

Brimfield Elementary School Committee Meeting
Minutes of May 19, 2014
6:00 p.m.

Dan Valcour, Chairman-Absent
Aimee Campbell
Jennifer Foley
Sharon Palmer
Michele Shea
Brian Ledbetter – Principal
Deb Boyd, Associate Superintendent
Jeff Zanghi, Assistant Superintendent

Reference Material:

Financial Report
SWCEC Agreement

Public Hearing meeting on School choice was called to order at 6:00 by Sharon Palmer.

Sharon Palmer asked if there was any input from the public on School Choice for FY15. There was no discussion.

Motion 14-22 made by Jenn Foley to withdraw from the obligation to participate in School Choice for the school year beginning August 25, 2014, due to the Brimfield School Committee's commitment to maintaining current class sizes.

Seconded by Aimee Campbell.

Discussion: None

In favor: All

The Public Hearing closed at 6:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

April 22, 2014 Regular Session:

Motion 14-23 made by Sharon Palmer to accept the April 22, 2014 Regular Session meeting minutes as written.

Motion seconded by Aimee Campbell

Discussion: None

In favor: All

Financial Report:

Mrs. Boyd stated we look good going into the end of the year. Mrs. Boyd recommended possibly being able to pay some money towards GoMath this year putting us in good shape next year. This will be contingent upon how we end June 30, 2014.

Communications:

SWCEC Agreement

Motion 14-24 was made by Sharon Palmer to approve the updated SWCEC Agreement. Seconded by Jenn Foley.

Discussion: None

In Favor: All

Information from the Playground Committee was distributed for review. There are still some questions regarding the layout of the playground and the distance from the Firehouse. Is there fencing planned around the fields? It is imperative there is no obstruction in getting the children away from the school in the event of a fire.

Public Access:

None

Principal's Report: Brian Ledbetter

Kindergarten orientation was held May 1st.

There was an informational meeting today for 5th grade students/families regarding the 6th grade Ferry Beach trip in September.

5th grade will be taking part in PARCC testing, math only, May 28th and 30th.

The Spring concert will be held at TRHS on June 12th.

MCAS testing is finished.

Mr. Ledbetter checked into ConnectEd regarding when a student is absent and a parent doesn't call. The school is now identified but the student is not. Mr. Ledbetter will look into this further.

Tantasqua Representative: Dan Valcour

Mrs. Boyd stated there is no report as Tantasqua's meeting is tomorrow.

P.T.O.: Shannon Field

Michelle informed us there is a new board for PTO.

Recreation Committee: Michele Shea

None

Report of Committees:

Union 61 Subcommittee:

None

Personnel Subcommittee:

None

Building and Physical Plant:

Issue/Study Subcommittee:

None

By-Law and Policy Subcommittee:

None

Negotiations:

None

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Boyd stated most of our schools had some piece of PARCC testing recently. Our district has had no issues with the PARCC testing. The next step is that by June, we will have to commit to whether we will go with PARCC testing or continue with MCAS. We are more than likely moving to PARCC permanently but that will be decided over the next month.

There is a building that is being leased by SWCEC. SWCEC wanted us to know that they are looking into buying the building outright.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Public Access II:

None

Motion 14-25 was made at 6:28 by Aimee Campbell to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Jenn Foley.

In favor: Unanimous

Abstained:

Respectfully submitted,
JoDee Phillips
Recording Secretary