

BIDDEFORD SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
May 24, 2011

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

Minutes

Roll Call: Mayor Twomey, Peggy Bean, Alexandra Clarke, Tammy Fleurent, Tony Michaud, Nathan Mills, Laura Seaver, Joseph Drew and Sean O'Neil. **Also in Attendance:** Sarah-Jane Poli and Jeff Porter.

Excused: Roberta Bernier

1. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Twomey led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** Added under "Appointments": Volunteers
3. **Consideration of Minutes:** 5/10/11
Mrs. Bean moved and Mr. Mills seconded, unanimous vote, to accept the minutes of 5/10/11.
4. **Public Participation:**
Mary Ann Noyes, Ward 4, spoke regarding ongoing concerns with Biddeford High School.
5. **Old Business:** None
6. **New Business:**
 - a. **Positive Events**
Peg Levasseur, BRCOT Director reminded the school committee that the Awards Ceremony will be held on 5/31 at Biddeford Ice Arena at 6:00 p.m.

Charles Lomonte, BMS Principal, reported on behalf of Debra Kenney. Tomorrow night is the BIS Spring Concert at 6:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center at BMS. On Tuesday, May 31, students in grades 4-8 will experience an opera "Marriage of Figaro", which is sponsored by the PTA and a grant. Forty BIS students visited the UNE Medical School.
 - b. **Acknowledge Student Representative – Joseph Drew**
On behalf of the School Committee and the Superintendent, Mayor Twomey presented Mr. Drew with a certificate of recognition for his 2-years as a School Committee Student Representative. He thanked everyone for the things he learned through this experience.
 - c. **Approve: Overnight Trip Request, Senior Trip, BHS (2nd reading)**
Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Bean seconded to approve the above request. Vote: 5-1 (Mr. Michaud opposed)
 - d. **Approve: Request to Apply for Federal and State Funds, 2011-2012 School Year**
Mr. Mills moved and Mrs. Seaver seconded, unanimous vote, to apply for federal grants for elementary and secondary education, Title IA, Title IIA, Title III, state grants for Gifted/Talented Subsidy, and English as a Second Language Subsidy.
 - e. **Approve: District Photographer, School Year 2011-2012 and School Year 2012-2013**
Mrs. Seaver moved and Mr. Mills seconded to accept the bid for district photographer from Geskus Photography & Yearbook Publishing. Vote: 5-1 (Mr. Mills opposed)
 - f. **Approve: Quote for Wireless Install Contract, BHS Renovation Project**
Mr. Mills moved and Mrs. Seaver seconded, unanimous vote, to accept the quote from Dell Techlogix in the amount of \$23,264.44 for the wireless install at Biddeford High School.
 - g. **Approve: Quote for Paving Entryways of BPS Driveway**
Mr. Mills moved and Mrs. Seaver seconded, unanimous vote, to accept the quote of Dayton Sand & Gravel in the amount of \$18,516 for paving at Biddeford Primary School.

h. Approve: Increase to School Lunch Prices

Mr. Mills moved and Mrs. Seaver seconded, unanimous vote, to increase school lunches at the Kindergarten Center, BPS, BIS and BMS by \$.05 cents, setting the price at \$1.70 at JFK, \$1.95 at BPS, \$2.05 at BIS and \$2.30 at BMS, with breakfast prices not affected with this motion.

i. Approve: Summer Lunch for Kids Program

Mr. Mills moved and Mrs. Clarke seconded, unanimous vote, that the Biddeford School Department sponsor the Biddeford School Nutrition Department's Summer Lunch and Breakfast Program.

j. Action: Re-calculations of Budget Options

Mr. Mills moved and Mrs. Bean seconded, unanimous vote, to allocate \$85,873 ahead to the fiscal year 12 budget in lines that would support positions whether instructional or support that would impact literacy and reading.

7. Resignations-Nominations-Appointments-Transfers:

Resignations: Accepted by Superintendent

- Amanda Tripp, Grade 1 Teacher, BPS
- Rebecca Vincelette, Part Time ESL Teacher, BPS/JFK

Appointments:

- Volunteers: see attached memo.

Mrs. Bean moved and Mrs. Clarke seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the list of volunteers.

- Dawn Delano, Custodial Supervisor (to replace David Raymond)

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

8. Reports of Standing Committees:

Policy – Mr. Michaud reported the next Policy meeting will be on 6/14 at 6:00 p.m. most likely here at City Hall and will be posted on the web site.

Finance – Mr. Mills reported that Finance met tonight before the Regular School Committee meeting and referred all the items on its agenda ahead to the School Committee for action tonight.

Negotiations/Personnel – No report.

9. REPORTS OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Curriculum – Mrs. Fleurent reported the Curriculum Committee met this evening. Principal Wolfe gave the committee an impressive packet of information regarding course leveling at BHS and the new weights of the 4.0 scale. The next meeting will be June 14 and Mr. Lomonte will be reporting on the progress of the Standards Based Education Committee.

CIP, Transportation – No reports.

Student Representatives:

Mr. Drew reported teachers Mrs. Pendergrass and Mrs. Lane received a \$3,500 grant from the Berlin City Auto Group for funding education. Also, this past Sunday, the Run, Walk, and Roll event was put on by Community Partners and student organizations from BHS. They raised over \$1,000.

Mr. O'Neil – No report.

10. Superintendent's Report:

Miss Poli reported the following:

Bill Turner will be in Biddeford on Wednesday, May 25. He was unable to keep his appointment today. He is working on a written report, which he will share with the Biddeford School Committee in June.

The second reading of the budget will be held on June 6, in the Council Chambers beginning at 7:00 p.m. 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.

The Biddeford High School Commencement Ceremony will be held on Sunday, June 12, at 1:00 p.m. at the Waterhouse Field, unless it rains. Then it will be held in the Tiger Gym. The BMS Promotion Night will be held on Friday, June 17, at 6:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

On behalf of management, I would like to congratulate Terry Gauvin, Business Manager, for earning her Bachelor of Science Degree this past Saturday at UNE. I want to thank Joe Drew for his contributions to the Biddeford School Committee. It has been a real pleasure working with him. I wish him the very best as he goes on to pursue his college career and in life.

11. Communications:

Mr. Mills wanted to add some clarification to an email that was sent to the School Committee about 2-3 weeks ago about the pace of Mr. Turner's work at BHS. It was a request that the school committee receive about 230 emails between Mr. Turner and administrators. Mr. Mills did not want to read 230 emails to learn about the pace of the project. So instead, he was able to get in touch with Mr. Turner and ask him the questions that were raised directly in the email about whether he was getting what he needs from school administrators. Mr. Turner told Mr. Mills very clearly and succinctly that he is getting everything he needed. Mr. Turner also said the project is moving along at a pace he was comfortable with. In particular, he was getting what he needed from Mr. Radding and Superintendent Poli.

12. Executive Session: None

13. Adjournment: Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Bean seconded, unanimous vote, to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah-Jane Poli, School Committee Secretary

Minutes Recorded: Karen Moody
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