

BURGESS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Thursday, March 6, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Dr. Nosek, Superintendent; Deborah Boyd, Associate Superintendent; Mary Jaeger, Assistant Principal; teachers and members of the community.

Mrs. Panek started the Regular Session at 6:31 p.m.

MINUTES

Motion 14-26: Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey, to approve the minutes of February 6, 2014 Regular Session.

Discussion: None

VOTE: Panek, Bellezza, Tuohey, Johnson

Abstained: Mrs. Alexander

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Boyd noted that the budget is tight until the end of the year regarding utilities. We will go over on electricity; however, the sewer and water bill may possibly come in lower. Oil is looking good right now. At the end of June we will evaluate whether to fill the oil tank this year. Due to transportation, Special Ed is also tight this year. There are other areas where we will come in below budget, so at this time we feel we should be fine overall.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Nosek checked with our attorney and our general liability insurance is fine as long as we aren't charging to use our trails.
- Burgess PTO approved \$500 from their budget to help with trail permits
- Tomorrow is a half professional development day
- Mr. Carlson is doing well and is anticipated to be back March, 14, 2014
- Principal position: Resumes are being reviewed. Mr. Starczewski is meeting with Dr. Nosek tomorrow to review approximately 40 resumes.
- PARCC: Field testing at Burgess, grade 4, math test. Grade 5 will field test ELA. Grade 6 will field test ELA also. These will be done on line. Letters will be going home tomorrow to those grades.
- Dr. Nosek would like to thank everyone involved in Read Across America Day last Monday.

PUBLIC ACCESS I

None

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE

Tantasqua discussed the budget, which is at 2.2%, representing a cut of \$300,000.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC ACCESS II

None

Recessed meeting at 6:50 p.m. to enter into the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON FY 15 BUDGET

Mrs. Boyd reviewed the budget packets. It is an increase of 3.92% over the previous year. Some of the reasons for the increase are:

- Burgess is one of the few schools with a steady increase of students.
- This building is approximately 28% larger than the previous school. Therefore, more time is required by our custodial staff for the school and the grounds.
- Student transportation
- Unstable utilities
- Special Needs- in house and out of district placements
- We are not expecting any hardware purchases in FY15.
- The cost of Legal Notices has increased due to increased use of websites. Our legal responsibility is to still advertise in the paper.
- Request for additional full time custodian
- Request for a new bus route for FY15
- Bus replacement plan is two per year. Buses are used for approximately 10 years before they are replaced.
- Looking for new electricity contract, until then it remains volatile
- Water and Sewer increase: watering the fields and the grounds will be an increase next year
- Increase in private tuition, decrease in public school tuition for Special Education
- Total budget is \$9,679,168.00

The Public Hearing closed at 7:55 p.m.

The regular session re-convened at 8:00 p.m.

Motion 14-27 was made by Mrs. Panek and seconded by Mrs. Bellezza, to approve the FY15 budget of \$9,679,168.

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 14-28 was made by Mrs. Panek and seconded by Mrs. Bellezza 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 the meeting in open session solely for the purpose of adjournment.

Roll call vote:
Mrs. Panek- Yes
Mrs. Alexander- Yes
Mrs. Johnson- Yes
Mrs. Tuohey- Yes
Mrs. Bellezza- Yes

Motion 14-29 (reflected in Executive Session minutes) to reconvene in open session.

Reconvened in open session at 8:30 p.m.

Motion 14-30 was made at 8:31 p.m. by Mrs. Bellezza and seconded by Mrs. Panek to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Bellezza
Secretary

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