

## **BURGESS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Meeting of Thursday, October 1, 2015

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

### 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 6:33 p.m.

### MINUTES

#### **Motion 15-06**

Mrs. Johnson moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey to approve the Minutes of September 3, 2015 Regular Session

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

### FINANCIAL REPORT

- Anticipated grants have not yet been applied to teacher salary line

### COMMUNICATIONS

None

### 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):

Mrs. Pelly introduced the new preschool teacher, Katherine Nicholas to the school committee.

**Enrollment Data:** Total 964 as of August

### **Recognitions:**

- Step-Up Day was a tremendous success; thanks to all who assisted
- Thanks to all staff for their preparation for the 2015-2016 school year

### **Curriculum Instruction and Assessment:**

- Summer reading feedback from students and parents has been very positive
- Professional development on September 18th focused on current legal educational regulations.
- Next Professional Development day will be held on Friday, October 9th. Teachers and staff will participate in a variety of workshops/trainings.

### **Technology:**

Twenty-four additional computers have been added to the library/media center and twenty-two will be installed in the music room.

### **Coordinated Program Review:**

The MA DESE will be conducting a Coordinated Program Review (CPR); evaluating practices pertaining to special education, English language learners, and civil rights.

### **Open House:**

Held on September 8th; it was a very successful evening.

### **Kindergarten Screening**

Kindergarten Screening has been completed.

### **School Improvement Council:**

The next School Improvement Council will be held on Tuesday, October 13th. Agenda items to include the school improvement plan, Grade 5 MCAS Science, Technology, Engineering scores, schedule, and budget preparation.

### **Ferry Beach Ecology School:**

Sixth Grade students and staff traveled to Maine September 16th through the 18th. Feedback from the students, staff and parents has been very positive.

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

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- MA DESE Student Assessment - FYI Provided in packet
- PARCC vs. MCAS - Discussion regarding when the results will be provided to establish a recommended timeline provided by the Board of Education
- MASC - Updates to the Bylaws - FYI provided as hand-out at the meeting
- Coordinated Program and File Review - Checking compliance for indicators; auditors and interviews
- NEASC Accreditation 10-Year High School - Visiting Team of 16 educators from New England; six-eight months before report is provided
- Public Press Release - Eight proposed Charter Schools have been invited to the next phase; OSV is one of them
- Superintendent Draft Goals - Provided as a hand-out for committee members' reference

### **PUBLIC ACCESS I**

Q: Bill Emery - What grades would the OSV Charter School contain?

A: Grades K-2 at first; then K-8 over time

- Discussion on prospectus regarding OSV Charter School

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Building Committee Meeting - None

**TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE - Reviewed the following:**

Subcommittee meeting dates provided.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Motion 15-07**

Mrs. Panek moved, seconded by Mrs. Bellezza to accept Policy ADDA Background Checks on First Reading.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Change in start time for December 3, 2015 Meeting

**Motion 15-08**

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey to accept the time change for the December 3, 2015 School Committee Meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

**PUBLIC ACCESS II**

Lisa Meunier suggested changing "Nut-free" to "Allergy Aware" on all associated documents; all policies will be changed to reflect this.

**Motion 15-09**

At 7:40 p.m., Mrs. Panek moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey, to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion:

Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannine Johnson

Secretary

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