

BURGESS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Thursday, April 3, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Megan Panek, Vice Chair/Tantasqua Representative
Mary Bellezza, Secretary
Kristen Tuohey, Committee Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Katherine Alexander, Chair
Jeannine Johnson, Committee Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Dr. Nosek, Superintendent; Deborah Boyd, Associate Superintendent; Dan Carlson, Principal; teachers and members of the community.

Mrs. Panek started the Regular Session at 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Motion 14-31

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey to approve the Minutes of March 6, 2014 Regular Session.

Discussion: None

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 14-32

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey to approve the Executive Session minutes of March 6, 2014.

Discussion: None

VOTE: Unanimous

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Boyd feels comfortable getting through the current year within budget. Electricity is a huge fluctuation during the winter. FY 15 has been adjusted accordingly.

FY 15- Mrs. Boyd feels the budget we have submitted is likely to be supported by the town Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen. One exception is that the third bus may become an article, which is fine. Mrs. Boyd is in agreement if that happens.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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

Jessica LaFrance and Dominic Brown are six graders chosen by their teachers as recipients of the Young Citizenship Award sponsored by the Tri-Community Exchange Club. The recipients will receive certificates from the State House of Representatives and the State Senate.

Students in 3-6 grade completed MCAS in Reading and ELA.

Kindergarten Orientation will be Tuesday, April 8th. Kindergarten screening will be scheduled by appointment during the week of May 5-9.

The next School Improvement Council meeting is scheduled for April 14th and will focus on end-of-the-year activities.

Professional Development will be held for Reading Wonders in Grades 1 & 2 as well as the new GO MATH program in K-6. Training dates TBD.

RadKIDS course will take place during April vacation. It is a self-empowerment and safety program.

Check the Burgess website for full calendar of events.

The school is asking the Committee to accept a donation from the Exxon-Mobil Education Alliance Program in the amount of \$500. The local sponsoring station is the Xtra-Mart Mobil on Route 131.

The hope is to have the fields useable within the next few weeks with the dry weather. Some work is yet to be done on the mounds.

Enrollment Data – March 27, 2014

Total K-6 903; Total PK-6 988

Motion 14-33

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey to accept a donation from the Exxon-Mobil Education Alliance Program in the amount of \$500.

Discussion: None

VOTE: Unanimous

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Nosek reviewed the Superintendent's Report:

- Next month we will have a public hearing pertaining to School Choice at the School Committee meeting.
- PARCC Assessment- is going very well. This is just a field test at this point. It is being used to be able to give feedback to the Board of Education.
- MASC- Sat., April 12, Tantasqua is hosting Charting a Course and Advocacy Saturday from 9-12:30. Day on the Hill is April 29th. Please see Deb G. for registration.
- Principal Search Update – Dr. Nosek thanked the committee for all of their work and time during this process. We received 40 applicants, interviewed six applicants. We are now down to four semi-finalists. Dr. Nosek will be meeting with them over the next week. After that, finalists will make a site visit to the school.
- CPR audit- The handbook was discussed. May 15th is the date to upload the documents and then a site visit (audit) will happen.

PUBLIC ACCESS

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Buildings and Grounds – During April vacation the contractors will be coming in and testing the flooring in certain areas to ensure there is no moisture build up. Possible additional work to be done in the summer if there are moisture issues.

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs. Panek announced the budget was approved to bring to the town. The school committee voted to allow parents to let their kids opt out from participating in PARCC on a close vote.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC ACCESS II

None

Motion 14-34

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey to enter into Executive Session in accordance with MGL Ch. 30A, Section 221A (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 not reconvene the meeting in open session.

Roll call vote into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Panek-Yes

Mrs. Tuohey- Yes

Mrs. Bellezza- Yes

Motion 14-35 (reflected in Executive Session minutes) to end the Executive Session and adjourn the meeting 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Bellezza
Secretary

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