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BIDDEFORD SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
June 22, 2010
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, and Nathan Mills.

Also in Attendance: Sarah-Jane Poli, Superintendent Jeff Porter and Assistant Superintendent.

Excused: Tony Michaud, Laura Seaver, and Joseph Drew.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Twomey led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** See attached Addendum.
3. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:**
Mrs. Bean moved and Mrs. Mills seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the minutes of 6/8/10 & special school committee minutes of 6/15/10.
4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None
5. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
6. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - b. **Acknowledge Retirees**
The following retirees were acknowledged and received plaques commemorating the years of service and dedication:
Diane Eager, Constance Lambert, Elizabeth Girard, Linda Dumont, Paul McDonough, Nora Tryon, Nancy Cockcroft and Kirby Peirson.
 - a. **Positive Events**
Peg Levasseur, COT Director, reported on the following (see attached notes):
 - 2nd Year Building Trade Class – Timber Frame Garden Shed
 - 1st Year Building Trade Class – Bat HousesJoan Warren, BPS Principal, reported on the following (see attached notes):
 - Year End Assembly
 - Kristen Gorrivan, 2010 Maine Teachers' Hall of Fame - UNUMBritton Wolfe, BHS Principal, reported on the following (see attached notes):
 - Varsity Baseball Team, Western Maine Class A Champs
 - BHS Graduation
 - c. **Approve: Overnight Field Trip, Ferry Beach Ecology School, BMS**
Mrs. Bean moved and Mrs. Clarke seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the above request.
 - d. **Approve: Request for Alternative Ed Program Start/End Dates, BMS**
Mrs. Bean moved and Mrs. Fleurent seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the above request.
 - e. **Approve: Request to Apply for Revolving Renovation Funds**
Mrs. Bernier moved and Mrs. Bean seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the above request.
 - f. **Approve: Quote for Replacement Intercom, JFK**
Mr. Mills moved and Mrs. Bernier seconded, unanimous vote, to accept the quote from Canfield Systems in the amount of \$13,556.
 - g. **Approve: Quote for Replacement Intercom, BIS**
Mr. Mills moved and Mrs. Clarke seconded, unanimous vote, to accept the quote from Signet in the amount of \$17,400.

h. Approve: BHS Renovations Early Bid Package

Mrs. Bernier moved and Mr. Mills seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the bid package (revised 6/17/10).

i. Approve: Authorization for Change Order Proposals & Change Orders for BHS Renovation Project

Mrs. Bernier moved and Mrs. Fleurent seconded, unanimous vote, to authorize the superintendent to sign up to \$10,000 for change order proposals and sign up to \$30,000 for change orders.

j. Approve: Bid for Paper Purchase

Mr. Mills moved and Mrs. Bean seconded, unanimous vote, to accept the bid for the 2010-2011 school year for white paper from W.B. Mason and the bid for ledger, pastel and bright paper from RIS Paper for an approximate amount of \$36,014.63.

7. RESIGNATIONS-NOMINATIONS-APPOINTMENTS-TRANSFERS:

Resignations:

- Louisa Cartier, English Teacher, BHS
- Robert Ridlon, Sp Ed Tech II, BHS
- Alison Roberts, Ed Tech II, JFK
- Deb Lachance, Sp Ed Tech II, BPS
- Nancy Litrocapes, Dept Chair, World Languages
- Barbara Fortier, Science Teacher, BMS

Mayor Twomey indicated the superintendent has accepted the above resignations.

Nominations:

- Patsy Gendron, Title IA Literacy Coach, 1 year only, K-5
- Probationary and Continuing Teacher Contracts (see list in packet)
- Margaret Levasseur, COT Director (to replace Ron Gagnon)

Mrs. Bean moved and Mrs. Clarke seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the above nominations.

Appointments:

- Extended School Year Staff (see memo in packet)

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

- Rachel Wilson, Title IA READ 180 Ed Tech III, BIS

Mrs. Bean moved and Mr. Mills seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the above appointment.

- Fall 2010 Coaches, BHS (see memo in packet)
- Brian Heal, Girls Varsity Basketball Coach, Winter 2010, BHS
- Leslie Mourmouras, Girls Varsity Field Hockey Coach, Fall 2010, BHS
- Darren Boynton, Girls Varsity Soccer Coach, Fall 2010, BHS
- Ricky Doyon, Girls JV Soccer Coach, Fall 2010, BHS

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

8. REPORTS OF THE FOLLOWING STANDING COMMITTEES:

CIP – Miss Poli indicated there will be a meeting set up within the next few weeks.

Curriculum/PR – Mrs. Fleurent indicated the Curriculum Committee met this evening. They had a discussion with Jill Bilsky to review the Dropout Prevention Committee's views on math curriculum for struggling students. Principal Warren shared math investigations that will occur with K-5 students next year and the staff training involved with this process. They also plan to possibly discuss, in the fall, the idea of reducing the number of credits required for graduation. The committee will meet again on 9/28 at 6:15 p.m. Mr. Porter added that there will be a process to follow regarding discussions on reducing the number of credits required for graduation.

Finance – Mr. Mills indicated the Finance Committee met earlier this evening to discuss the replacement intercom systems at JFK and BIS as well as the paper bid. They will continue to meet as needed.

Negotiations/Personnel – Mrs. Clarke reported negotiations are on-going.

Policy, Transportation – Miss Poli indicated these committees will meet in the fall.

9. REPORTS OF THE FOLLOWING AD HOC COMMITTEES:

- **Student Representatives:** No report.
- **BHS Renovation Committee:** No report.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Miss Poli reported on the following:

I would like to report that all of the administrators have informed me that they had a successful ending of the school year 2009-2010. A number of activities took place in each building. I had the pleasure of attending the Kid's Correspondent celebration at BMS, the end of the year celebration at BPS as well as graduation and promotion night. I enjoyed attending all the events.

The custodial and maintenance departments are busy preparing the buildings for the new school year. Today, Joe Fairfield and the maintenance crew and I cleaned an area at Maplewood Ave in order to make room for Ledgewood Construction Company.

On Thursday, June 24th, there will be ground breaking ceremony at 3:00 p.m. for the BHS Renovation Addition Project. A small reception will follow in the cafeteria. I can tell it's going to be a very busy summer. However, I'm going to try to take some vacation time.

11. COMMUNICATIONS: None

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mrs. Clarke moved and Mrs. Bean seconded, unanimous vote, to move the committee into Executive Session for Discussion/Action on Labor Contract Proposal for Biddeford Ed Tech IIs Association Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D) at 8:20 p.m.

Mrs. Bernier moved and Mrs. Clarke seconded, unanimous vote, to move the committee out of executive session at 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Mills moved and Mrs. Bernier seconded, unanimous vote, to ratify the Educational Technician IIs contract from September 1, 2009, to August 31, 2012.

Mr. Mills moved and Mrs. Clarke 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 8:31 p.m.

NOTE: Mrs. Bean left the meeting at this time.

Mrs. Clarke moved and Mrs. Bernier seconded, unanimous vote, to move the committee out of Executive Session at 8:49 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Mills moved and Mrs. Bernier seconded, unanimous vote, to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah-Jane Poli, School Committee Secretary

Minutes Recorded: Karen Moody
Minutes Transcribed: Diane Perro