

## **BURGESS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Meeting of Thursday, February 2, 2017

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Katherine Alexander, Chair  
Kristen Tuohey, Vice Chair  
Scott Parker, Secretary

### **ABSENT:**

Mary Bellezza, Union 61 Representative  
Megan Panek, Tantasqua Representative

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

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

Kate Alexander called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

### **Student Showcase - Grade 5 Science Class**

Ms. Forni's class, in collaboration with students in Mr. Jefferson's high school class, gave a presentation on Anatomy. Their presentation was amazing, providing many facts on their experience interacting with the high school students. Some of the presentations were:

- Lamb and Sheep Heart
- Pulse
- Frog - Dissection and parts of the frog
- Spine
- Cheek Cells
- Fingerprinting

### **MINUTES**

#### **Motion 17-04**

Mr. Kelly moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey to approve the Minutes of January 5, 2017 Regular and Executive Sessions.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Holding our own; no significant issues

#### **Motion 17-05**

Mr. Parker moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey, to present the budget amount of \$11,120,234.00 at the March Public Hearing.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

## COMMUNICATIONS

None

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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

Enrollment Data: As of Jan 2017 – 917 students

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

- January marks the time for several benchmark assessments.
- January 13th Professional Day - Featured inspirational speaker Dr. Robert Brooks as well as a variety of trainings and workshops.
- February 6-10th - Kindergarten registration will be held for the 2017-2018 school year

### **Grade Level and Department Updates/Highlights:**

- First Grade - Working on blending words with special blends and digraph
- Second Grade - Studying the properties of matter as part of a month-long STEM unit
- Third Grade - Working on multiplication and starting division
- Fourth Grade - Participating in a number of assessments; preparing for the upcoming MCAS tests
- Fifth Grade - Went to Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary for a program on the planets and constellations
- Computer classes are working hard on a variety of skills
- Literacy - The Read to Succeed Program started January 3rd
- Health Office - Lisa Meunier has been busy preparing for the PTO sponsored Positive Parenting Program to be held in March
- Physical Education - A variety of gymnastics, speed ball, soccer, basketball and football are taking place.
- Facilities - Custodians cleaned the tile/grout mopboard areas in conjunction with buffing the rubber flooring
- Food Services - New food menu items: Thai chicken; flatbread pizza; and cheese calzones
- School Resource Officer - Hillary DaDalt provides instruction to students in a multitude of areas as well as hosts radKIDS classes during school breaks.

The school committee would like to look into additional funding for the possibility of more instructors as there is a waiting list for children for radKIDS classes.

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

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Erin Nosek reviewed her report:

- Public Hearing Time: Regular school committee meeting will take place at 6:00 pm followed by the Public Hearing at 6:30. The meeting will continue after the Public Hearing and the committee will vote on the budget to be presented at the Annual Town Meeting.
- Superintendent Evaluation Training - One hour training will be held before the March 1st Tantasqua Meeting.
- *Ted* Foundation - Tastefully *Ted* Fundraiser will be held on February 3rd.

#### PUBLIC ACCESS I

None

#### SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None

#### TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE - Reviewed the following

Dr. Nosek reviewed the Tantasqua School Committee meeting.

#### OLD BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### **Motion 17-06**

Mr. Parker moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey, to approve Policy JJF, Student Activity Accounts on First Reading.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

#### PUBLIC ACCESS II

None

Motion 17-07

At 7:10 p.m. Mr. Parker moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey, to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Parker  
Secretary

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