Brimfield Elementary School Committee Meeting
Minutes of October 28, 2014
6:30 p.m.

Aimee Campbell- Chairman
Michele Shea
Jennifer Foley
Delia Brower-Absent
Jennifer Polesnak-Custance
Brian Ledbetter – Principal
Erin Nosek, Superintendent
Deb Boyd, Associate Superintendent
Jeff Zanghi, Assistant Superintendent

Reference Material:
Financial Report

Aimee Campbell opened the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:
September 23, 2014 Regular Session:
Motion 15-06 made by Jenn Foley to accept the September 23, 2014 Regular Session meeting minutes as written.
Motion seconded by Michelle Shea.
Discussion: None
In favor: Unanimous

Aimee Campbell introduced Jennifer Polesnak-Custance and welcomed her to the Brimfield School Committee.

Financial Report:
Dr. Nosek noted that the FY 15 Financial Report reflects where we should be at this time. We are currently working on Budget FY16. The Regional public hearing will be held Tuesday, March 17, 2015.

Communications:
SWCEC 1st Quarter Report

Public Access:
None

Principal's Report: Brian Ledbetter
Annual Pumpkin Math day will be held October 31.

The After School program is up and running and there are roughly 100 kids participating!

A Professional Development day was held October 10th. The most popular trainings were the Twitter class and the new *Go Math* program.

During September and October the Brimfield Fire Department presented the SAFE Program.
They helped the kids learn more about smoke detectors, stove/cooking safety and water/ice safety.

Brian asked the School Committee to accept Lake View Medical's donations of back packs, binders, and supplies for our students. Their thoughtfulness is appreciated in helping to support our school and kids.

Motion 15-07 was made by Jenn Foley to accept the donations from Lake View Medical.
Discussion: None
In Favor: Unanimous

Jeff Zanghi discussed the 2014 MCAS report.
Positive Trends are: Brimfield maintained a rating of Very High in both English and Math as measured by the CPI (Composite Performance Index). Data reveals that Brimfield Elementary provides a "value added" experience for students.
Improvement Opportunities: Brimfield will continue to develop common assessments, as well as practice reviewing student work to ensure reliability among the classroom teachers.
There will be ongoing work between teachers, building principal and the Superintendent to identify and implement strategies that will support closing the achievement gap for identified groups of students.

PARCC questions: The Administration and School Committee discussed a number of questions related to the PARCC Assessment.

Tantasqua Representative: Aimee Campbell
Aimee stated they met on Oct. 21st. There was an approval to move forward on a contract with Solar City. This will help decrease our electric bills.
There was an approval on the Black Hills Trip.
There was discussion again about the Commissioner and possible ethics questions. This was tabled indefinitely.
There was a motion to survey the back street that goes out to Brookfield to clearly mark the Brookfield/Fiskdale line. Motion failed.

P.T.O.: Shannon Field
None

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:

Did not meet but we received notification from the Brimfield Teachers Association that they are ready to open negotiations for their new contract. Dr. Nosek passed out an informational sheet titled, "Interest-Based Bargaining Training and Facilitation (IBB)." The local MTA representative encourages this new model and training. There is an eight-hour training session that will take place at the Jr. High on January 10, 2015 (Dr. Nosek will confirm date). The sub-committee will hold off meeting until after the training.

Superintendent's Report:
Dr. Nosek stated that the State will be voting on PARCC next Fall and handed out a couple handed outs regarding PARCC.

November 18th, at 6 p.m. is the Joint Committee Meeting at the Jr. High.

Old Business:
None

New Business:

Public Access II:
None

Motion 15-08 was made at 7:48 p.m. by Jennifer Custance to adjourn the meeting.
Motion seconded by Jenn Foley.
Discussion: None
In favor: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
JoDee Phillips
Recording Secretary