

BURGESS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Thursday, May 7, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Megan Panek, Tantasqua Representative

ALSO PRESENT:

Erin Nosek, 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 14-89

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey to approve the Minutes of April 2, 2015 Regular Session

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

FINANCIAL REPORT

Current Budget - No significant variances; possibly ending the year with a surplus. Will recommend in upcoming months that the school committee approve the purchase of video cameras, if there is a surplus.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter of Thanks to Sturbridge Highway Department - FYI

Letter of Thanks to Sturbridge Police Department - FYI

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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

Enrollment Data: Total 983 as of April

Curriculum Instruction and Assessment:

- Professional Development Activities took place on May 1st - STAR, data collection, grade level/department goals and student evaluation tools.

- Upcoming assessments: MCAS Science, Technology, and Engineering for grade 5 students on May 8th and 11th.
- PARCC Assessments in mathematics and English Language Arts for students grades 3 through 6 will be administered from May 11 through May 29
- Work continues on report card revision and alignment

Student/Staff Recognition: (The full report can be viewed upon request)

- All-Regional Choral Concert - Took place on April 16th - Congratulations to all
- Tri-Community Exchange Club Citizenship Award
- Performance Based PARCC Assessments

Kindergarten Screening - Will take place at the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year.

School Improvement Council:

The council will meet on May 12th; agenda items will include revision of the Burgess School Improvement Plan.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Joint meeting will be held June 16th at 6:00 p.m. - Superintendent Evaluation
- District Determined Measures - Evaluator Impact; educator evaluation process
- AED Program Review - Looking at all districts and what is required; possibly purchasing more AED Machines; will provide a follow up
- Reviewed Superintendents Goals - Have been met/ongoing; moving in a positive direction
- Reorganization – Will take place at next month's meeting

PUBLIC ACCESS I

None

PUBLIC HEARING ON SCHOOL CHOICE

The Public Hearing on School Choice opened at 7:15 p.m.

There was discussion on the pros/cons of School Choice. Public input was requested by Mrs. Alexander.

The hearing closed at 7:20 p.m.

Motion 14-90

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey to not support School Choice for the school year 2015/2016 due to current class sizes.

Discussion: None

VOTE: Unanimous

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Building Committee Meeting - None

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE - Reviewed the following:

None

OLD BUSINESS

- PARCC vs. MCAS – Look at possibility of a working session as well as sending out a Survey Monkey to receive feedback from teachers
- Kindergarten Screening – Assessment/screening has shifted to the fall for assessing center based small groups
- Policies GCCD, JH, JII, JK - Second Reading and Request for Vote of Adoption

Motion 14-91

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey to adopt Policies GCCD, JII, JK on Second Reading and vote for adoption.

Discussion: Table Policy JH until June meeting for additional review and to make any additional changes.

VOTE: Unanimous, as amended

NEW BUSINESS

Latest lockdown – Policy will be reviewed for future lockdowns.

PUBLIC ACCESS II

- MTA Presentation to be reviewed with the school committee; place on upcoming agenda

Motion 14-92

At 7:43 p.m., Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey, to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion:

Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Tuohey
Secretary

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