

BURGESS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Thursday, November 5, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Jeffrey Zanghi, Assistant Superintendent; Kathleen Pelley, Principal; Karen Miarecki, Recording Secretary; teachers and members of the community.

Mrs. Alexander started the Regular Session at 6:32 p.m.

MINUTES

Motion 15-10

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve the Minutes of October 1, 2015 Regular Session

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Shortfall in Regular Teacher Sals is due to Title I funds that have not yet been applied.

COMMUNICATIONS

- SWCEC Quarterly Report - FYI provided in packet
- October 1, 2015 Enrollment - FYI provided in packet

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):

Mrs. Pelly provided of PARCC and MCAS examples for the committee to view

Enrollment Data: Total 962 as of October

Curriculum Instruction and Assessment:

- PARCC and MCAS sample test items for discussion

- Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held November 10th and November 12th. School Resource Officer Hillary DaDalt will be holding a safety presentation and Food Service Director Kathy Davies will be providing menu samplings.
- Report cards will be issued on December 11th.

Safety

As part of our A.L.I.C.E safety protocol, Burgess Students and staff practiced an evacuation to rallying points.

Technology:

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

Coordinated Program Review:

The onsite portion of the Coordinated Program Review (CPR) conducted by the Massachusetts Department of Education has concluded for Burgess. Report will be received by early next year.

School Improvement Council:

The next School Improvement Council will be held on Monday, November 9th. Agenda items to include PARCC results, crisis plan review, and continued budget discussion.

Recognitions:

Congratulations to the fifth and sixth grade band members who participated in the halftime performance at the Tantasqua Regional High School football game on October 23rd.

Upcoming events can be found on the Burgess Elementary School website

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Zanghi reviewed his report:

- MCAS/PARCC - Public release of school and district level results
- Science Standards - New Science Based on Next Generation will be up for adoption. It is at public review. Vote will be taken in January for possible adoption; would be a 2-3 year transition to the new standards.

PUBLIC ACCESS I

Sturbridge Little League - Request for 6'x10' shed to be built by the high school tech school and placed on the upper Burgess Field

Motion 15-11

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey to accept the building of a shed by the Tech School for the Sturbridge Little League; pending placement of shed on field by administration
Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 15-12

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnson to accept the donation of \$9000 from three groups to fix/replace/upgrade the hoops in the upper gym; contingent on pending approval of the final party .

Discussion: Groups discussed included Sturbridge Youth Basketball, PTO and BED

VOTE: Unanimous

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Building Committee Meeting - None

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE - Reviewed the following:

- Vocational School Numbers - FYI
- High Stakes Testing - Bylaws Committee reviewed; was declined

OLD BUSINESS

Motion 15-13

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

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 15-14

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey to amend the language for Policy JLCDD-1 Life Threatening Allergic Reaction and Epinephrine for legal purposes to state "Allergy Aware" in placement of "Allergy Free"

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

- Pediculosis - Policy/Procedure - Provided and reviewed with the committee
- Committee supports to move the December 3, 2015 meeting to 5:30 p.m. at TSHS

PUBLIC ACCESS II

Motion 15-15

At 7:32 p.m., Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey, to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion:

Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannine Johnson

Secretary

JJ/km