

BIDDEFORD SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

February 9, 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.

2. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** None

3. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:**

Mrs. Bean moved and Mr. Mills seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the minutes of 1/26/10.

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

5. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a. **Positive Events**

Charles Lomonte, BMS Principal, thanked the Mayor and Chief Beaupre for funding the school resource officer in the city budget. The current SRO is Pete Wentworth. Today, BMS had a presentation on Restorative Justice from the Restorative School Practices Collaborative of Maine. This is an approach to discipline and a positive behavioral program that focuses on the cause of misbehavior. At the next meeting, there will be an overnight field trip request to Orono for the Expanding Your Horizons Conference for 7th and 8th grade girls.

Jeff Porter, Assistant Superintendent, reported on the following:

- Update on the MLTI Program at BHS (see attached notes)

b. **Presentation: NECAP Scores**

Mr. Porter provided a power point presentation and overview on the NECAP scores for reading and math for students in grades 3-8 (see attached handouts).

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

Appointments:

- Leo Labonte, Full Time Bus Driver (to replace Linda Dumont)
- Peter Agreste, Full Time Custodian (to replace Ray Belanger)

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

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

CIP – Miss Poli indicated the sub-committees of the CIP Committee have been meeting.

Curriculum – Mrs. Fleurent indicated the Curriculum Committee is scheduled to meet on 2/23 and the guidance counselors will present their curriculum plans.

Finance – Mrs. Bernier reported the Finance Committee had a budget workshop this evening and are waiting for more numbers to come in. They will present a budget to the full school committee on March 9.

Negotiations/Personnel – Mrs. Clarke indicated the Negotiations Committee met on 1/26 after the school committee meeting and selected Mr. Mills and her as co-chairs.

Policy – Mr. Michaud indicated the Policy Committee met yesterday. The next meeting will be on March 1 at 5:00 p.m. in the BIS Library and they will address technology policies.

Transportation – Mr. Michaud indicated the Transportation Committee met this evening to address bussing distances and how we obtain our distance information. They will investigate this matter and work on the policy.

9. REPORTS OF THE FOLLOWING AD HOC COMMITTEES:

• **Student Representatives**

Mr. Fecteau reported the cheering made BHS history with their third straight SMAA championship. Tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. at the BMS auditorium, The National Honor Society will host a comedy show to cover the costs of advanced placement exams. He has tickets at \$5 each for anyone interested in purchasing some.

Mr. Drew, being a member of the swim team, reported that several members of the BHS swim team qualified for competition on the state level.

Mrs. Bernier congratulated the BHS Girls Varsity Basketball team for going onto the playoffs, with their first game against Cheverus this Saturday at the Civic Center.

• **BHS Renovation Committee**

Miss Poli indicated the BHS Renovation Committee meets every Thursday afternoon until at least June from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Miss Poli reported the following:

Congratulations to Biddeford High School Cheerleaders for being State Champs for the third year in a row. They were required to have a routine that was 3 minutes long and included a cheer, a dance sequence, tumbling and a pyramid. This requires that our young ladies be top athletes.

Last Saturday, the Biddeford School Committee and the Biddeford City Council had a budget retreat at UNE that was organized by Mayor Twomey. The day was extremely productive and positive dialogue occurred between the two elected groups. Future meetings are being planned by Mayor Twomey.

A couple reminders: 1) Muffins with Mom for BIS Title I students will take place on Wednesday morning of this week from 8-8:30 a.m. in the BMS cafeteria. Last week's Muffins with Mom with BPS Title I Students was very successful. 2) I want to remind parents that next week is school vacation. It will be a great time for students and parents to get outdoors to have fun.

11. COMMUNICATIONS: None

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Mills moved and Mrs. Seaver seconded, unanimous vote, to move the committee into Executive Session for discussion on contemplated litigation pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E) at 7:38 p.m.

Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Fleurent seconded, unanimous vote, to move the committee out of Executive Session at 8:11 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Seaver moved and Fleurent seconded, unanimous vote, to adjourn at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Perro, Recording Secretary

Sarah-Jane Poli, School Committee Secretary