

BIDDEFORD SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

February 23, 2010

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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. She also requested a moment of silence for Kathleen Gavin who passed away last week.
2. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** None
3. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:**
Mrs. Bean moved and Mrs. Seaver seconded, unanimous vote, to accept the minutes of 2/9/10.
4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**
Ryan Fecteau expressed frustration with the Governor's proposed cuts on the state level. He feels people need to go to Augusta to protest the cuts. Mayor Twomey supported his views.
5. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
6. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Positive Events**
Peg Levasseur, Director of COT, reported on the following (see attached notes):
 - Over \$1,100 raised for Haitian Relief
 - Pennies for Patients
 - Sending Schools Visitations
 - Aaron Drisko Student Business Career Seminar
 - On-Line Accuplacer Testing
 - Parent-Teacher Conferences

Debra Kenney, BIS Principal, reported on the following (see attached notes):

 - UNE Student Mentors
 - The Pediatrics Club at UNE
 - Cultural Day Hosted by UNE
 - School Newspaper by Mr. Petit's English class
 - Matt Tavares, Maine Author/Illustrator
 - BIS Composer's Club
 - Maine Red Claws Host a Health and Wellness Program
 - b. **Presentation/Action: BHS Essential Outcomes**
Mr. Wolfe, along with Margaret McNamee, Dawn Pendergrass and Paul McDonough, provided a presentation on the BHS Essential Academic, Civic and Social Outcomes Goals and handed out a BHS Vision/Mission Statement (see attached).

Mr. Michaud moved and Mrs. Clarke seconded, unanimous vote, to approve moving forward with the BHS Essential Academic, Civic and Social Outcomes Goals as presented.
 - c. **Approve: Overnight Trip Request, Expanding Your Horizons Conference, BMS**
Mr. Bean moved and Mrs. Seaver seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the above request.
 - d. **Approve: Overnight Trip Request, Washington D.C., BMS**
Mrs. Bernier moved and Mrs. Bean seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the above request.

- e. **Approve: Policy KBF, Title I Parent Involvement Policy – School Committee Level (1st reading)**
- f. **Approve: Policy KBF-E1, Title I Parent Involvement Policy – District Level (1st reading)**
- g. **Approve: Policy KBF-E2, Title I Parent Involvement Policy – School Level, JFK (1st reading)**
- h. **Approve: Policy KBF-E2, Title I Parent Involvement Policy – School Level, BPS (1st reading)**
- i. **Approve: Policy KBF-E2, Title I Parent Involvement Policy – School Level, BIS (1st reading)**
- j. **Approve: Policy KBF-E2, Title I Parent Involvement Policy – School Level, BMS(1st reading)**

Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Clarke seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the above policies.

k. Update: FY11 School Budget, Adult Education Budget and Nutrition Budget

Mr. Mills indicated the school committee has had the opportunity to hear from the administrators regarding FY11 expenditures. He thanked everyone for the hard work and excellent presentations. Tonight, the Finance Committee met and accepted the superintendent's recommended school budget in the amount of \$30,168,767, the nutrition budget in the amount of \$1,211,282 and the Adult Ed budget in the amount of \$579,500.

l. Action: Set Date for Budget Presentation to Full School Committee by Finance Committee

Miss Poli recommended that the budget presentation be held at the next regular school committee meeting on March 9. Mrs. Seaver announced the school committee has a budget workshop with the city council scheduled for Thursday, March 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chambers.

Mr. Mills moved and Mrs. Bernier seconded, unanimous vote, to take action with a presentation to the full school committee on March 9.

7. RESIGNATIONS-NOMINATIONS-APPOINTMENTS-TRANSFERS:

Resignations:

- Joyce Bernard, Ed Tech II, BPS

The above resignation was accepted by the Superintendent.

Appointments:

- Volunteers (see memo in packet)

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

8. REPORTS OF THE FOLLOWING STANDING COMMITTEES:

Curriculum – Mrs. Fleurent indicated the Curriculum Committee met this evening and the Guidance Curriculum Plan was presented. The plan will come before the school committee on March 9.

Policy – Mr. Michaud indicated the Policy Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, March 1, in the BIS Library at 5:00 p.m. to address several technology policies.

CIP, Finance, Negotiations/Personnel, Transportation – No reports.

9. REPORTS OF THE FOLLOWING AD HOC COMMITTEES:

- **Student Representatives**

Mr. Fecteau reported the Student Counsel will host a Red Cross Blood drive on March 10. Mr. BHS contest will be held on March 3 and the tickets are \$6. There will be a BHS Basketball Alumni Game on March 18 at 5:30 p.m., and the Alumni Cheerleaders will perform.

Mr. Drew stated that this week, JMG is promoting Teen Dating Violence Awareness. Many facts and statistics have been posted around the school and purple ribbons are being worn by students. The boy's ice hockey team is in the playoffs tonight as they play their last game of the season at Biddeford Ice Arena.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Miss Poli reported the following:

I have a short report this evening as we have our labor negotiator here this evening to meet with you during the Executive Session.

Congratulations to the BHS students involved in winter sports who went on to participate in regional, semi-finals, and playoffs in their respective sports. You represented Biddeford well.

- Girls Basketball: advanced to Semi-Finals - defeated Cheverus H.S. in the Quarter Final Round
- Girls Ice Hockey: Qualified for the Post-Season Tournament.
- Cheering: State Champions for the third year in a row!

- Boys Ice Hockey: Playing tonight in the Quarter Final Game vs. Scarborough
- Girls Indoor Track:
- State Championship Meet
 - Maria Curit: 1st place Long Jump - State Record! 1st place in the 200 meter run, 2nd place in the 400 meter run

Danielle Laverierre: 2nd place in the 800 meter run

The next few weeks will be extremely busy with budget meetings, on-going negotiations meetings and the BHS Renovation Project. I anticipate that I will be seeing the school committee members a great deal during the month of March.

We are looking forward to sharing our homework assignment with the council members on Thursday night March 4.

We are still in the interviewing process for the owner's rep for the BHS Renovation Project. We hope to have a name of a candidate by the first meeting in March.

Reminder, that the Exterior, Interior Building Sub-Committee will meet on Thursday, at 3:15, at Maplewood Avenue.

11. COMMUNICATIONS: None

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Bernier seconded, unanimous vote, to move the committee into Executive Session for discussion on labor contracts for six unions pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D) at 8:15 p.m.

Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Bernier seconded, unanimous vote, to move the committee out of Executive Session at 9:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Bean moved and Mrs. Bernier seconded, unanimous vote, to adjourn at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Perro, Recording Secretary

Sarah-Jane Poli, School Committee Secretary