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# BIDDEFORD SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

February 22, 2011

## 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, and Sean O'Neil. **Also in Attendance:** Sarah-Jane Poli and Jeff Porter.

**Excused:** Peggy Bean and Joseph Drew.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Twomey led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** None
3. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** 2/8/11  
Mr. Mills moved and Mrs. Bernier seconded, unanimous vote, to accept the minutes as printed.
4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**  
Laurie Hale, Ward 4, and Emma James, BHS student, spoke regarding issues associated with BHS.
5. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
6. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - a. **Presentation: H.L. Turner Report on Air Quality at BHS**  
Bill Turner, from Turner Building Science and Design, provided a power point summary on the report his firm issued last week (see attached).

Mrs. Seaver moved and Mr. Michaud seconded to allow public participation from our own experts and from the public to ask questions. Vote: 4-2 (Mrs. Fleurent, Mrs. Clarke opposed)

Mr. Michaud moved and Mrs. Seaver seconded to allow the Turner Group to carry out their recommendations and further investigate the high school and to complete their work.  
Vote: 2-4 (Mrs. Seaver, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Fleurent, Mr. Mills opposed) Motion does not pass.

Mrs. Fleurent moved and Mrs. Clarke seconded, unanimous vote, to ask the Turner Building Science to come up with a quote on the seven recommendations that they had and then to schedule a special meeting to discuss that and take action.

Mr. Michaud moved to amend the motion to have the school committee meet to review the proposal by the Turner Group on Monday at 6:00 p.m. There was no second.

Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Bernier seconded, unanimous vote, to amend the motion to meet on Monday at 6:30 p.m.

- b. **Final Presentation: Overnight Trip Request, Expanding Your Horizons, BMS**

Miss Poli explained this request already came before the school committee and there was a change in a staff member chaperone from Patty Van der Woude to Robin Lea.

Mrs. Clarke moved and Mrs. Bean seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the overnight field trip.

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

**Appointments:**

- Alieda Raymond, Part Time Ed Tech I, BPS
- Susan Kennie, Part Time Ed Tech I, BPS
- Beth Voisine, Full Time Bus Aide (to replace Jessica Berry)
- Spring 2011 Coaches, BHS (see list in packet)
- Nathan Jordan, Boys First Team Baseball Coach, BHS
- Volunteers (see memo in packet)

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

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

**Policy** – Mr. Michaud reported the next policy meeting is Monday, 3/7 at BIS at 6:00 p.m.

**Finance** – Mr. Mills reported the Finance Committee met tonight and heard the presentation of the Superintendent's budget. They will be looking for a date for a workshop to prepare a presentation to the full school committee of FY12 budget.

**Negotiations/Personnel** – No report.

**9. REPORTS OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**CIP** – Mrs. Bernier indicated the CIP Committee met last Thursday. They went over the 5-year plans for all of the schools and they are waiting upon the budget to see where they go with some of the improvements.

**Curriculum** – Mrs. Fleurent indicated the Curriculum Committee will meet on 3/22 at 6:15 p.m.

**Transportation** – No report.

**Student Representatives:**

Mr. O'Neil reported that last week students submitted their desired classes for next year to the Guidance Department. On Thursday, the ACE (Alliance for Climate Education) Group held an environmental awareness presentation in the Steve White Gym. Some students are forming a group to act and promote action for the benefit of the environment. Students submitted DOTs (Do One Thing) to show how they would contribute, such as recycling.

**10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Miss Poli reported on the following:

I do not have a formal report this evening. I would just like to share some important dates for events that will be taking place in some of our schools.

Friday, March 4 – BMS Storytellers Present: For the Love of a Story 2011 – BMS Auditorium 8:15– 9:40 a.m.

Wednesday, March 16 – District Art Show – BMS – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 23 – NHS Induction Ceremony – Steve White Gym – 7:00 p.m.

During the month of April, there will be a number of concerts and special music programs. The dates of these programs will be announced at a future meeting.

**11. COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mrs. Bernier announced a Spring Dance for Autism on 3/26 at the Rochambeau Club from 7-12:00 p.m.

**12. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**13. ADJOURNMENT:** Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Bernier seconded, unanimous vote, to adjourn at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sarah-Jane Poli, School Committee Secretary

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