

Brimfield Elementary School Committee Meeting
Minutes of October 23, 2012
6:30 p.m.

Attendance:

Dan Valcour - Chairman
Sharon Palmer
Aimee Campbell
April Frost
Brian Ledbetter – Principal
Dr. Erin Nosek – Superintendent
Jeff Zanghi – Asst. Superintendent
Absent – Deb Maher

Reference Material:

Brimfield Elementary School Committee Regular Session minutes – August 28, 2012
Financial Report – Oct. 2012
Principal’s Report – Oct 2012
Letter from Representative Todd M. Smola
CPR Mid-Cycle Report
MCAS Report 2012

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Dan Valcour.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion 12-38: made by Sharon Palmer to approve the August 28, 2012 meeting minutes as written.

Motion seconded by Aimee Campbell.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Valcour, Palmer, Campbell, Frost.

Financial Report:

Dr. Nosek presented the October financial report. There are no new concerns.

Motion 12-39: made by Dan Valcour to approve the FY 2013 Recommended Budget transfers as written in the October Financial Report.

Motion seconded by Sharon Palmer.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Valcour, Palmer, Campbell, Frost.

Communications:

A letter of commendation was sent to Mr. Ledbetter, Dr. Nosek and Mr. Durgin congratulating the staff and students of Brimfield Elementary for being recognized by the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for exceptional achievement on the latest MCAS.

Dr. Nosek reported that the District will apply for a waiver for alternative compliance regarding PAC Compliance (SE 32) outlined on the Mid-Cycle review. The District has a K-12 PAC which serves all of the District schools.

Public Access:

None.

Principal’s Report: Brian Ledbetter

Mr. Ledbetter introduced Michelle Jones as the new sixth grade ELA/Social Studies teacher.

Mr. Ledbetter reviewed his written report.

There will be an appliance drive on November 3rd with proceeds benefitting the Camp Bournedale trip.

Mr. Ledbetter asked the Committee to accept 13 books donated to the school library by Mrs. Doreika.

Motion 12-40: made by Sharon Palmer to accept the books donated by Mrs. Doreika.

Motion seconded by Aimee Campbell.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Palmer, Valcour, Campbell, Frost.

Mr. Ledbetter asked the Committee to accept the donation of Physical Ed. Equipment (balls) valued at approximately \$700 from the "My Coke Rewards" program acquired by Mr. Thompson.

Motion 12-41: made by Dan Valcour to accept the donation of Phys. Ed. Equipment as presented.

Motion seconded by April Frost.

Discussion: None

In Favor: Palmer, Valcour, Campbell, Frost.

Mr. Zanghi presented the 2012 MCAS Report.

He reviewed the effects of the NCLB waiver and the Progress and Performance Indicator as well as the Brimfield Elementary MCAS data and trends.

Mr. Ledbetter reported on the commendations/positive trends and improvement opportunities.

Brimfield Elementary was commended for High Achievement and Narrowing Achievement Gaps and maintained a performance rating of Very High in both English and Math as measured by the CPI.

Brimfield Elementary will continue to develop a Tiered Intervention Plan for students scoring Warning or Needs improvement. And will place a focus on writing through a school wide writing initiative.

Brimfield teachers will continue to adapt curriculum maps in order to align with Common Core Standards and meet the needs of students.

Tantasqua Representative:

Dan Valcour reported that much of the Tantasqua meeting concerned curriculum.

Aimee Campbell inquired about the breakout of Brimfield students with regard to Jr. High Math MCAS scores. Dr. Nosek will provide that information at next month's meeting.

The Tantasqua School Committee approved a trip to Philadelphia.

Dr. Nosek asked the Committee to review the proposed policy packet prior to the November meeting.

The Policy Subcommittee will meet at 6 p.m. prior to the November meeting.

P.T.O. Shannon Field

The Pie fundraiser is well underway.

The P.T.O. sponsored a Magic show to promote reading to the students and the community. Both shows were well received.

The P.T.O. paid to fix two instruments for Mr. Fazio so that he may use them for students who forget their instruments on band day. They hope to continue that effort with other instruments as well.

Recreation Committee:

The Golf Tournament was a success, bringing in almost \$5000.

Trunk or Treat will be this Saturday at the Elementary School with a dance immediately following to benefit the Camp Bournedale Trip.

Basketball sign-ups just finished up.

Suburban try-outs will be held in the next few weeks.

Report of Committees:

Union 61 Subcommittee:

No report.

Personnel Subcommittee:

No report.

Building and Physical Plant:

Sharon Palmer will contact Mr. Ledbetter to schedule a tour of the building.

Issue/Study Subcommittee:

No report.

By-Law and Policy Subcommittee:

No report.

Negotiations:

No report.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Nosek reported that the proposed school year 2013-2014 has a start date prior to Labor Day. There will be a professional development day on August 27th with school days following for students on August 28th and 29th. There will be no school on Monday December 23rd.

The Tantasqua Education Association will hold their fundraising brunch on November 4th – tickets may be purchased at www.TEDfound.org.

Pat Barnicle is requesting Committee members respond to Deb Grimaldi if interested in attending the Union 61 retreat. It will be modeled after the Tantasqua School Committee retreat held in September.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Public Access II:

None

Motion 12-42: made by Sharon Palmer, seconded by April Frost to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 pm.

In Favor: Palmer, Campbell, Valcour, Frost.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by Andrea Beaudry