

Brimfield Elementary School Committee Meeting
Minutes of April 26, 2016
6:30 p.m.

Delia Brower
Rusty Corriveau
Jennifer Custance
Michele Shea
Jennifer Foley
Dr. Erin Nosek - Superintendent
Deborah Boyd, Associate Superintendent for Business and Finance
Brian Ledbetter – Principal

Reference Material:

Financial Report
Principal's Report
Massachusetts Senate Press Release

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

At 6:31 p.m., Mrs. Shea moved to enter into Executive Session in accordance with MGL Ch. 30A, Section 21A (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the Chair so declares. The Committee will reconvene in Open Session.

VOTE: Custance - Yes, Corriveau - Yes, Shea - Yes, Foley - Yes, Brower – Yes

At 6:45 p.m. the committee reconvened in open session.

Motion 16-34 by Mrs. Foley, seconded by Mrs. Custance, to ratify the Brimfield Educational Support Professionals Contract.

Discussion: None

In favor: Unanimous

Approval of Minutes:

Motion 16-35 made by Mrs. Brower, seconded by Mrs. Foley, to accept the March 22, 2016 Regular Session meeting minutes as written.

Discussion: None

In favor: Jennifer Custance - Yes, Michele Shea - Yes, Delia Brower- Yes, Jennifer Foley - Yes

Abstain: Rusty Corriveau

Financial Report:

Mrs. Boyd reviewed the Financial Report; no significant variances for FY16.

No significant variances.

Communications:

Massachusetts Senate Press Release - Education Reform Legislations Public Access - FYI provided in packet regarding Charter Schools.

Principal's Report:

Mr. Ledbetter reviewed the Principal's Report.

- Technology Spotlight - As a way to support learning opportunities that encourage interaction between schools, we asked our electrical students to come and work with our fifth grade while they were learning about electricity.
- Kindergarten Orientation - April 29th
- Band Competitions - Students participated in the MICCA band competition, the students received a silver medal for their performance.
- Alternative Seating - Teachers have been working closely with the Occupational Therapist to be sure that all the students have the appropriate seating in their classes.
- PARCC & MCAS Testing – During the month of May grades 3-6 will be starting Science, ELA and Math.
- Grant Approval - Safe and Supportive School Grant in the amount of \$7,950 - State Grant to support the PBIS (Positive Behavior Initiative in School); core values by reinforcing philosophy.
- Building Use - Brimfield Elementary continues to be a resource that benefits the community; many different groups utilize the facility for their programs.

Tantasqua Representative:

Meeting to take place on 4/27/16

P.T.O.:

Teacher Appreciation Week is next week.

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:

Dr. Erin Nosek reviewed the Superintendent's Report:

- Public Hearing on School Choice - May 16th at 6:00 p.m.
- Started PARCC Testing

- Day on the Hill 4-26-16 - Very productive day, discussion took place around Charter Schools, Common Core Standards and unfunded mandates.
- Joint meeting will be held on June 21 at 6:00 p.m., prior to the Tantasqua meeting

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Motion 16-36 made by Mrs. Custance, seconded by Mrs. Brower, to move the May 16th Brimfield School Committee Meeting time to 6:00 p.m.

Discussion: None

In favor: Unanimous

Public Access II:

None

Motion 16-37 was made at 7:20p.m. by Mrs. Brower, seconded by Mrs. Foley to adjourn the meeting.

In favor: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Miarecki
Recording Secretary