

Brimfield Elementary School Committee Meeting
Minutes of April 29, 2014
6:30 p.m.

Dan Valcour – Chairman
Aimee Campbell
Jennifer Foley
Sharon Palmer
Michele Shea
Brian Ledbetter – Principal
Erin Nosek, Superintendent
Deb Boyd, Associate Superintendent

Reference Material:

Financial Report
SWCEC Quarterly Report
Congratulatory Letter to F. Fazio
Principal's Report
Superintendent's Report

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 by Dan Valcour.

Approval of Minutes:

March 25, 2014 Regular Session:

Motion 14-16 made by Sharon Palmer to accept the March 25, 2014 Regular Session meeting minutes as written.

Motion seconded by Aimee Campbell

Discussion: None

In favor: All

Abstained:

Financial Report:

Mrs. Boyd stated there are no significant issues. We will end this year well.

Communications:

SWCEC Quarterly Report

Congratulatory letter to Fran Fazio and the children for their gold medal achievement.

Public Access:

None

Principal's Report: Brian Ledbetter

Fran Fazio and the Brimfield/Brookfield Band attended the MICCA band competition and earned a gold medal for their performance and had the privilege of performing at the Boston Symphony Hall.

Spring Session of the after school program is up and running with 112 students and a wide variety of programs being offered.

Students in 5th grade took part in the Electricity Fair on April 16, 2014.

MCAS May 6-16: grades 3-6 have math. May 15 & 16: students will also take science/technology/and engineering portions.

Tantasqua Representative: Dan Valcour

Reviewed guidelines and policy about Bullying. Review of the Superintendent's Evaluation in the coming meeting.

P.T.O.:

They would like to do one more fundraiser for the playground. It would be in conjunction with the Harlem Wizards, a basketball team that is similar to the Harlem Globetrotters. Would like to hold at Tantasqua on Sept. 20, 2014. The Wizards would hold an assembly beforehand for promotional purposes.

Motion 14-17 made by Michelle Shea to add this fundraiser to the PTO list.

Seconded by Aimee Campbell.

Discussion: None

In favor: All

Recreation Committee: Michele Shea

None

Report of Committees:

Union 61 Subcommittee:

None

Personnel Subcommittee:

None

Building and Physical Plant:

Met with the Playground Committee. Getting ready to go through the grant process. Timing looks like it could be done in a year.

Motion 14-18 made by Michelle Shea to have the School Committee support the Playground Committee and the movement of the fields.

Discussion: What is the plan for the fields? The playground will move closer to the school. A basketball court will be located at the site of the current playground. The t-ball field will be moved over next to the tree line. They also want to swap the majors field with the softball field due to spacing. The Pre-K playground will also be done. The well is the major issue with swapping fields. They are still checking out the well to see which way they can go. Should know in the next few weeks if all of the movement is doable. This subcommittee is working very closely with the Recreation Committee with all decisions.

Seconded by Jenn Foley.

In favor: All

Motion 14-19 made by Michelle Shea that the School Committee not support the \$30,000 article.

Seconded by Jenn Foley.

Discussion: Dan Valcour agreed.

In Favor: All

Issue/Study Subcommittee:

None

By-Law and Policy Subcommittee:

None

Negotiations:

None

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Nosek recommended that we move May's meeting to May 19th at 6:00 p.m. This allows us to meet prior to the town meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Motion 14-20 made by Dan Valcour to move the May meeting to May 19th.

Seconded by Michelle Shea.

Discussion: None

In favor: All

Reminder, our first agenda item will be School Choice. There will need to be a public forum to discuss if Brimfield will take part in School Choice.

Save the date, June 17th at 6:00 p.m. There will be a Joint School Committee meeting for the Superintendent's Evaluation.

Tantasqua's Team Chef Competition is this weekend. Cost is \$10 and is from 12-3 on May 3rd at Sturbridge Host.

Finger printing law-The law states that beginning in this current school year new hires must be fingerprinted by June 30th. Next year, as of now, it is left to us as to how we will move forward in getting everyone fingerprinted. By 2016, everyone has to be finger printed.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Public Access II:

Attendance Line doesn't call until 10:30 a.m. for a child who is absent. Can that be changed? Mr. Ledbetter will look into fixing this.

Motion 14-21 was made at 7:21 by Aimee Campbell to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Sharon Palmer.

In favor: Unanimous

Abstained:

Respectfully submitted,
JoDee Phillips
Recording Secretary