

BURGESS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Thursday, April 6, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

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.

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

STUDENT SHOWCASE

Third grade students shared their book making process with the school committee. They used graphic organizers and ideas around "Favorite Traditional Writing". Their book was published and they each read a paragraph of their favorite tradition.

MINUTES

Motion 17-15

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

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

FINANCIAL REPORT

Holding our own; no significant issues

COMMUNICATIONS

Thank You Letters - FYI provided in the packet

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 March 2017, -920

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment:

- Report Cards were issued on Friday, March 24th
- MCAS English Language Arts testing started on Monday, April 3rd.
- Congratulations to All Region Band and Chorus on the outstanding recent performances
- The Annual Science and Art Fair was held on Tuesday, April 4th
- Kindergarten screenings will take place on Monday, May 1st and Wednesday, May 3rd. Annual Kindergarten open house will be held on Monday, June 1st.

Grade Level and Department Updates/Highlights-

- Kindergarten - Working on GO MATH, focusing on plane shapes
- First Grade - Working on GO MATH, focusing on adding and subtracting double digits using models and hundreds charts
- Second Grade - Working on how to write an informational piece
- Third Grade - Started learning about fractions
- Fourth Grade - Studied Washington D.C. Lessons included studying the landmarks and buildings.
- Fifth Grade - Took part in STEM day on March 31st.
- Sixth Grade - Language Arts and Social Studies - Ancient Civilizations
- Health Office - Rita Schiano, author of Live a Flourishing Life came March 23rd to speak to 54 parents about building resiliency in our children.

- Physical Education - In the lower gym they are starting the badminton unit for grades 4-6 and a hand-eye cord inaction/striking unit in the K-3 classes.
- Facilities - Several vendors are set up for required inspections over April vacation week.
- Food Services - Looking forward to warmer weather and fresh vegetables and fruit from local farmers.

Upcoming events can be found on the Burgess Elementary School website

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Nosek reviewed her report.

- Day on the Hill April 25, 2017 - New Location at the Grand Hall of the Masons due to renovations
- Public Hearing School Choice will be held on May 4, 2017
- Charter School Update - DOE notification informing of a possible 13 Sturbridge residents being accepted at the school. Transportation will need to be reviewed to decide what the cost would be for Sturbridge.
- Next Thursday is Professional Development Day; half day of school. Friday no school.
- District Improvement Plan - FYI provided in packet. Will review fully next month.

PUBLIC ACCESS I

None

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE - Reviewed the following

Public Hearing took place.

OLD BUSINESS

- Policy GBEC Drug Free Workplace - Second Reading and Request for Vote for Adoption
- Policy JICH Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Use Prohibited by Students -Second Reading and Request for Vote for Adoption.

Motion 17-16

Mrs. Tuohey moved, seconded by Mrs. Bellezza, to adopt Policy GBEC Drug Free Workplace on Second Reading.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 17-17

Mrs. Tuohey moved, seconded by Mr. Parker, to adopt Policy JICH Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Use Prohibited by Students on Second Reading.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

Motion 17-18

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mr. Parker, to vote to Ratify the Sturbridge Teachers Association Contract.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

PUBLIC ACCESS II

None

Motion 17-19

At 7:15 p.m. Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mr. Parker, to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Parker
Secretary

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