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**BIDDEFORD SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**  
**July 12, 2011**  
**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, and Sean O'Neil. **Also in Attendance:** Sarah-Jane Poli and Jeff Porter. **Excused:** Laura Seaver and Nathan Mills.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Twomey led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** None
3. **Consideration of Minutes:** 6/28/11  
Mrs. Fleurent moved and Mrs. Bernier seconded, unanimous vote, to accept the minutes of 6/28/11.
4. **Public Participation:**  
Ryan Fecteau feels the progress at the high school is amazing. This is a good investment for the school and the city.
5. **Old Business:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading on the Following Policy Revisions:
  - a. **BEDA, Agenda Format**  
Mrs. Bernier moved and Mrs. Clarke seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the above policy revisions.
  - b. **CCA, Organizational Chart**  
Mrs. Bernier moved and Mrs. Bean seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the above policy revisions.
  - c. **JK, Student Discipline**  
Mrs. Bean moved and Mrs. Clarke seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the above policy revisions.
  - d. **JKGA, Therapeutic Restraint**  
Mrs. Bernier moved and Mrs. Bean seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the above policy revisions.
  - e. **JKGA-R, Procedures on Therapeutic Restraint**  
Mrs. Bernier moved and Mrs. Bean seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the above policy revisions.
  - f. **JRA, Student Educational Records and Information**  
Mrs. Bernier moved and Mrs. Clarke seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the above policy revisions.
  - g. **JRA-E, Annual Notice of Student Education Records and Information Rights**  
Mrs. Bernier moved and Mrs. Bean seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the above policy revisions.
  - h. **JRA-R, Student Education Records and Information Administrative Procedure**  
Mrs. Bean moved and Mrs. Clarke seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the above policy revisions.
6. **New Business:**
  - a. **Approve: Proposed Change Order #98 – Add Motion Detectors to the Lights**  
Mrs. Bernier moved and Mrs. Bean seconded, unanimous vote, to approve proposed change order #98.
7. **Resignations-Nominations-Appointments-Transfers:**

**Resignations:** Accepted by the Superintendent

  - Trisha Hitz LaFountain, Ed Tech II BMS
  - Paulette Lajoie, Custodian
  - Bonita Cote, Kindergarten Teacher, JFK
  - Vickie Goodwin, Ed Tech II, JFK

**Nominations:**

  - Constance Crandall, Kindergarten Teacher, 1 year, JFK (to replace Deb Newman)
  - Jon Edstrom, Social Studies Teacher, BHS (to replace Jon Edstrom 1 yr position) (recall)
  - Judy Huot, Literacy Specialist, 1 year, BPS (to replace Patricia Gendron)
  - Shawn Anton, Half Time Assistant Principal, 1 year, BIS
  - Matthew Desenberg, Grade 4 Teacher, 1 year, BIS (to replace Michelle Dion-Bernier)
  - Caroline York, Grade 1 Teacher, BPS (to replace Amanda Tripp) (recall)
  - Melissa Warren Jolly, Grade 1 Teacher, BPS (to replace Jennifer Darigan) (recall)
  - Joyalle Mears, Grade 1 Teacher, 1 year, BPS (to replace Judy Huot) (recall)
  - Lynne Boston, Half Time Grade 4 Teacher, 1 year, BIS (to replace Shawn Anton) (recall)
  - Marilyn Anderson, Title I Teacher, either BPS or BIS (recall)
  - Susan Tourigny, Title I Teacher, either BPS or BIS (recall)
  - Lynanne Haley, Title IIA Teacher, JFK (recall)
  - Nate Molleur, Title I Teacher, BPS (recall)
  - Matt Clemons, Grade 3 Teacher, BPS (recall)

- Rebecca Breard, Title IIA Teacher, BPS (recall)
- Donna Thomson, Title IIA Teacher, BPS (recall)
- Doreen Collin, Science Teacher, BHS (recall)
- Donna Maguire, Social Worker, BHS (recall)
- Thea Jackson, Grade 6 Teacher, BMS (recall)
- Patty Remillard, Literacy Specialist, JFK/BIS/BMS (recall)
- Rebecca Auten-Grenier, Social Studies Teacher, BHS (recall)
- Daniel Roberge, Half Time Industrial Arts Teacher and Half Time Photography Teacher, BHS (recall)
- Michelle Lane, Half Time Industrial Arts Teacher, BHS (recall)
- Gerard Lemieux, English Teacher, BHS (recall)

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

**Appointments:**

- Nancy Goodwin, Ed Tech II, Extended School Year Program, BPS
- Stewart Platt, Sp Ed Tech II, BMS (to replace Ethan Davis) (recall)
- Karlita Jay, Ed Tech II, BPS (to replace Deb Gallant)
- Claire Cote, Library Aide, BPS (recall)
- Janice Lapierre, Library Aide, BHS (recall)
- Jeanne Burke, Library Aide, BHS/BMS (recall)
- Guy Gagnon, Varsity Golf Coach, BHS
- William Fulford, Boys & Girls Cross Country Coach, BHS

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

**Transfers:** No Action Required

- Cherie Kahrman, Ed Tech II, BPS (transfer with student from JFK)
- Elizabeth Roberts, Ed Tech II, BPS (transfer with student from JFK)

**8. Reports of Standing Committees:**

**Finance** – Mrs. Bernier reported that due to a lack of quorum, the Finance Committee did not meet tonight. They will probably meet before the next school committee meeting.

**Negotiations/Personnel** – A meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, July 14, at 2:00p.m.

**Policy** – No report.

**9. REPORTS OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**Curriculum, CIP, Transportation, Student Representatives** – No reports.

**10. Superintendent's Report:**

Miss Poli reported on the following:

This evening you approved several staff members who were on recall status. At this time, I would like to give you a breakdown on reduction in force. We cut 25 positions; 3.5 were restored, making 21.5 positions that were cut. Out of the 21.5 positions, 2 were proposed, new positions that did not get funded. We recalled 14 staff members; 4 positions were reduced in hours and 7 people are still on the recall list; 1 person, whose position was eliminated, is on a leave of absence. In addition, we cut 13 stipend positions. Last year, we have cut 10.9 staff positions and 9 stipends, which have not been brought back. This gives us a total of 32.4 staff positions and 21 stipend positions that we have cut over a 2 year period. The students are not getting the services or the co-curricular opportunities that were provided to them in the past. Unfortunately, the future, with new funding formula, does not look much better. Recall means that staff members are called back to positions that are open due to retirements or resignations. It does not mean that the person's position has been restored.

Construction is moving along at a hectic pace. They are working two shifts. A forwarded a copy of the latest Construction Report from Ledgewood to by email. Maintenance and custodial staff are working hard in the other buildings. I hope you have an opportunity to have some time off and enjoy this beautiful summer weather.

**11. Communications:**

Mrs. Bernier commented on the Memorial Parade. She was amazed and impressed with the BMS Band. Mrs. Fleurent encouraged people to go to the Biddeford Primary School for the breakfast/lunch program. The staff does a great job.

**12. Executive Session:** None

**13. Adjournment:** Mrs. Bernier moved and Mrs. Bean seconded, unanimous vote, to adjourn at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

