

Brimfield Elementary School Committee Meeting
Minutes of March 24, 2015
6:30 p.m.

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

Reference Material:

Financial Report

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

Approval of Minutes:

February 24, 2015 Regular Session:

Motion 15-23 made by Mrs. Foley to accept the February 24, 2015 Regular Session meeting minutes as written.

Motion seconded by Mrs. Brower.

Discussion: None

In favor: All

February 24, 2015 Executive Session Minutes:

Motion 15-24 made by Mrs. Shea to accept the February 24, 2015 Executive Session meeting minutes as written.

Motion seconded by Mrs. Custance.

Discussion: None

In favor: All

Financial Report:

Mrs. Boyd stated we will spend approximately what we had budgeted for oil this year.

Moving forward with the Nutrikids program in the cafeteria. We hope to implement it before the end of this school year.

Public hearing will be at 7 p.m.

Communications:

MASC Legislative Bulletin- Day on the Hill: Dr. Nosek discussed the Bulletin. April 29, 2015 is the Day on the Hill. Please let Mrs. Grimaldi know if you would like to attend.

Superintendent Mid-cycle Goals update

Strategic Plan Update: Dr. Nosek discussed the six focus area goals of the Strategic Plan for Tantasqua Regional School District.

Letter re: Windmill Project

Public Access:

None

Principal's Report: Brian Ledbetter

- Mr. Ledbetter stated that the sixth graders celebrated Pi day on March 13th. A photo was taken in the gym, with students making the shape of the Pi symbol.

- Fran Fazio is preparing to take the instrumental band students to the Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductors Association competition on March 28 at King Phillip Regional High School. Brimfield is partnering with Brookfield for this trip. Last year they won a gold rating and were asked to perform at Boston Symphony Hall.
- Brimfield is planning to hold free afterschool tutoring sessions for Math and ELA from March 30-April 16. This will be run by Brimfield teachers.
- PARCC testing has begun. Brimfield is now in the second week.

Tantasqua Representative: Aimee Campbell

Mrs. Campbell discussed the last two Tantasqua School Committee meetings.

- Mr. Wood stated there are 105 in-district placements and 20 out-of-district placements for the Vocational School.
- The Strategic Plan updates were discussed by Dr. Nosek at the meeting.
- Tantasqua approved using cameras on the buses “with policy”.
- All of the budgets were approved.
- Mr. Starczewski reported that on February 11th, a female student was found unresponsive. The school’s emergency response team was called to duty, CPR was performed, 911 called, and the AED was utilized to regain the student’s heartbeat. The student was brought by ambulance to the hospital. The student has recovered from the incident and has returned to school. Mr. Starczewski indicated he was glad the emergency plan was in place and he was thankful for the outcome. Dr. Nosek indicated there are a good number of teaching staff trained in CPR/AED.

P.T.O.: Shannon Field

None

Recreation Committee:

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:

Discussed in Executive Session before the open meeting.

Superintendent’s Report: Educator Evaluation Surveys

Dr. Nosek discussed the model sample surveys, in the packet, for the educator evaluation system. It has been introduced and has been accepted well. Some new components are surveys that are given to the students anonymously for their teacher and principal.

The Department of Education has allowed a week window in giving MCAS due to the weather issues. Dr. Nosek discussed what will be covered at the Day on the Hill.

Dr. Nosek thanked everyone who worked on the district music concert on March 9, 2015. It was a fantastic event.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Request for vote to ratify BTA contract.

Motion 15-25 was made by Mrs. Custance to ratify BTA contract.

Seconded by Mrs. Brower.

Discussion: None

Favor: All. 6-0. Susan Hilker represented the vote for the Board of Selectman.

Public Access II:

None

Mrs. Campbell recessed the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Public Hearing:

Mrs. Campbell opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Boyd and Mr. Ledbetter reviewed the pie charts and budget items, line by line, answering any questions or concerns.

Motion 15-26 was made by Mrs. Custance to adjourn the Public Hearing and return to Regular Session at 7:16 p.m.

Seconded by Mrs. Foley.

Discussion: None

Favor: All

Mrs. Campbell re-opened the Regular Session at 7:16 p.m.

Motion 15-27 was made by Mrs. Custance to bring the figure of \$3,612,091.00 to the town meeting

Seconded by Mrs. Foley.

Discussion: None

Favor: All

Motion 15-28 was made by Mrs. Foley to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Seconded by Mrs. Shea.

Discussion: None

Favor: All

Respectfully submitted,

JoDee Phillips

Recording Secretary