

BIDDEFORD SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
March 8, 2011

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

Excused: 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:** 2/22/11 and 2/28/11

Mrs. Bernier moved and Mrs. Clarke seconded, unanimous vote, to accept the minutes of 2/11/11.

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4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Mayor Twomey quoted Policy BEDH, paragraph E., "All speakers are to identify themselves as they begin talking. They will not be permitted to participate in gossip, make defamatory comments, or use abusive or vulgar language. The Chair will maintain the prerogative to discontinue any presentation which violates any of the public participation guidelines."

Mary Ann Noyes, Ward 4, Laurie Hale, Ward 4, and Emma James, Sophomore, spoke regarding air quality at BHS. Roland Pelletier, Ward 3, spoke regarding citizens on standing committees. Debbie Boucher, Ward 7, also spoke regarding air quality at BHS.

Mrs. Bernier moved and Mrs. Bean seconded, unanimous vote, to allow Mrs. Boucher to speak after the 3 minutes limit on Public Participation.

5. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a. **Approve: Overnight Trip Request, Maine State Jazz Festival, BHS (1st & 2nd reading)**

b. **Budget Presentations By School Finance Committee:**

- Nathan Mills – Introductions & Summarize School Budget, Adult Ed Budget, and Nutrition Budget
- Laura Seaver – Explanation of the FY12 Revenue Sheet
- Roberta Bernier – Lead Discussion on Direction of Budget for FY12

With presentations noted above, the Finance Committee recommended the following:

General Budget - \$32,520,641 with revenues anticipated \$31,134,764 (\$1,385,877 deficit)

Adult Ed Budget - \$671,773 with net to the City of \$299,162

Nutrition Budget - \$1,239,906 (self-sustaining)

Mrs. Fleurent moved and Mrs. Clarke seconded to cut the budget \$1,385,877, with the specifics to be determined once reviewed by the administrators. Vote: 6-1 (Mr. Michaud opposed)

c. **Approve: FY12 School Budget**

Mrs. Fleurent moved and Mrs. Seaver seconded to approve the School Budget in the amount of \$31,134,764. Vote: 6-1 (Mr. Michaud opposed)

d. **Approve: FY12 Adult Education Budget**

Mr. Mills moved and Mrs. Clarke seconded to approve the Adult Ed budget in the amount of \$671,773, with a net cost to the city of \$299,161.84.

Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Bernier seconded to reduce the Adult Ed budget by the increase \$20,829.84. Vote: 6-1 (Mr. Michaud opposed)

Mr. Mills moved and Mrs. Seaver seconded to approve the Adult Ed budget in the amount of \$650,943.
Vote: 6-1 (Mr. Michaud opposed)

e. Approve: FY12 Nutrition Budget

Mr. Mills moved and Mrs. Seaver seconded to, unanimous vote, to approve the Nutrition Budget in the amount of \$1,239,906, which is a self-sustained budget.

7. RESIGNATIONS-NOMINATIONS-APPOINTMENTS-TRANSFERS:

Resignations: Accepted by the Superintendent.

- David Raymond, Custodial Supervisor

Appointments:

- Jocelyn Welch, Part Time Ed Tech I, BPS
- Robert Gomez, Assistant Outdoor Track Coach, Spring 2011, BHS

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

8. REPORTS OF THE FOLLOWING STANDING COMMITTEES:

Policy – Mr. Michaud reported the Policy Committee met yesterday. The committee decided that in lieu of televised standing committee meetings, each committee would provide a more detail report. Mr. Michaud forgot his notes. They will meet next month on the first Monday at 6:00 p.m. The main topic will be student data and how that information is shared. Mr. Michaud invited any interested citizen to attend the meeting. Mrs. Seaver indicated there would be televised agendas.

Finance, Negotiations/Personnel – No report.

9. REPORTS OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

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

CIP, Transportation – No report.

Student Representatives:

Mr. O’Neil reported the Special Olympics will hold the Cumberland County Aquatics competition on March 25 and on May 6 in Kittery, the York County Track and Field events.

10. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Miss Poli reported the following (see attached notes):

- JMG Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week, BHS; Presentation by Steve Weschler, Center for Preventing Hate, BHS staff; 21 Students from Japan at BHS and BMS; K-12 District Wide Art Show; Ann Putney, Grade 6 Teacher, Published in “Science Magazine”; Athletic Awards Ceremony on 3/15/11

11. COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Michaud indicated the two resource officers will not be funded in the police department budget for next year. He thanked the officers for their service and he hopes the positions will be back in the budget for the following school year. Mrs. Seaver requested help from the public regarding the search for educational grants. Students from BHS provided a Power Point presentation on the air quality at BHS.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

13. ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Bernier seconded, unanimous vote, to adjourn at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah-Jane Poli, School Committee Secretary

Minutes Recorded: Diane Perro

Minutes Transcribed: Diane Perro