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**BIDDEFORD SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**  
December 22, 2009

**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, Tony Michaud, Nathan Mills, Laura Seaver, Ryan Fecteau and Joseph Drew. **Also in Attendance:** Sarah-Jane Poli, Superintendent and Jeff Porter, Assistant Superintendent.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Twomey led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

2. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** Executive Session was removed.

3. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:**

Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Bean seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the minutes of 11/24/09.

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Roland Pelletier, Ward 3, feels school committee members should have an email address on the website. He also commented on the investigation of the BMS teacher.

Roland Lawler suggested the school district have Fair Point remove the pay phones that have a cost associated with them and offered to install new pay phones at no cost.

5. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Positive Events**

Charles Lomonte, BMS Principal, introduced Beth Donahoe, Reading Teacher. She provided an overview of the Title I Free Rice Program. Students answer questions regarding English vocabulary, math, science, foreign languages, art and geography. With each correct answer, the United Nations World Food Program donates 10 grains of rice in the fight against hunger. Students Gabrielle Campbell and Meghan Bishop shared information on the competition that two classes held, with the math classes raising 37,160 grains of rice and the reading classes raising 31,890 grains of rice.

Joan Warren, BPS Principal, reported on the following (see attached notes):

- Winter Carnival
- Third Grade food drive
- BPS Holiday Assembly
- Second Grade treated to the movie Polar Express

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

- \$3,000 Fast Track Grant for the JFK Discovery Garden Project

**b. Action: Nominations and Election of Vice Chair of Biddeford School Committee**

Mr. Michaud nominated Mrs. Seaver. Mrs. Fleurent nominated Mr. Mills. Through the use of paper ballots, Mr. Mills was voted as the Vice Chair of the Biddeford School Committee by a vote of 4-3.

**c. Action: Nominate School Board Contact People for 2009-2010 Legislative Session**

Mrs. Seaver nominated Mrs. Bean, unanimous vote, as the school board contact person for the 2009-2010 Legislative Session.

7. **RESIGNATIONS-NOMINATIONS-APPOINTMENTS-TRANSFERS:**

**Resignations:**

- Terry Belanger, Bus Driver
- Sarah Rudman, Ed Tech III, BMS
- Suzanne Beaulieu, Food Service Worker
- Linda Dumont, Bus Driver

The Superintendent has accepted the above resignations.

**Appointments:**

- Standing Committees Appointments (see chart in packet)

Mrs. Bean moved and Mr. Mills seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the above appointments as presented.

- Anastasia Danton, Title IA Ed Tech III, 1 year, BMS (to replace Sarah Rudman)
- Volunteers (see memo in packet)

Mrs. Bean moved and Mrs. Clarke seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the above appointments.

**8. REPORTS OF THE FOLLOWING STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**CIP** – Miss Poli indicated the Building Committee has been meeting with the architect. There will be a CIP meeting sometime in January.

**Curriculum** – Mr. Mills indicated the Curriculum Committee will resume its regular meetings starting with the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in January.

**Finance** – Miss. Poli indicated the Finance Committee meets as needed.

**Negotiations/Personnel** – Miss Poli indicated the Negotiations Committee is very busy and have been meeting on the average of four nights a week for the last two to three weeks.

**Policy, Transportation** – No reports.

**9. REPORTS OF THE FOLLOWING AD HOC COMMITTEES:**

- **Student Representatives**

Mr. Fecteau indicated they had the food drive for 25 families in November and for the past two weeks, they have been gift wrapping for the same 25 families.

- **BHS Renovation Committee** No report

**10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Miss Poli reported on the following:

Gary Marcet, Vocal Music Teacher at Biddeford High School, recently informed me that two of his students will be representing Biddeford High School in the Maine Music Educators Association District I Honors Festival Chorus. The festival will be held on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at Noble High School. The students are Katherine Brady and Allen Prout. Congratulations to both of these students.

Ruth Shaw, Advisor for Interact, sent me an update on holiday fundraising events that have been taking place at Biddeford High School in cooperation with the National Honor Society, Be-the Change, Student Council, JMG and many more individuals. Some of the activities consisted of door decorating, coin for joy in the cafeteria, and individual donations. The students raised over \$1,000. Students, along with the social worker, purchased gift certificates and the social worker will distribute the gift certificates to 25 families.

The following students were at Wal Mart last Friday ringing the Salvation Army bell: Stephanie Poirier, Erin Paradis, Danny Huy, Valarie Gikas, Vanessa Gikas, Nate Lessard, Vinnie Papa, Adam Cotton, Lauren Gonneville, Anita Douglas, Stephanie Ackerson and Danielle Downing. I am very proud of these students for giving back to the community.

There have been several negotiations meeting during the month of December. The work is on-going.

I would like to wish everyone a great vacation over the holiday season!

**11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- ~~Discussion on Investigation of Complaints Against a Person Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A)~~ Removed

**12. ADJOURNMENT:** Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Bernier seconded, unanimous vote, to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

