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**BIDDEFORD SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**  
**February 8, 2011**  
**REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**7:00 p.m. – City Hall Council Chambers**

**Minutes**

**Roll Call:** Mayor Twomey, Peggy Bean (arrived at 7:30 p.m.) Roberta Bernier, Alexandra Clarke, Tony Michaud, Laura Seaver, Joseph Drew and Sean O’Neil. **Also in Attendance:** Sarah-Jane Poli and Jeff Porter.

**Excused:** Tammy Fleurent and Nathan Mills

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Twomey led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** See addendum.
3. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:** 1/25/11  
Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Bernier seconded, unanimous vote, to accept the minutes of 1/25/11.
4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**  
Mary Ann Noyes, Jamie Hauck and, Emma James addressed the school committee regarding air quality issues at BHS. Mayor Twomey spoke regarding the accusations that the school committee doesn’t care. She indicated that everything possible is being done for all students and staff.
5. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
6. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - a. **Positive Events**  
Dorothy Marecaux, Sp Ed Director, reported on the following:
    - Last year, Biddeford was part of the “Big 5 School” that needed improvement. This year, Biddeford met all the goals in the action plan and is no longer a “Big 5 School”. The Sp Ed Review has begun.  
Britton Wolfe, BHS Principal, reported on the following (see attached):
    - SAT Prep; Letters to Sun Chronicle Regarding MLTI Program; Anger Management Group at BHS  
Debra Kenney, BIS Principal, reported on the following (see attached):
    - KidBlog.org; International Pen Pals; Drama Club Plays
  - b. **Presentation: NECAP Results, Jeff Porter**  
Mr. Porter provided an overview on the NCLB Report Card and the NECAP test score results (see attached).
  - c. **Approve: Quote for 250 Sophos Licenses**  
Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Bernier seconded to accept the quote for 250 Sophos Licenses for \$3,800.  
Vote: 4-1 (Mr. Michaud opposed)
  - d. **Approve: Additional Bid for Furniture, BHS Renovation Project**  
Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Bernier seconded, unanimous vote, to accept the bid from Creative Office Pavilion for \$25,182.22.
  - e. **Approve: Bid for Moving, BHS Renovation Project**  
Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Bernier seconded, unanimous vote, to accept the bid from Earle W. Noyes & Son in the amount of \$39,520.
  - f. **Discussion: 2/22/11 School Committee Meeting (school vacation week – we will need a quorum)**  
Miss Poli indicated Mrs. Bean would not be able to attend this meeting. Mayor Twomey reminded the school committee there is a workshop at UNE beginning at 11:00 on Saturday, February 12, 2011, and she needs a head count on attendance.
7. **RESIGNATIONS-NOMINATIONS-APPOINTMENTS-TRANSFERS:**  
**Resignations/Retirements:** Accepted by Superintendent
  - Dorothy Marecaux, Director of Special Services, Retirement Effective 8/2011

**Appointments:**

- Doreen Collin, BHS Student Council Advisor
- Volunteers (see memo in packet)

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

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

**Policy** – Mr. Michaud reported the Policy Committee did not meet yesterday. They will meet the first Monday in March.

**Finance** – Mrs. Bernier reported the Finance Committee met tonight to go over the furniture project, the renovation project and the 250 Sophos licenses.

**Negotiations/Personnel** – Mrs. Clarke indicated the last contract will be taken up in Executive Session.

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

**CIP** – Mrs. Bernier indicated the CIP Committee will meet this Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in the Adult Ed Center.

**Curriculum, Transportation** – No reports.

**Student Representatives:**

Mr. Drew indicated the Student Council met with the Red Cross and will host a blood drive on March 2nd from 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The goal for the school is to collect 100 pints.

**10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Miss Poli reported on the following:

This evening I am going to give you an update on the construction project for BHS. Brick work has been completed at the west wing. Masonry work has been started inside the lobby area near stair #1. They have completed stair #2. The curtain walls are complete on the administration wing. Sheet rocking and taping is on going in the first floor of the administration wing. The 2<sup>nd</sup> floor framing is complete and wall rough-in is being completed this week. They will be additional work on the exterior of the administration wing next week. The new addition is scheduled to be completed by May. Yesterday, the administrators and supervisors met with representative from the New England Square Dancing Group. They are planning on having their convention in Biddeford on April 28-30. They will be using BMS, BIS and BPS. This year, they are also going to have 1 hour dance session on Friday night for anyone in the community who's interested in square dancing. There is a budget workshop scheduled for Saturday, 2/12, at UNE beginning at 11:00 a.m. This is a workshop between the council and school committee members. So far, 4 or 5 members have agreed to attend. If anyone else can attend, please let Mayor Twomey as soon as possible.

**11. COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mr. Michaud feels that, for elected officials, access to information should be granted freely. Miss Poli stated that, under the Freedom of Access Law, information requested for personal use has to be charged and the charge was by the City of Biddeford. Miss Poli will follow-up with the City Finance Director.

**12. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mrs. Clarke moved and Mrs. Bean seconded, unanimous vote, to move the committee into Executive Session for Discussion/Action on Labor Contract Proposal for Biddeford Teachers' Association Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D) at 8:25 p.m.

Mrs. Clarke moved and Mrs. Seaver seconded, unanimous vote, to move the committee out of Executive Session at 8:35 p.m.

Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Bernier seconded, unanimous vote, to ratify contract with the Biddeford Teachers' Association for the period of 2009 to 2012.

**13. ADJOURNMENT:** Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Bernier seconded, unanimous vote, to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sarah-Jane Poli, School Committee Secretary

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Minutes Recorded: Karen Moody

Minutes Transcribed: Diane Perro