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BIDDEFORD SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
May 10, 2011

REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
7:00 p.m. – City Hall Council Chambers

Minutes

Roll Call: Mayor Twomey, Peggy Bean, 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, Nathan Mills.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Twomey led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** The following was added under "New Business":
 6. i. Approve: Request for Comp Day for Juniors who took SAT Test
3. **Consideration of Minutes:** 4/26/11
Mrs. Bernier moved and Mrs. Bean seconded, unanimous vote, to approve to minutes of 4/26/11.
4. **Public Participation:**
Ryan Fecteau, Ward 4, spoke regarding the budget, air quality and AP classes. Ron Peaker, Ward 1, spoke regarding recycling, the budget and the school committee. Emma James, Grade 10, announced the yearbook won "Best in New England" for last year's book.
5. **Old Business:** None
6. **New Business:**
 - a. **Positive Events**
Joan Warren, BPS Principal, reported on the following (see attached notes):
 - Work-It Program; Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast; Teacher/Staff Appreciation; Title I Whole School Grant.
Paulette Bonneau, JFK Principal, reported on the following (see attached notes):
 - ACES Day; Chris Van Dusen; Kindergarten Parent Night; Kindergarten registration; Step-Up Day; Trip to McArthur Library.
 - b. **Presentation: School Supplies for Needy Student, Cat Janson**
Cat Janson and Brenda Widdis provided an overview of the "Let's Get Ready for School" program that provides school supplies for students of needy families (see attached form). They asked that each school send the registration form home to parents and return completed forms back to a contact person at the school.
 - c. **Approve: Overnight Trip Request, Washington, DC, BMS (2nd reading)**
Mr. Lomonte indicated the Washington DC trip has already occurred. He said they are seeking approval for the Quebec overnight trip.

Mrs. Bean moved and Mrs. Bernier seconded to approve the overnight trip request to Quebec.
Vote: 3-2 (Mr. Michaud, Mrs. Seaver opposed)

NOTE: This trip was previously approved at the 4/26/11 school committee meeting.
 - d. **Approve: Overnight Trip Request, Papoose Pond, BMS (2nd reading)**
Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Bernier seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the above request.
 - e. **Approve: Overnight Trip Request, Senior Trip, BHS (1st reading)**
Mrs. Bean moved and Mrs. Seaver seconded to approve the senior trip of June 7th & 8th to go rafting.
Vote: 4-1 (Mr. Michaud opposed)
 - f. **Approve: Quote for Replacement Windows, BRCOT**
Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Bean seconded to the quote from Portland Glass in the amount of \$20,580.
Vote: 4-1 (Mr. Michaud opposed)

g. Approve: Quote for Cafeteria Chairs, BIS

Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Clarke seconded to approve the quote from Schools In in the amount of \$9,117.50 Vote: 4-1 (Mr. Michaud opposed)

h. Approve: Calendar for School Year 2011—2012

Mrs. Bernier moved and Mrs. Seaver seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the calendar for 2011-2012.

i. Approve: Request for Comp Day for Juniors who took SAT Test on 5/13/11

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

7. Resignations-Nominations-Appointments-Transfers:

Resignations: Accepted by Superintendent Poli.

- Leslie Romanow-Jordan, Gifted/Talented Teacher, BIS/BMS
- Marc Boissonneault, Welding Instructor, BRCOT
- Richard Souza, Grade 7 Science Teacher, BMS
- Joe McCarthy, Science Teacher, BHS
- Bill Caiazzo, Literacy Specialist, BHS

Nominations:

- Mason Mills, Instrumental Music Teacher, 1 year only, BMS (to replace Amy Delorge)

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

Appointments:

- Volunteers (see memo in packet)

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

8. Reports of Standing Committees:

Policy – Mr. Michaud reported the Policy Committee will meet on 5/23 at BIS at 6:00 p.m.

Finance – Mrs. Bernier reported the Finance Committee met this evening to discuss the replacement windows for COT building and BIS cafeteria chairs.

Negotiations/Personnel – No report.

9. REPORTS OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

CIP, Curriculum, Transportation – No reports.

Student Representatives:

Mr. Drew reported the Run, Walk, and Roll fundraiser to benefit Community Partners will be held on Sunday.

Mr. O'Neil reported the Student Council candidate positions are due this Friday. The Honors Convocation is scheduled for 5/17. Friday is SAT compensation day.

10. Superintendent's Report:

Miss Poli reported the following:

Next Monday, May 16, the 1st reading of the school budget will take place at the Biddeford Middle School auditorium beginning at 7:00 p.m. The city budget 1st hearing will also be held at Biddeford Middle School auditorium beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evening, May 19. The 2nd reading of the school budget will be held on June 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The validation referendum will be held on Thursday, June 9th, in the J Richard Martin Community Center gym from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. There is only one polling place that day and I encourage people to go out and vote.

Mr. Porter has informed me that the Biddeford School District has made AYP – Average Yearly Progress. We are still on the state list for another year. If we continue to show progress, we will be off the list a year from now. Our administrators, staff, and students are working very hard to reach this accomplishment.

Just a reminder, the Honors Convocation will be held May 17th at the Biddeford Middle School auditorium beginning at 7:00 p.m. The BHS Jazz Band will have a concert that same evening at 7:00 p.m. outside of the Tiger Gym at Biddeford High School if it doesn't rain. May 26 is the POP Concert for the BHS Chorus and that will be held at Biddeford Middle School auditorium beginning at 7:00 p.m.

I have asked Mr. Phil Radding to share my superintendent report spot this evening. He will provide an update on Turner Associates and Biddeford High School. Mr. Turner will be giving us a report in late May or early June.

Mr. Radding indicated Mr. Turner began with interviews, toured the building, and conducted air testing in 17 rooms. He will be back on 5/24 to do additional investigation for mold reservoirs. He has also advised us in some cleaning aspects. He met with Ledgewood and advised on containment. He is reviewing the cleaning program and looking at the city and school's water intrusion plan. They expect a full report from Mr. Turner by the end of this project.

11. Communications:

Mrs. Bernier congratulated all the special needs children that participated in the track and field competition last Friday.

Mr. Michaud thanked the people who come to speak to the school committee and he appreciates the differences of opinion.

Mrs. Bernier questioned the school's lack of recycling. Mr. Radding indicated the Biddeford School Department is one of the biggest recyclers in the city. There are recycling programs in place for all school buildings.

12. Executive Session: None

13. Adjournment: Mrs. Bean moved and Mrs. Seaver seconded, unanimous vote, to approve to adjourn at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah-Jane Poli, School Committee Secretary

Minutes Recorded: Karen Moody
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