

BIDDEFORD SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
April 12, 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, Tammy Fleurent, Tony Michaud, Laura Seaver and Sean O'Neil. **Also in Attendance:** Sarah-Jane Poli and Jeff Porter.

Excused: Alexandra Clarke, Nathan Mills 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:** 3/22/11 & 3/30/11
Mrs. Bernier moved and Mrs. Seaver seconded, unanimous vote to approve the minutes of 3/22/11 & 3/30/11.
4. **Public Participation:**
Mary Ann Noyes, Ward 4, indicated she was concerned that the Turner Group has not started testing yet.
5. **Old Business:** None
6. **New Business:**
 - a. **Positive Events**
Peg Levasseur, BRCOT Director shared information on a follow-up survey on graduates (see attached).

Britton Wolfe, BHS Principal, reported on the following (see attached):
 - Fund raiser for Japan; Sister School relationship with Japan; Gay/Straight Alliance; French Festival
 - b. **Approve: Overnight Trip Request, Papoose Pond, BMS**
Mrs. Bernier moved and Mrs. Seaver seconded, unanimous vote to approve the above request.
 - c. **Approve: Quote for 11 Intel Core iMacs, BHS**
Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Bernier seconded to accept the above bid from Apple in the amount of \$13,333.98. Vote: 4-1 (Mr. Michaud opposed)
 - d. **Approve: Quote for Computer Hardware, District-Wide**
Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Bernier seconded to accept the above bid from Apple in the amount of \$23,950. Vote: 4-1 (Mr. Michaud opposed)
 - e. **Approve: Quote for Yamaha Saxophone, BHS**
Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Bernier seconded, unanimous vote, to accept the bid from Music & Arts Centers in the amount of \$3,980.90.
 - f. **Presentation: Freshman Academy, Mr. Porter**
Mr. Porter provided a detailed Power Point presentation on the Freshman Academy (see document in packet).
 - g. **Approve: Request for LOA, Michelle Dion-Bernier, BIS**
Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Bean seconded, unanimous vote to approve the above request.
 - h. **Approve: Request for LOA, Deborah Newman, JFK**
Mrs. Bean moved and Mrs. Seaver seconded, unanimous vote to approve the above request.
7. **Resignations-Nominations-Appointments-Transfers:**

Resignations: Accepted by the Superintendent.

 - Gene Baird, English Teacher, BHS
 - Richard Joy, Grade 3 Teacher, BPS
 - Nicole Lebreux, Ed Tech II, JFK

Appointments:

- Tami Hussey, Part Time Ed Tech I, BPS
- Kim Cyr, Food Service Worker, BPS (to replace Linda Love)
- Volunteers (see memo in packet)

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

8. Reports of Standing Committees:

Policy – Mr. Michaud reported the Policy Committee meeting for this month was cancelled due to a budget workshop between the school committee and city council. The policy meeting has not been rescheduled yet but Mr. Michaud will let people know when it is rescheduled.

Finance – Mrs. Bernier reported the Finance Committee met tonight and went over quotes for the iPads, computer hardware and the saxophone.

Negotiations/Personnel – No report.

9. REPORTS OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Curriculum – Mrs. Fleurent indicated the Curriculum Committee will meet on 4/26, at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room.

Transportation – Mr. Michaud indicated the Transportation Committee has not met in awhile. There are no issues/concerns that he's aware of at this time. If there are any issues, people should send them to Mr. Michaud or the superintendent.

CIP – No report.

Student Representatives:

Mr. O'Neil reported the National Honor Society is holding a food drive this week at BHS to help support the Food Pantry.

10. Superintendent's Report:

Miss Poli reported the following:

Mr. Turner, from Turner Building Associates, will be conducting interviews on Thursday of this week with interested staff and students. Students under 18 years of age must accompanied by a parent. The interviewing schedule is being prepared by Mr. Wolfe. Mr. Wolfe sent out emails and letters to parents and staff members. There 1 staff member who'd like to be interviewed and Mr. Turner will interview the school nurse. There was 1 student under the age of 18 interested, but the parent was not unable to be present. Mr. Turner will be returning to Biddeford on April 28 and 29 to audit the plans such as containment, moisture intrusion, and cleaning. He will also be checking for mold reservoirs in several rooms that have had past water damage. Once again, this schedule is being arranged with Mr. Wolfe.

The New England Square Dancing Group will hold their convention in Biddeford on April 28 – May 1 at Biddeford Middle School, Biddeford Intermediate School, and Biddeford Primary School.

Students will be on vacation during the week of April 18 and an Early Release day on April 28. Students in grades K-12 will not attend school on April 29. The music department at BHS will be moving into their new classroom space during the week of April 18. They will have an opportunity on April 28 and 29 to get their rooms ready for their students. The construction is moving along. The new addition and the renovated classrooms next to the addition will be ready for occupancy after school closes in June. The construction company is beginning to work in the Steve White Gym. They have a very intense work schedule for April vacation. A tour for the media has been scheduled for April 15. On April 28 and 29, the staff at BHS will have an opportunity to tour the new and renovated classrooms. Enjoy vacation!

11. Communications:

Mrs. Bernier inquired about the Mayor's request to write a letter to the Legislature. Mayor Twomey indicated she had been too busy with budgets to get a letter off in time. Mrs. Bernier extended congratulations to all the special needs kids who participated the Aquatic Special Olympics. She requested a letter, on behalf of the school committee, be sent to each student. Dorothy Marecaux indicated this event will be on public access.

Mr. Michaud requested the school committee be informed regarding what positions and programs are being eliminated from the budget due to the \$1.4M cut.

Miss Poli indicated the school committee will be informed, but she has to meet with the people who are involved and that process starts tomorrow. She has met with the presidents of the associations. Staff members will be informed of the RIF process, their rights and the re-call process. Miss Poli indicated that names should be submitted to the school committee at the next meeting.

12. Executive Session: None

13. Adjournment: Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Bean seconded, unanimous vote to adjourn at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah-Jane Poli, School Committee Secretary

Minutes Recorded: Diane Perro

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