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**BIDDEFORD SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**  
**7/27/10**  
**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 and Joseph Drew. **Also in Attendance:** Sarah-Jane Poli, Superintendent Jeff Porter and Assistant Superintendent.  
**Excused:** Nathan Mills and Tammy Fleurent.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Twomey led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** None
3. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:**  
Mrs. Clarke moved and Mrs. Bean seconded, unanimous vote, to accept the minutes of 7/13/10.
4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**  
Wayne McBrearity, Ward 4, commented on the lack of coordination between BMS and BHS regarding the soccer program.
5. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
6. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - a. **Approve: Revisions to Policy EEA, Student Transportation Services (1<sup>st</sup> reading)**  
Mrs. Bean moved and Mrs. Clarke seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the above item and to include the Policy Committee's recommended revisions as outlined by Mr. Michaud.
  - b. **Approve: Revisions to Policy EEA, Student Transportation Services (2<sup>nd</sup> reading)**  
Mrs. Bernier moved and Mrs. Bean seconded, unanimous vote, to suspend the rules and to approve the above policy revisions.
  - c. **Approve: Removal of Member from Transportation Committee**  
Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Clarke seconded to suspend the policy and the implementation of that policy until they have the opportunity to send the policy back to the Policy Committee for revision.  
Vote: 2-2 (Mrs. Bernier and Mr. Michaud opposed) (Mrs. Bean did not vote) Motion failed.

Mayor Twomey made an executive decision that Mrs. Bean will be removed from the Transportation Committee, they will send policy DBE to the Policy Committee for review and they can put Mrs. Bean back if that's how the school committee wants it.

Mrs. Seaver requested to voluntarily be removed from the Policy Committee based on not knowing if she can meet the attendance requirements. Mayor Twomey informed Mrs. Seaver that the Standing Committees were appointments by the Mayor and she could not arbitrarily remove herself. If Mrs. Seaver misses too many meetings, the School Committee will deal with it.
7. **RESIGNATIONS-NOMINATIONS-APPOINTMENTS-TRANSFERS:**

**Resignations:**

  - Danielle Harris, Part Time Assistant Principal, BIS

The Superintendent has accepted the above resignation.

**Nominations:**

  - Reduction in Force / Transfers (see memo in packet)
  - Coleen Hatt, English/Language Arts Teacher, 1 year, BMS (to replace Marc Bourassa)
  - Patricia Precourt-Bennett, Kindergarten Teacher, 1 year, JFK (to replace Dianne Eager)
  - Jon Edstrom, Social Studies Teacher, 1 year, BHS (to replace Paul McDonough)

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

- Elizabeth Maloney-Hawkins, Art Teacher, BMS (to replace Nora Tryon)
- Priscilla St. John, Literacy Teacher, 1 year, BPS, (to replace Patsy Gendron)
- John Romprey, School-to-Work Mediator, BRCOT (to replace Peg Levasseur)

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

#### **Appointments:**

- Keith Deschambault, Network Engineer Stipend, 2010-2011

Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Clarke seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the above appointment.

- Cherie Kahrman, Sp Ed Tech II, 1 year, BPS (to replace Sylvia McCauley)

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

- Jessica Berry, Full Time Bus Aide (to replace Joan Giguere)

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

- BHS Non-Athletic Stipends, 2010-2011 (see list in packet)

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

- Stephanie Coleman, Girls JV Field Hockey Coach, BHS

Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Bean seconded to approve the above appointment.

Vote: 4-1 (Mrs. Bernier opposed)

- Ken Bissell, Athletic Coordinator, BMS

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

- Sarah Locke, Fall & Winter Cheering Coach, BMS

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

#### **8. REPORTS OF THE FOLLOWING STANDING COMMITTEES:**

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

**Policy** – Mr. Michaud indicate the Policy Committee met this evening and passed the transportation policy on to the School Committee.

**Transportation** – Mr. Michaud indicated the Transportation Committee met weeks ago to revise the transportation policy for walkers and riders.

**CIP, Curriculum/PR, Finance** – No Reports.

#### **9. REPORTS OF THE FOLLOWING AD HOC COMMITTEES:**

- **Student Representatives:** No Report

- **BHS Renovation Committee:**

Miss Poli reported that school construction is on schedule and everything is going well. The portables are being set up. They are working on the off-site parking and have met with the Police Chief and Attorney Jacques. They are putting some policies and procedures together regarding off-site parking. There will be more information once negotiations are done with one of the local organizations.

#### **10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** No Report.

#### **11. COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mr. Porter was asked by a member of the public why special needs students, as a sub group, often do not make AYP. He explained that students with special needs often have a learning disability, yet they are expected to take the same MEA test as students without learning disabilities. Even though the government says the students get support, you cannot erase a learning disability.

Mrs. Bernier requested to have all standing committees, except negotiations, televised. Mr. Michaud suggested that this request be placed on the next agenda for discussion and action.

Mrs. Bernier asked Miss Poli about not making the Race to the Top. Mr. Porter explained that each district was asked to sign a MOU to participate in the Race to the Top Grant, which Biddeford completed. The state was hoping the funds would come through for this grant (\$60M-\$100M). Biddeford did not come up with a plan yet as we had to wait to see if the grant would be funded. Mr. Porter's guess is that Maine's Legislature did not act as decisively as the government wanted. Miss Poli added that Maine would have been competing with very large states for this grant and that is very hard to do. Maine did well to get their application in and they will receive some feedback.

**12. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**13. ADJOURNMENT:** Mrs. Bean moved and Mrs. Seaver seconded, unanimous vote, to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sarah-Jane Poli, School Committee Secretary

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