

BURGESS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Meeting of Monday, June 2, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Deborah Boyd, Associate 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.

Motion 14-41

At 6:03 p.m., Mrs. Alexander moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey to enter into Executive Session in accordance with MGL.Ch. 30A, Section 21A(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation as 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 convene the meeting in open session.

VOTE: Mrs. Alexander - Yes, - Yes, Mrs. Bellezza - Yes, Mrs. Tuohey - Yes

Motion 14-42

At 6:06 p.m., Mrs. Alexander, seconded by Mrs. Bellezza to adjourn from Executive Session to Open Session to reconvene the meeting.

VOTE: Mrs. Alexander - Yes, - Yes, Mrs. Bellezza - Yes, Mrs. Tuohey - Yes

MINUTES

Motion 14-43

Mrs. Tuohey moved, seconded by Mrs. Bellezza to approve the Minutes of April 3, 2014 and May 1, 2014 Regular Session
Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 14-44

Mrs. Tuohey moved, seconded by Mrs. Bellezza to approve the Minutes of April 3, 2014 and May 1, 2014 Executive Session
Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

FINANCIAL REPORT

No Significant variances

COMMUNICATIONS

Motion 14-45

Mrs. Tuohey moved, seconded by Mrs. Bellezza to accept the Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative Agreement as provided in the packet.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Staff/Student Recognition

- Thanks and congratulations to Bill Emrich, Dan Minchoff, Robert Krilovich and all the staff and students who assisted in presenting our annual Memorial Day Program on May 23rd.
- Jog-A-Thon - Raised \$13,500 for PTO
- Burgess Jazz Band - Held the annual Blues and Jazz Night on May 14th; wonderful performance.
- All-Region Arts Festival - Student's work will be on display on the evening of June 6th and all day on June 9th.
- Best wishes provided to Carol McKinstry, Paul Murphy and Cheryl Soper on their retirement after many years of service.
- Elizabeth Ramirez and her class received a Community Service Learning Grant this year; Pencils for Sale. The class raised \$206.00 and funds were donated to Worcester County Food Bank, Birthday Wishes, United Way and Second Chance Animal Shelter.
- On May 16th members of the Advanced Band performed at the Music Festival in the Park; they received many Excellent and Superior ratings.
- Lisa Meunier, School Nurse coordinated a successful Mobile Dentist visit to Burgess on May 22nd and May 29th.

Enrollment Data:

Total K-6: 907

Total PK-6: 991

Staff Openings:

Positions to be filled - Library Assistant, Permanent Substitute, School Psychologist, and Kindergarten Teacher

Events:

June will be busy, with a number of field trips scheduled, field days for grades 1-6, and class events. The full June Calendar is located on the website for details.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Boyd reviewed the Superintendent's Report:

PARCC vs MCAS - Superintendent to make a decision in regards to FY15

Motion 14-46

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey to approve supporting administrations recommendation choosing PARCC testing for FY15.

Discussion: Table to next meeting - recommendation to have the school committee meet having a working session to review; tentatively June 23, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m.

VOTE: Tabled

PUBLIC ACCESS I

None

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE

PARCC extensive discussion; committee was divided in their opinion. MCAS was selected.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Sturbridge Little League to Place a Shed on the South Ball fields

Motion 14-47

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey to accept the request from Sturbridge Little League to place a shed on the South Ball fields.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 14-48

Mrs. Tuohey moved, seconded by Mrs. Bellezza to approve the Minutes of April 3, 2014 Regular Session

Discussion:

VOTE: Alexander- yes, Bellezza-yes, Tuohey-yes, Johnson-abstain, Panek-abstain

Motion 14-49

Mrs. Tuohey moved, seconded by Mrs. Bellezza to approve the Minutes of April 3, 2014 Executive Session

Discussion:

VOTE: Alexander- yes, Bellezza-yes, Tuohey-yes, Johnson-abstain, Panek-abstain

Vote on Sturbridge Teachers Association Contract

Motion 14-50

Mrs. Panek moved, seconded by Mrs. Bellezza to accept as negotiated the Sturbridge Teachers Association Contract as provided in packet.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

PUBLIC ACCESS II

None

REORGANIZATION

Motion 14-51

Mrs. Bellezza moved to nominate Mrs. Alexander as Chair for the Burgess Elementary School Committee.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 14-52

Mrs. Alexander moved to nominate Mrs. Bellezza as Vice Chair for the Burgess Elementary School Committee.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 14-53

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

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 14-54

Mrs. Panek moved to nominate Mrs. Tuohey as Secretary for the Burgess Elementary School Committee.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 14-55

Mrs. Bellezza moved to nominate Mrs. Johnson as First Union 61 Representative for the Burgess Elementary School Committee.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 14-56

Mrs. Panek moved to nominate Mrs. Tuohey as Second Union 61 Representative for the Burgess Elementary School Committee.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 14-57

Mrs. Alexander moved to nominate Mrs. Panek as Second Alternate Union 61 Representative for the Burgess Elementary School Committee.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 14-58

Mrs. Bellezza moved to nominate Mrs. Alexander as Third Union 61 Representative for the Burgess Elementary School Committee.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

The committee provided thanks and gratitude to Mr. Carlson for all his years of service; well wishes are with him on his retirement and future endeavors.

Motion 14-59

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

Discussion:

Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Bellezza

Secretary

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