

BURGESS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Thursday, May 4, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Katherine Alexander, Chair
Kristen Tuohey, Vice Chair
Mary Bellezza, Union 61 Representative
Scott Parker, Secretary
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 opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

STUDENT SHOWCASE:

Pre-School Students demonstrated "The Pledge of Allegiance" that they had memorized. They did a fantastic job!

PUBLIC HEARING ON SCHOOL CHOICE

Mrs. Alexander opened the Public Hearing on School choice at 6:30 p.m.

Motion 17-20

Mr. Parker moved, seconded by Mrs. Bellezza, that Burgess Elementary School vote not to participate in School Choice due to current class sizes for FY18.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

REORGANIZATION

Motion 17-21

Mrs. Panek moved, seconded by Mrs. Bellezza to nominate Kate Alexander as Chair for the Burgess Elementary School Committee

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 17-22

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mr. Parker to nominate Megan Panek as Vice Chair for the Burgess Elementary School Committee

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 17-23

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

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 17-24

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

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 17-25

Mrs. Panek moved, seconded by Mrs. Bellezza to nominate Kate Alexander, Scott Parker and Kristen Tuohey as the three Union 61 Representatives for the Burgess Elementary School Committee

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 17-26

Mrs. Alexander moved, seconded by Mr. Parker to nominate Megan Panek as the First Alternate Union 61 Representative for the Burgess Elementary School Committee

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 17-27

Mr. Parker moved, seconded by Mrs. Panek to nominate Mary Bellezza as the Second Alternate Union 61 Representative for the Burgess Elementary School Committee

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

MINUTES

Motion 17-28

Mr. Parker moved, seconded by Mrs. Bellezza to approve the regular session minutes of April 6, 2017.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

FINANCIAL REPORT

Holding our own; no significant issues

Motion 17-29

Mrs. Panek moved, seconded by Mr. Parker, to present the FY18 Budget amount of \$11,020,234 at the June Town Meeting.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

COMMUNICATIONS

Signage regarding the prohibition of alcoholic beverages on school property will be posted on campus near the outside shack.

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 April 2017, - 922

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment:

- All grade levels have completed MCAS English Language Arts Testing
- Staff participated in a variety of professional development workshops and training on April 13th.
- Kindergarten screenings took place on May 1st and May 3rd.
- Parent/Teacher conference took place on May 2nd and May 3rd
- A team will participate in the Sixth Annual Northeast PBIS Network Leadership Forum on May 18th.
- Congratulations to sixth grade students for this year's recipients of the 2017 Tri-Community Citizen Award
- The Science Curriculum Team continues to research science programs.

Grade Level and Department Updates/Highlights-

- Kindergarten – Visited the Connecticut Science Museum on April 27th.
- First Grade – Currently working on Unit 5 in Reading wonders; working on special vowel rules.

- Second Grade - Studied the formation of volcanoes and how they can change the earth's surface.
- Third Grade – Collaborated to create a unit of life cycles
- Fourth Grade – Working on geometry and preparing for the math MCAS
- Fifth Grade – Will be taking their Math and Science MCAS as well as visiting Boston to walk the Freedom Trail.
- Sixth Grade – Focusing on literature study
- Health Office – The Smile Mobile Dentist visited two days and treated 37 students.
- Facilities – Annual inspections of the fire suppression sprinkler systems and fire alarm/annunciation system were completed.
- Food Services – The cafeteria is offering fruit smoothies with a whole grain muffin as an alternate lunch choice every Tuesday and Thursday in the month of May.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Erin Nosed reviewed her report:

- June School Committee Meeting - Monday, June 5th 6:00 p.m.
- Joint Committee Meeting - June 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
- District Improvement Plan Update - Reviewed the following goals:

Goal 1 - To increase student achievement

Goal 2 - To maintained and enhance the districts' comprehensive program of student support services.

Goal 3 - To maintain and enhance the districts' use of technology to support teaching, learning, and communication.

Goal 4 - To develop and maintain positive relationships with members of the school and local communities.

PUBLIC ACCESS I

None

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE

Dr. Nosek presented an overview of the District Improvement Plan.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Alexander inquired if there had been any feedback on the recent "13 Reasons Why" letter? If any parent is concerned, they are encouraged to contact the school. Further discussion to follow in upcoming meetings.

PUBLIC ACCESS II

None

Motion 17-30

At 7:30 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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