

## BURGESS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Thursday, May 2, 2013

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### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Katherine Alexander, Chair  
Megan Panek, Vice Chair/Tantasqua Representative  
Mary Bellezza, Secretary  
Jeannine Johnson, Committee Member  
Kristen Tuohey, Committee Member

### ALSO PRESENT:

Dr. Erin Nosek, Superintendent; Dan Carlson, Principal; Karen Miarecki, Recording Secretary; teachers and members of the community

Mrs. Alexander started the Regular Session at 6:00 p.m.

### REORGANIZATION

#### **Motion 13-34**

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey to nominate Mrs. Alexander as Chair for the Burgess Elementary School Committee.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

#### **Motion 13-35**

Mrs. Tuohey moved, seconded by Mrs. Bellezza to nominate Mrs. Panek as Vice Chair for the Burgess Elementary School Committee.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

#### **Motion 13-36**

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey to nominate Mrs. Panek as Tantasqua Representative for the Burgess Elementary School Committee.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

#### **Motion 13-37**

Mrs. Panek moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey to nominate Mrs. Bellezza as Secretary for the Burgess Elementary School Committee.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

#### **Motion 13-38**

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey to nominate Mrs. Alexander as a Union 61 Representative Voting Member.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

**Motion 13-39**

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Panek to nominate Mrs. Tuohey as a Union 61 Representative Voting Member.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

**Motion 13-40**

Mrs. Tuohey moved, seconded by Mrs. Panek to nominate Mrs. Bellezza as a Union 61 Representative Voting Member.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Mrs. Alexander appointed Mrs. Johnson to be part of the Curriculum Subcommittee.

Mrs. Alexander appointed Mrs. Panek along with herself as part of the Negotiating Committee.

**Public Hearing for School Choice**

Mrs. Alexander reviewed the Memo discussing School Choice regarding withdrawing from the obligation to participate in school choice for the school year beginning in August 26, 2013, due to the Sturbridge School Committee’s commitment to maintaining current class sizes.

Mrs. Alexander asked if there were any questions/concerns from the audience; none were noted.

**Public Hearing Closed**

**Motion 13-41**

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Panek to withdraw from the obligation to participate in School Choice for the school year beginning August 26, 2013, due to the Sturbridge School Committee’s commitment to maintaining current class sizes.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

MINUTES

**Motion 13-42**

Mrs. Panek moved, seconded by Mrs. Bellezza to approve the Minutes of April 4, 2013 Regular Session

Discussion:

VOTE: Mrs. Panek – Yes, Mrs. Bellezza – Yes, Mrs. Alexander – Yes, Mrs. Tuohey- Yes, Mrs. Johnson - Abstain

The committee introduced themselves to new committee member Jeannine Johnson.

FINANCIAL REPORT

No significant issues

COMMUNICATIONS

None

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Carlson reviewed the Principal's Report, which was included in the packet. Below are the topics discussed in detail (the full report can be viewed upon request):

Mr. Carlson welcomed Jeannine Johnson to the committee on behalf of the staff.

### **Student/Staff Recognition**

- Burgess Jazz – Special thanks to the members, under the direction of Mr. Minchoff, for their performance at the Sturbridge Lions Club meeting in April.
- Congratulations to the Burgess students who will participate in the All-Region Choral Concert scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at Tantasqua Senior High School.

### **Enrollment Data-**

- Total K- 6: 875 Total PK-6: 961

### **Kindergarten Screening:**

A team of Burgess Specialists under the direction of Paul Murphy, School Psychologist, are in the process of screening 115 potential kindergarten students. Screening is due to be completed by Friday, May 3.

MCAS Testing is scheduled for the month of May.

### **Professional Development:**

Final Early Release Professional Development Day is scheduled for May 3. Math teams from the five elementary schools will be meeting for the full day to review a number of Mathematics Programs. After review, the team will select two series to pilot in two third grade classrooms in each elementary school during the 2013-2014 school year. The goal is to determine whether a new series will better align with the Common Core Standards than the current Everyday Math Program.

### **Events:**

5/11 - All Region Choral Concert; Tantasqua Senior High School @ 4:00 p.m.

5/15 - Jazz/Blues Night; Burgess @ 7:00 p.m.

5/23 & 5/24 - Preschool classes to Southwick Zoo

5/24 – Memorial Day Program - on ball field @ 1:30 p.m.

5/29 – Spring Choral Concert - Burgess @ 7:00 p.m.

5/31 – All-Region Band to Great East Music Festival

The Burgess Calendar is located on the website for full events.

Mr. Carlson provided a list of Burgess All-Region Choral Students which is included in the Principal's Report.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Nosek reviewed the Superintendent's Report:

- Math Pilot – Proposal to be reviewed for the math program
- Dr. Nosek provided the Teacher Evaluation Draft. The Evaluation will be ready to be voted on at the June meeting.

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## SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Finishing the outside contract; hope to be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs. Panek reviewed the Tantasqua Representative Report:

- There was a presentation to the Outstanding Technical Student, Courtney Holms, who was presented an award. She also received a citation from Senator Brewer for having the highest GPA in vocational/technical education. Courtney hopes to attend Virginia Tech in the fall for interior design. She is an avid runner and runs for the cross country and track teams.
- Many committees had no reports or plan to give updates in May, after the budget subcommittee meeting
- Staff Reports has been moved to item number 3 on the Agenda rather than item 6.
- Discussion regarding the SRO postponed until the May Meeting
- Mrs. Boyd discussed Special Rules of Order Recommendations relative to the June Joint Committee Meeting
- Upcoming Events: Memorial Day, Graduation, and Day on the Hill (Members who wish to attend should notify Deb Grimaldi in Central Office.)

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

**Motion 13-43**

Mrs. Tuohey moved, seconded by Mrs. Bellezza to change the June meeting to Monday June 3, 2013 @ 6:00 p.m.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

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**Motion 13-44**

At 6:50 p.m., Mrs. Tuohey moved, seconded by Mrs. Panek, to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion:

Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Bellezza  
Secretary

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