

Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Bernier seconded, unanimous vote to approve the above appointments.

Transfers: No Action Required

- Joyce Bernard, Sp Ed Tech II, BPS (to replace Sylvia McCauley)

8. REPORTS OF THE FOLLOWING STANDING COMMITTEES:

CIP – Miss Poli indicated the CIP Committee met last week and Mrs. Bernier was elected chairperson.

Curriculum – Mrs. Fleurent indicated the Curriculum Committee met this evening and she and Mr. Mills will be co-chairs. They reviewed achievement goals and Mr. Lomonte helped with a discussion on homework.

Finance – Mr. Mills indicated the Finance Committee met this evening and elected co-chairs, Mrs. Bernier and himself. They also reviewed the items that were approved this evening. Miss Poli provided an overview of the current year budget curtailment.

Negotiations/Personnel – Miss Poli indicated the Negotiations Committee needs to meet after tonight’s meeting to elect a chairperson.

Policy – Mr. Michaud indicated the Policy Committee is scheduled to meet on 2/8 at 5:00 p.m. in the BIS Library.

Transportation – Mr. Michaud indicated the Transportation Committee is scheduled to meet on 2/9 at 6:15 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference room at City Hall.

9. REPORTS OF THE FOLLOWING AD HOC COMMITTEES:

• Student Representatives

Mr. Fecteau announced the 2nd edition of the ROAR was released last week and he left a copy for everyone in their mail boxes. The ROAR is on facebook. Many events are planned for March Madness Month, which includes a family feud show, Mr. BHS, Anything Goes, and a student blood drive. The cheerleaders won the MSAA competition last week. Mr. Fecteau was one of two Maine students selected as an AI Neuharth Free Spirit Scholar and will be going Washington D.C. March 13-18.

Mr. Drew reported the National Honor Society and JMG performed a joint fundraiser over the past two weeks to collect money for helping the survivors in Haiti.

• BHS Renovation Committee

Miss Poli indicated the Renovation Committee meets weekly now. Howard Hanson and Dan Boucher are the co-chairs. The committee meets with the architect and there are several sub-committees that are meeting as well. There will be a full report at a later date.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Miss Poli reported the following:

The administrators have submitted their school budgets to Terry Gauvin, Business Manager and to me. We are spending this week reviewing each budget with each administrator. Just a reminder, you were informed by memo that on February 1, 3, and 4, budget workshops will be held for school committee members at the Biddeford Intermediate School Library from 6-8:00 p.m.

Negotiations are on-going and making progress. We meet at least two-three nights per week for negotiations. We are now trying to schedule late afternoon sessions as well.

Title I Muffins with Mom is scheduled for Wednesday, February 3, for Biddeford Primary School students and on February 10 for Biddeford Intermediate School students. Muffins with Mom is held at Biddeford Middle School in the cafeteria from 8-8:30 a.m. and school committee members are invited to attend.

This evening, I would like to inform you that this is Diane Perro's last evening as the recording secretary. Karen Moody, who is a Library Clerk at BHS, has agreed to take over this position. Diane has served as recording secretary for over ten years. Please join me in thanking her.

Mayor Twomey reminded the School Committee they received an invitation to join the City Council for a retreat to set priorities/goals and to discuss the budget process. The retreat is scheduled for February 6 at the University of New England from 10-2:00 p.m. The City Council has set the stage for a zero tax increase, which is different from a zero budget increase. Those interested in attending the retreat should let Ms. Perro know before they leave this evening.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

12. ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Fleurent seconded, unanimous vote, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Perro, Recording Secretary

Sarah-Jane Poli, School Committee Secretary