

Brimfield Elementary School Committee Meeting
Minutes of March 26, 2013
6:30 p.m.

Dan Valcour – Chairman
April Frost
Aimee Campbell
Sharon Palmer
Brian Ledbetter – Principal
Dr. Erin Nosek – Superintendent
Deb Boyd Business Manager
Deb Maher – absent

Reference Material:

Brimfield Elementary School Committee Regular Session minutes – February 26, 2013
Financial Report – March 2013
Principal’s Report – March 2013
MASC Division IV Legislative Forum
Evaluating the Superintendent – Understanding the new MA Educator Evaluation System
Memo Re: Special Rules of Order Recommendation

Chair Dan Valcour called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion 13-05: made by Sharon Palmer to accept the February 26, 2012 meeting minutes as written.
Motion seconded by Aimee Campbell.

Discussion: None

In favor: Palmer, Valcour, Frost, Campbell

Financial Report: Deb Boyd

Deb Boyd presented the Financial Report.

Communications:

The MASC Legislative forum is Thursday March 28, 2013.

The proposed Special Rules of Order prepared by the Tantasqua By-Law and Policy Subcommittee were provided for informational purposes.

The next Union 61 Joint Committee meeting will be held on June 20th.

Public Access:

None

Principal’s Report: Brian Ledbetter

Mr. Ledbetter reviewed his written report.

MCAS is complete for grades 4 and 6. Grades 3 and 5 will take MCAS tomorrow.

Tantasqua Representative:

Dan Valcour reported that the Tantasqua School Committee approved the proposed FY 14 budget figure.

Other items discussed included:

- Revenue
- Gender Identity
- Environmental Science
- Jr. High teams – there will be three teams per grade next year.

The Tantasqua School Committee meets again tomorrow night.

P.T.O. Shannon Field

Shannon Field reported:

- The Butter Braid Fundraiser raised \$2600.
- Teacher appreciation week will be held soon.
- The Flower Power fundraiser in April will raise money with orders placed online and proceeds going towards playground renovation.
- A bike-a-thon is scheduled for April 28th on the new bike trail. Participants will be pedaling for pledges.
- Volunteers are needed for the Carnival on the Common in June.

Recreation Committee: Michele Shea

Upcoming events:

- Field clean up – this weekend
- Baseball Jamboree
- Soccer sign-ups – two Saturdays in May

Report of Committees:

Union 61 Subcommittee:

No report

Personnel Subcommittee:

No report

Building and Physical Plant:

No report

Issue/Study Subcommittee:

No report

By-Law and Policy Subcommittee:

No report.

Negotiations:

No report

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Nosek

Training on Superintendent Evaluation is scheduled for May 21st from 5-6:30 pm.

Dr. Nosek will set up a Goals Committee to work with the Chairs of Union 61 School Committees.

The Tantasqua School Committee will meet tomorrow March 27th at 6 pm with the Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 14 Budget at 7 pm.

Tuesday June 25th is the last scheduled day of school.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Public Access II:

None

Dan Valcour announced that the School Committee would recess at 6:49 pm to convene the Public Hearing on the FY 14 Proposed Budget at 7 pm and afterwards reconvene the School Committee meeting.

Public Budget Hearing:

Deb Boyd reviewed the proposed FY 14 Elementary budget.

She indicated that she is able to recommend a reduction of \$50,000 in Special Ed. Tuition due to an anticipated graduation. She would not recommend increasing a grade to three classes with these funds.

There was discussion regarding class size recommendations.

Dan Valcour announced that the Committee would re-convene the School Committee meeting at 7:24 pm.

Regular School Committee Meeting reconvenes:

Deb Boyd recommended bringing an FY 2014 Budget of \$3,629,806 to the Town Meeting.

Motion 13-06: made by Dan Valcour to bring an FY 14 Budget of \$3,629,806 to the Town Meeting.

Motion seconded by Aimee Campbell.

Discussion: Mike Moloney chairman of the Finance Committee reported that the Finance Committee strives to work cooperatively with the School Committee to meet changing needs. He thanked the School Committee and the Administration for their efforts.

In favor: Palmer, Valcour, Campbell, Frost.

Motion 13-07: made by Sharon Palmer to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm. Motion seconded by Dan Valcour.

In favor: Palmer, Valcour, Campbell, Frost.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Andrea Beaudry

