

## **BURGESS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Meeting of Thursday, April 2, 2015

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

### ALSO PRESENT:

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 14-86**

Mrs. Tuohey moved, seconded by Mrs. Panek to approve the Minutes of March 5, 2015 Regular Session

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Current Budget - No significant variances. If funds become available will be looking into equipment for bus cameras; a couple vendors are lined up.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Legislative Bulletins - FYI provided at meeting

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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

Enrollment Data: Total 986 as of March

Curriculum Instruction and Assessment:

- Report Cards were issued on March 20th
- Grades one and two will adopt Reading Wonders as their core English Arts Program
- PARCC Assessments in mathematics and English Language Arts will be completed on Monday, April 13th

Parent Teacher Conferences - Will be held on Tuesday, April 7th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Thursday April 9th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Student/Staff Recognition: Tantasqua/Union 61 All-Region Choral Concert - to be held on April 16 at Tantasqua High School

Kindergarten Orientation and Screening - Kindergarten Orientation for class of 2028 will be held on Tuesday, April 7 from 9:15- 11:00 a.m.

School Improvement Council:

The council will meet on April 13th; agenda items will include 2015-2016 schedules and end of the year activities.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Strategic Plan Update - FYI provided in packet

June School Committee Meeting Date - All agreed to hold the SSC Meeting on June 1, prior to the annual town meeting (time will be determined - either 6:00 or 6:30 to meet).

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None

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Building Committee Meeting - None

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE - Reviewed the following:

- Voted regarding cameras on buses and costs
- Exploring idea (taken from MASC) of putting out a publication/magazine; looking at the cost.

OLD BUSINESS

- Honor roll for 5th/6th grade students - Report back at next meeting with information

NEW BUSINESS

- Public Hearing on School Choice May 7, 2015 - Vote to be taken in May
- Policies GCCD, JH, JIL, JK - First Reading

**Motion 14-87**

Mrs. Panek moved, seconded by Mrs. Bellezza to approve Policies GCCD, JH, JIL, and JK on First Reading.

Discussion: Second reading adjustments to take place for next meeting

VOTE: Unanimous

- Standards Based Report Cards - Share information/feedback for upcoming meetings regarding how other districts explain the report cards to ensure clarity for all.

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- Dan Kay (Burgess staff member) noted that the Union 61 Districts are putting together a presentation for testing to present to the school committee. This will be scheduled within the next couple of months; possibly a working session.

**Motion 14-88**

At 7:10 p.m., Mrs. Panek moved, seconded by Mrs. Bellezza, to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion:

Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Tuohey  
Secretary

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