

BIDDEFORD SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
October 25, 2011

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

Minutes

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

B. Roll Call: Mayor Twomey, Peggy Bean, Roberta Bernier, Alexandra Clarke, Tammy Fleurent, Tony Michaud, Nathan Mills, Laura Seaver and Sean O'Neil. **Also in Attendance:** Sarah-Jane Poli and Jeff Porter.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Twomey led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** See attached Addendum.
3. **Consideration of Minutes:** 10/11/11
Mrs. Bernier moved and Mr. Mills seconded, unanimous vote, to accept the minutes of 10/11/11.

4. **Public Participation:** None

5. **Old Business:** None

6. **New Business:**

a. Positive Events

Mr. Wolfe, BHS Principal, reported on the following (see attached notes):

- National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Students; New Clubs at BHS.

Ms. Bonneau, JFK Principal, reported on the following (see attached notes):

- Start of the school year; Lisa Lewis, nutritionist; flower garden; responsive classroom approach;

b. Update: RTI Achievement Goals, Mr. Porter and Administrators

Mr. Porter and the principals/directors provided overviews on how they utilize Response to Intervention to help students bridge the knowledge gap (see attached).

c. Approve: Request for Overnight Trip, Journalism Convention (2nd reading)

Mrs. Bernier moved and Mr. Mills seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the above trip request.

d. Approve: Request to Increase 2nd Shift Custodial Hours, JFK

Mrs. Bean moved and Mrs. Clarke seconded to approve the above request.

Vote: 5-2 (Mrs. Seaver and Mrs. Bernier opposed)

e. Action: Regular School Committee Meetings for November 8th and 22nd

Mr. Michaud moved and Mrs. Seaver seconded to suspend the rules for two meetings in one month and just have the November 22nd meeting.

Vote: 2-5 (Mr. Mills, Mrs. Bernier, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Fleurent, Mrs. Bean opposed) Motion fails.

There will be a short meeting on the 11/8, with Mr. Mills chairing the meeting, as long there is a quorum.

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

Resignations: Accepted by the Superintendent.

- Karen Laflamme, Food Service Worker, JFK

Appointments:

- Elyse Oliver, Junior Student Representative for School Committee

Mr. Mills moved and Mrs. Clarke seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the above appointment.

- Diana Rush, Library Aide, BHS/BMS (to replace Laurie Williams)
- Kaitlyn LeConte, Sp Ed Tech II, BPS (to replace Elizabeth Roberts)
- Robyn Lariviere, Part Time Sp Ed Tech I, BPS (to replace Jocelyne Welch)
- Volunteers (see memo in packet)

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

8. Reports of Standing Committees:

Policy – Mr. Michaud reported the Policy Committee tonight. They will be setting forth policies associated with policy JJIAA at the next school committee meeting. The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for 11/21 at 6:00 p.m. at JFK.

Negotiations/Personnel – Mrs. Clarke indicated the Negotiations Committee is scheduled to meet on 10/31 at 3:00 p.m. to discuss non-union personnel.

Finance – No report.

9. Reports of Special Committees:

Curriculum – Mrs. Fleurent reported the Curriculum Committee met this evening. Gail Roller, Gifted/Talented teacher, explained the Regional Fine Arts Program (a collaboration with other school districts). They began discussions about Advisory Time.

Student Representatives – Mr. O’Neil reported the Seniors took first place for Home Coming Events. The National Honor Society will host a Scary Halloween Tour in the North Dam Mill on Friday from 5-9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5.

CIP, Transportation – No reports.

10. Superintendent’s Report:

Miss Poli reported on the following:

This week, I will be attending the Superintendent’s Conference in Augusta. Commissioner Bowen will be giving us an update on school approval process and state issues. We will also have speakers who will address the Common Core Standards and the 21st Century Leadership. I am looking forward to attending this workshop. We also have 2 members of the school committee that will be attending the Fall School Board Conference in Augusta as well. They have over 50 clinics scheduled for the 2 days. I am sure that they will be the clinics extremely worthwhile. Just like to remind parents that evening Parent/Teachers conferences will be held on November 7 and 9 for grades K-5 and on November 15 and 17 for grades 6-8. The conference times are from 4-7:30 p.m. BHS and COT held their conferences on the evening of October 20. I like to end by reading a positive email that Mr. Radding forwarded to me (see attached).

11. Communications: None

12. Executive Session: None

13. Adjournment: Mrs. Bernier moved and Mrs. Clarke seconded, unanimous vote, to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah-Jane Poli, School Committee Secretary

Minutes Recorded: Karen Moody

Minutes Transcribed: Diane Milliard