

BURGESS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Thursday, January 5, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Katherine Alexander, Chair
Kristen Tuohey, Vice Chair
Scott Parker, Secretary
Megan Panek, Tantasqua Representative
Mary Bellezza, Union 61 Representative

ALSO PRESENT:

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

Mrs. Alexander opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

MINUTES

Motion 17-01

Mrs. Panek moved, seconded by Mr. Parker, to approve the minutes of December 1, 2016 Regular Session.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 17-02

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Panek, to approve the minutes of December 1, 2016 Executive Session.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

FINANCIAL REPORT

Holding our own; no significant issues

COMMUNICATIONS

- MASC Self-Assessment - Document provided from MASC Conference for review. The committee is interested in completing these documents and they will be sent to the office to compile the data. They need to be returned by next meeting.
- Legal update - From MASC statutory changes - Public records law effective January 1st. Records officer is designated on the website.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

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

Enrollment Data: As of Dec 2016, - 916

Student Showcase

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment:

- MCAS and Math - April 3rd through May 26th
- PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support) team has been working to develop a plan to better support all students' social emotional learning.

Grade Level and Department Updates/Highlights-

- Kindergarten - Has been exploring different holiday traditions across the US and the world.
- First Grade - Working on blending words with special blends and digraph
- Second Grade - Donated food to families that Burgess adopted for Christmas.
- Third Grade - Made Christmas Ornaments to sell with the proceeds going to Project Bread.
- Fourth Grade - Students studied the five themes of geography and how they could apply these themes to the North Pole or Whoville.
- Fifth Grade - Made Christmas Ornaments to sell for the benefit of area foster children.
- Sixth Grade - Working on conversions in math.
- Computer classes are working hard on a variety of skills
- Literacy - The reading department continues to use the levelled literacy intervention with their reading groups.
- Health Office - The Tri-community Church Collaborative provided turkey dinners for 34 families this year.
- Facilities - All fields have been cleared of sports equipment and swept clear of leaves
- Food Services - The cafeteria is continuing to try new and different menu items.

Upcoming events can be found on the Burgess Elementary School website

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Nosek reviewed her report:

Two senior students were recognized at the Tantasqua Regional School Committee meeting as Superintendent Scholars.

FY18 BUDGET REVIEW

Mrs. Boyd reviewed the process for the FY 18 Budget Review. This is the first review of the budget; no voting will take place. In February the committee will review again, noting anything that may be pressing. The committee will vote the amount to present at the March Public Hearing. The final amount will be voted for the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Mrs. Boyd and Mrs. Pelley reviewed the FY18 Budget line by line, detailing any areas of discussion and reviewed the Technology Capital Plan.

PUBLIC ACCESS I

None

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE

Presentation of Superintendent's Scholar. One scholar was unable to attend and will be presented at the January 17, 2017 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC ACCESS II

None

Motion 17-03

At 7:35p.m., Mrs. Alexander moved, seconded by Mrs. Bellezza, to enter into Executive Session in accordance with MGL Ch. 30A, Section 21A (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. The Committee will adjourn the meeting from Executive Session.

Discussion:

VOTE: Mrs. Bellezza - Yes, Mrs. Alexander - Yes, Mrs. Tuohey - Yes Mr. Parker -Yes
Mrs. Panek - Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Parker
Secretary

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