

BURGESS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Thursday, February 5, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Katherine Alexander, Chair
Mary Bellezza, Vice Chair
Kristen Tuohey, Secretary
Jeannine Johnson, Committee Member

ABSENT:

Megan Panek, Tantasqua Representative

ALSO PRESENT:

Dr. Erin Nosek, Superintendent; Deborah Boyd, Associate Superintendent; Kathleen Pelley, Principal; Karen Miarecki, Recording Secretary; teachers and members of the community.

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

MINUTES

Motion 14-78

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey to approve the Minutes of January 7, 2015 Regular Session.

Discussion:

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

Motion 14-79

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey to approve the Minutes of January 7, 2015 Executive Session

Discussion:

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Current Budget - No significant variances
- FY 2015-2016 Budget- Discussed miscellaneous items

Motion 14-80

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey to present the amount of \$10,094,108 at the public hearing on March 5, 2015.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

- Public Hearing on FY16 Budget to be held March, 5, 2015 7:00 p.m. School Committee will meet at 6:30; prior to the Public Hearing.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Kathleen Pelley reviewed the Principal's Report, which was included in the packet. Following are a few highlights discussed (the full report can be viewed upon request):

- **Enrollment Data:** Total 983 as of January
- **Curriculum Instruction and Assessment:** Professional Development Release Day on January 23rd., a number of activities
 - ❖ Grade level teachers participated in Go Math Technology Training
 - ❖ Special Education teachers participated in a reading intervention program training.
 - ❖ Special subject teachers worked on District Determined Measures (DDMs).
 - ❖ A few staff members participated in the Ted Foundation Grant writing seminar
- Team leaders are soliciting feedback from the staff regarding re-instating our summer reading incentive program.
- Read to Succeed and Read to Feed Programs
- National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) - Randomly selected for testing

Student/Staff Recognition:

- Author Judith Jango Cohen presented in the classrooms. Thank you to Katie Bernier, Literacy Leader, for organizing.
- Thank you to the custodial staff for the extraordinary effort during the recent inclement weather.

School Improvement Council:

Cancelled due to inclement weather.

Miscellaneous:

- Christien Ellithorpe and Sara Michalak will provide feedback on the Ferry Beach visit.
- The Talent Show has been rescheduled to March 6th.

Upcoming events can be found on the Burgess Elementary School website.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Thank you to the custodians, police, highway department workers, etc., for the clean-up over the past two weeks with the weather situation; very much appreciated and grateful for all the hard work with the clean-up.
- Educators Evaluation Update - Ongoing process; district common measures. Will be piloting survey from DESE for self-assessment

PUBLIC ACCESS I

None

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Building Committee Meeting - None

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE - Reviewed the following:

- OPEB trust funding was discussed; voted to create account
- Legislators visited

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Truancy Prevention Program - In the process of formalizing protocol (would be the first school in the district to utilize). To focus on children who require assistance - discussing with the families and academic at-risk students. Early intervention is key.
- Summer Reading - Packet was provided to view/review all the incentive based reading programs/games. Committee interested in seeing what the plans are for Burgess for the summer. There were additional questions regarding Math summer work and access to online resources.

PUBLIC ACCESS II

There was a question regarding vaccination requirements. Mrs. Meunier provided information on vaccination regulations.

Motion 14-81

At 7:17 p.m., Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey, to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion:

Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Tuohey
Secretary

KT/km