

BURGESS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Thursday, June 5, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kristen Tuohey, Union 61 Representative
Scott Parker, Secretary
Mary Bellezza, Tantasqua Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Katherine Alexander, Chair
Megan Panek, Vice Chair

ALSO PRESENT:

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

Scott Parker opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Motion 17-31

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey to approve the Minutes of May 4, 2017 Regular Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 17-32

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey to approve the Minutes of April 6, 2017 Executive Session.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ending year in good shape; no significant issues

COMMUNICATIONS

FYI's Provided in the Packet:

- Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative 3rd Quarter Report
- Letter of Appreciation to Police Chief Thomas Ford
- Letter of Appreciation to G. Morse Highway Superintendent
- Letter to Katherine Nicholas - Thank you for Presentation

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 May 2017, -922

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment:

- Thank you to all teachers and students who participated in our school committee student showcases.
- Congratulations to the members of the Burgess Jazz Band for their performances as part of the Annual Jazz and Blues Night on May 11th.
- Thank you to all the staff and students who assisted in presenting our annual Memorial Day Program on May 26th.
- We offer best wishes to Janet Downing and Cheryl Hannon upon their retirement after many years of service to the students at Burgess.
- Thank you to the entire Burgess community for their hard work and flexibility during MCAS administration.
- Thank you to the PTO for the ongoing support.
- Kindergarten Open House took place on June 1st.

- Step-Up-Day will take place on June 21st.

Grade Level and Department Updates/Highlights-

- Kindergarten had an excellent trip to the Connecticut Science Center.
- First Grade worked on their final unit in Reading Wonders and prepared for the final round of benchmark assessments in GO Math.
- Second Grade worked on finishing their last writing piece for their second grade memory book; a compilation of published writing pieces throughout the year.
- Third Grade attended a performance of Charlotte's Web in Springfield, Massachusetts.
- Fourth Grade completed the math portion of the MCAS I'm mid-May.
- Fifth Grade participated in Math Olympics and a science fair.
- Sixth Grade was introduced to 7th grade math concepts.

Upcoming events can be found on the Burgess Elementary School website

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Nosek reviewed her report:

- Graduation - One of the largest classes at 340 students
- Parent Camp Class of 2030 - Upcoming Kindergarten class attended the Parent Camp at Tantasqua Junior High School, having activities and a class picture taken.

PUBLIC ACCESS I

None

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE - Reviewed the following

- Voted to Fund OPEB
- Voted to hire a food service management company for one year contract.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC ACCESS II

None

Motion 17-33

At 6:25 p.m., Mr. Parker moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey, to enter into Executive Session in accordance with MGL Ch. 30A, Section 21A(7) to comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements and the Chair so declares. The Committee will adjourn the meeting from Executive Session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Parker
Secretary

SP/km