

BURGESS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Thursday, June 6, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Katherine Alexander, Chair
Mary Bellezza, Vice Chair
Megan Panek, Tantasqua Representative
Kristen Tuohey, Committee Member
Scott Parker, Committee Member

ALSO PRESENT:

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

Kate Alexander opened the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

REORGANIZATION

Dr. Nosek opened with nominations for Chair.

Motion 15-41

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mr. Parker to nominate Kate Alexander as Chair of the Burgess Elementary School Committee

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 15-42

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mr. Parker to nominate Kristen Tuohey as Vice Chair of the Burgess Elementary School Committee

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 15-43

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Alexander to nominate Megan Panek as Tantasqua Representative of the Burgess Elementary School Committee

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 15-44

Mrs. Alexander moved, seconded by Mr. Parker to nominate Mary Bellezza for Tantasqua Representative Alternate for the Burgess Elementary School Committee

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 15-45

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey to nominate Scott Parker as Secretary of the Burgess Elementary School Committee

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 15-46

Mrs. Alexander moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey to nominate Mary Bellezza and Scott Parker as Primaries for the Union 61 Tantasqua Representatives of the Burgess Elementary School Committee

Discussion: Kate Alexander is a primary for the Union 61 Tantasqua Representative as Chair.

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 15-47

Mrs. Alexander moved, seconded by Mr. Parker to nominate Kristen Tuohey and Megan Panek as Second Alternates for the Union 61 Tantasqua Representatives of the Burgess Elementary School Committee.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

MINUTES

Motion 15-48

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey to approve the Minutes of May 5, 2016 Regular Session

Discussion:

VOTE: Bellezza - Yes, Tuohey - Yes, Parker - Yes, Panek - Abstain

Motion 15-49

Mr. Parker moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey to approve the Minutes of May 5, 2016 Executive Session

Discussion:

VOTE: Bellezza - Yes, Tuohey - Yes, Parker - Yes, Panek - Abstain

FINANCIAL

No significant variances

Motion 15-50

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey to rescind the request and take no action on Article 46 Special Town Warrant.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

COMMUNICATIONS

- SWCEC 3rd Quarter Report - FYI provided in packet
- Letters to Chief Thomas J. Ford III and Greg Morse
- Letter to Ted Foundation

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Kathleen Pelley reviewed highlights from the Principal's Report (the full report can be viewed upon request).

Enrollment Data: As of May 2016 -958

Recognition:

Congratulations to the members of the Burgess Jazz Band for their performances as part of the annual Blues and Jazz Night on May 11th.

Staff Development:

Professional Development Day - Staff will work on student placement

Curriculum:

- All grade levels continue to work on a wide variety of topics.
- Library - Being utilized for the main PARCC test site as well as fifth graders accessing it for origami paper cranes
- Physical Education - PTO sponsored their annual Jog-A-Thom during physical education classes.
- Health Office - The school nurse participated in reviewing the crisis management plan.
- Facilities - Custodial evaluations were conducted and a new custodian was hired to fill an opening.

- Food Service - Fresh farm grown fruits and vegetables are being offered at lunch.
- School Improvement Council held their last meeting on Monday, May 9, 2016.

Upcoming events can be found on the Burgess Elementary School website

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Interest Based Bargaining - Packet provided at meeting in regard to negotiation with teachers' unit for next year. Collective bargaining through collective employees.
- Board of Selectmen - DEP testing for lead in water will take place
- Inquiry from Ann Murphy regarding community assistance for senior workers through the "Seniors Workers Program". Many possible opportunities and skills.
- National Assessment of Ed Project will be held in the fall
- Housing update - Confirmed 103 units; 26 slated for affordable housing. Lengthy process will keep communication open.

PUBLIC ACCESS I

None

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE

Turf Discussion - Both fields will be completed (cage and football field); contract has been awarded. Organic fill composite of sand, coconut and cork will be placed on a pad.

OLD BUSINESS

Summer Reading - Teachers providing packets for grades.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion 15-51

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Panek to approve the Ratification for the Sturbridge Educational Support Personnel Association Contract.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

PUBLIC ACCESS II

Scholarship was provided to Hannah Sorensen on class night; she will be going into Education.

Motion 15-52

At 6:50 p.m. Mrs. Tuohey moved, seconded by Mrs. Bellezza to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Parker
Secretary

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