

BIDDEFORD SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

August 10, 2010

REGULAR SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

7:00 p.m. – City Hall Council Chambers

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Minutes

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

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Twomey led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** The following item was added under "New Business":
 - j. Approve: Quote for Paving at BIS and JFK
3. **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:**

Mrs. Clarke moved and Mrs. Seaver seconded, unanimous vote, to accept the minutes of 7/27/10.
4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Wayne McBrearity, Ward 4, inquired again about someone looking into the soccer programs between BMS and BHS.
5. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
6. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Approve: Overnight Field Trip Request, JMG Leadership Education Conference, BHS**

Mrs. Bernier moved and Mrs. Bean seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the above request.
 - b. **Approve: Request to Purchase 8 Mac Laptops, Gifted/Talented, BHS**

Mr. Mills moved and Mrs. Seaver seconded, unanimous vote, to accept the bid from Apple Computer in the amount of \$8,556.
 - c. **Approve: Request to Purchase 6 Dell Computers, English Dept., BHS**

Mrs. Clarke moved and Mrs. Bean seconded, unanimous vote, to accept the bid from Dell Computers in the amount of \$4,428.
 - d. **Approve: Request to Purchase 11 Dell Towers & 2 Dell Computers, Technology Lab, BHS**

Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Bernier seconded, unanimous vote, to accept the bid from Dell Computers in the amount of \$7,801.
 - e. **Approve: Request to Purchase 11 Dell Towers & 13 Dell Computers, COT**

Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Bean seconded, unanimous vote, to accept the bid from Dell Computers in the amount of \$17,712.
 - f. **Approve: Request to Purchase 7 Dell Computers, Technology Lab, BHS**

Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Bernier seconded, unanimous vote, to accept the bid from Dell Computers in the amount of \$5,166.
 - g. **Approve: Quote to Purchase 6 Cafeteria Tables, JFK**

Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Fleurent seconded, unanimous vote, to accept the quote from Shiffler Equipment Sales in the amount of \$4,435.30.
 - h. **Approve: Request for LOA, Rebecca Vincelette, PT ESL Teacher, BPS**

Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Clarke seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the above LOA request.
 - i. **Approve: Request for LOA, Amanda Tripp, Grade 1 Teacher, BPS**

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

j. Approve: Quote for Paving at BIS and JFK

Mr. Mills moved and Mrs. Clarke seconded, unanimous vote, to approve the above the above request for paving BIS in the amount of \$19,915 by Dayton Sand & Gravel Co., Inc.

Mr. Mills moved and Mrs. Seaver seconded, unanimous vote, to the above request for paving JFK in the amount of \$24,237 by Dayton Sand & Gravel Co., Inc.

7. RESIGNATIONS-NOMINATIONS-APPOINTMENTS-TRANSFERS:

Resignations:

- Nancy Fenney, Guidance Counselor, BMS
 - Joan Giguere, Full Time Bus Aide
- The above resignations were accepted by the Superintendent.

Nominations:

- Gail Roller, Part Time Gifted/Talented Teacher, 1 year, BMS/BHS (to replace Karen Stoll)
 - Constandina Gikas, Part Time Grade 5 Teacher, 1 year, BIS (job share)
 - Matt Desenberg, Grade 5 Teacher, 1 year, BIS (to replace Michelle Dion-Bernier LOA)
 - Margaret Blood, School Nurse, BHS (to replace Jennifer DiMauro)
 - Sarah Keezing, English/Language Arts Teacher, 1 year, BHS (to replace Louisa Cartier)
 - Adam Gebauer, Science Teacher, 1 year, BMS (to replace Barbara Fortier)
 - Robin Lea, Science Teacher, 1 year, BMS (to replace Sarah Rudman)
 - Christine Coutu, Guidance Counselor, BMS (to replace Nancy Fenney)
- Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Bernier seconded, unanimous vote, to accept the above nominations.

Appointments:

- Debbie Gagnon, Ed Tech II, 1 year, JFK (to replace Alison Roberts)
- Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Bean seconded, unanimous vote, to accept the above appointment.

Transfers: No Action Required

- Karen Stoll, Full Time Gifted/Talented Teacher, JFK/BPS/BIS
- Lynne Boston, Part Time Title IIA Reading Teacher, BPS
- Joyalle Mears, Part Time Title IIA Teacher, JFK

8. REPORTS OF THE FOLLOWING STANDING COMMITTEES:

Curriculum/PR – Mrs. Fleurent indicated the Curriculum Committee will resume shortly.

Finance – Mr. Mills indicated the Finance Committee met tonight and will meet again as needed.

Negotiations/Personnel – Mrs. Clarke indicated the Negotiations Team will meet this evening after tonight's school committee meeting. Negotiations are on-going.

CIP, Policy, Transportation – No Reports.

9. REPORTS OF THE FOLLOWING AD HOC COMMITTEES:

• Student Representatives:

Mr. Drew indicated the Student Counsel Officers are busy getting prepared for the beginning of the school year. They are participating in the Labor Day Classic Road Race/Walk on 9/6.

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

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Miss Poli reported on the following:

Once again, this year, I am meeting informally with all new professional staff. I find this to be rewarding to the candidates and beneficial to me. The administrators have done an outstanding job in recommending new personnel to be hired.

Over the next few weeks, the following activities will be taking place:

- BHS Tour, August 19, 2:00 p.m. and Building Committee Meeting, August 19, 3:15-5:00 p.m.
- New Staff Orientation, August 31, from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Staff In-Service Day, September 1, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Staff In-Service Day, September 2, regular work day schedule

- First Student Day, Grades, 1-12, Tuesday, September 7
- First Student Day, Kindergarten, Friday, September 10

In the next few weeks, meetings will need to be scheduled for the Capital Improvement Committee and the Negotiations Committee. Maintenance and custodial work is continuing throughout all the buildings. They will be ready for opening day. Furniture is being moved into the portable buildings at BHS. Utility hookups will be completed in the next two weeks. They are good size rooms and I think staff will be happy with them. Pre-season practices for fall sports will begin shortly. In the meantime, I recommend all staff and students enjoy this beautiful weather.

11. COMMUNICATIONS: None

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

13. ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Seaver moved and Mrs. Bean seconded, unanimous vote, to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah-Jane Poli, School Committee Secretary

Minutes Recorded: Karen Moody

Minutes Transcribed: Diane Perro