

BURGESS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Thursday, February 1, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ABSENT

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.

Mrs. Alexander opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Mrs. Kenneway's Kindergarten Class

Student Showcase: Mrs. Kenneway's students provided a wonderful song titled "I am a Burgess Bear". The children also read their work aloud and showed their pictures. They did a fantastic job!

MINUTES

Motion 18-17 Mrs. Tuohey moved, seconded by Mrs. Bellezza, to approve the Minutes of January 6, 2018 Regular Session

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

FINANCIAL REPORT

- No significant variances
- Technology Article - included in packet

Motion 18-18 Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey, to present the budget amount of \$11,347,746 at the March Public Hearing.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 18-19 Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Tuohey, to support submitting an article to request \$150,000 for additional wireless devices.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

The March School Committee Meeting will start at 6:00 p.m., with a break for the Public hearing at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will resume following the Public Hearing.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Sheila McCormick - Thank you; included in packet

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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

Enrollment Data: As of Jan 2018 - 899

Staffing

- Burgess welcomed many new individuals to the support staff (names included on Principal Report)

Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

- Curriculum mapping initiatives continue
- Meetings between science coaches and pilot teachers have taken place to assess the progress of the pilot
- Middle of year benchmark assessments in reading and mathematics have been completed
- The MCAS Think Tank continues to meet
- The Clementine Show, the Burgess PTO sponsored program for grades 1 through 4, was held on February 2nd.

Grade Level and Department Updates

- Updates for Kindergarten through Grade 6, Physical Education, Literacy, Computer, Library, Health Office, Facilities and Cafeteria were detailed on the Principal's Report

Upcoming events can be found on the Burgess Elementary School website

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Nosek reviewed the report:

- Administration Focus - State Board of Education appointed new Commissioner - Jeff Riley
- Tastefully Ted - Fundraiser supporting teachers and innovative teams in the classroom
- Reviewed Budgets
- High School Updates - Large work crews and vendors are being utilized. Trailers are being used for temporary office space. Heating coils and sprinklers are being replaced as soon as possible.

PUBLIC ACCESS I

- With widespread flu, a suggestion was made to use bottled water rather than water fountains.
- Comfort Zone Camp - Free lunch and free program

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE

- Approved grant application for Windows/Doors at the Jr. High School - State MSBA Grant

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC ACCESS II

Discussed the Substitute Nurse pay rate.

Motion 18-20

At 7:07 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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