

BURGESS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Thursday, March 2, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

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

Mrs. Alexander opened the meeting at 6:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Motion 17-08

Mr. Parker moved, seconded by Mrs. Bellezza, to approve the minutes of February 2, 2017 Regular Session.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

FINANCIAL REPORT

Holding our own; no significant issues

Motion 17-09

Mrs. Panek moved, seconded by Mr. Parker, that any one of the school committee members may sign the accounts payable warrants.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

COMMUNICATIONS

MASC Legislative Breakfast
MASC Summit on Poverty
Letter of Appreciation to M. Forni
Letter of Appreciation to R. Jefferson

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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

Enrollment Data: As of Feb 2017 - 920

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment:

- Kindergarten registration for the 2017-2018 is ongoing. Seventy-eight students are currently registered.
- NAEP testing for randomly selected fourth grade students will take place on March 1st.
- The MCAS testing window is April 3-May 26th.
- The Collins Writing and close-reading pilots are ongoing in various classrooms.

Grade Level and Department Updates/Highlights-

- Kindergarten - Working on learning about numbers 20-100
- First Grade - Working on blending words using vowel pairs, prefixes, and special endings.
- Second Grade - Reading several verses of The Three Little Pigs.
- Third Grade - Developing a love of literature through read aloud, book clubs, and literature studies.
- Fourth Grade - Students and staff traveled to Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary for a field trip.
- Fifth Grade - Wrapping up their study of the growth and development of the thirteen colonies.
- Sixth Grade - Students are learning about area and volume in math.
- Literacy -The reading department was exited to welcome author/illustrator Barbara McClintock to Burgess.
- Facilities - The custodial staff has been very busy outside clearing snow, drifts and icy walkways and entrances.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Nosek reviewed her report:

- Community Reading Day - Very happy; fun group
- Superintendent Evaluation Training - MASC rescheduled to 4/26/2017 at 6:00pm
- OSV Charter School has been approved

PUBLIC ACCESS I

None

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE - Reviewed the following

- Committee voted on budget
- Increased school choice numbers to 38 for grade 7
- Revision on facility use schedule and fee update
- Track will be closed from dusk to dawn

OLD BUSINESS

Motion 17-10

Mrs. Panek moved, seconded by Mr. Parker, to adopt Policy JJF, Student Activity Accounts on Second Reading.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

Motion 17-11

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Panek, to approve Policy GBEC, Drug Free Workplace on First Reading.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 17-12

Mrs. Panek moved, seconded by Mr. Parker, to approve Policy JICH, Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Use Prohibited by Students on First Reading.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

PUBLIC ACCESS II

None

The Committee recessed for the Student Showcase at 6:20 pm and the Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 18 Budget at 6:30pm.

Student Showcase - Grade 5 and 6 - Jazz Band - Presented a wonderful performance of a variety of songs; excellent job!

PUBLIC HEARING ON FY 17-18 PROPOSED BUDGET

The Public Hearing opened at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Boyd reviewed the proposed FY 17-18 Budget in detail.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:50 p.m. and the regular school committee meeting resumed.

Motion 17-13

Mr. Parker moved, seconded by Mrs. Panek to present the amount of \$11,120,234.00 at Town Meeting.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 17-14

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

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Parker
Secretary

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