

# **BURGESS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Meeting of Thursday, April 5, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kristen Tuohey, Union 61 Representative; Scott Parker, Secretary; Mary Bellezza, Tantasqua Representative; Kate Alexander, Chair

ABSENT: Megan Panek, Vice Chair

ALSO PRESENT: Deborah Boyd, Associate Superintendent; Kathleen Pelley, Principal; Karen Miarecki, Recording Secretary; teachers and members of the community.

Kate Alexander opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m., with the 4th Grade Student Showcase starting the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **STUDENT SHOWCASE:**

Fourth Grade Students provided a presentation on recycled instruments and how Science is involved with amplitude and pitch; showing examples of their recycled instruments and the sounds they make. A few instruments that they made included maracas, guitars, flutes, drums, and trumpets. All were made with recycled material such as straws, cardboard, rubber bands, tin cans, plastic Easter Eggs, plastic spoons, bamboo and wood. They provided a wonderful show of musical instruments and shared explanations of how the sounds change with vibration, volumes, thickness, softness as well as how loudness is developed.

## MINUTES

### **Motion 18-24**

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mr. Parker to approve the Minutes of March 1, 2018 Regular Session

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

## FINANCIAL REPORT

- No significant variances - Very good shape

## COMMUNICATIONS

- DESE School Redesign - Alternative Structured Learning Day Programs - FYI provided in packet;
- Discussion of the blizzard bag.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Kathleen Pelley reviewed highlights from the Principal's Report (the full report can be viewed upon request).

- Enrollment Data: As of Mar 2018 - 904
- Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment - Updates provided
- Professional Development - March 29th focused on ATLAS curriculum mapping

## **Grade Level and Department Updates -**

- Updates were provided for Kindergarten through Grade 6, Physical Education, Literacy, Computer, Library, Health Office, Facilities and Cafeteria (Detailed information can be reviewed upon request on the Principal's Report).
- **Upcoming events can be found on the Burgess Elementary School website**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT -Deborah Boyd reviewed the report:

- Day on the Hill - Will be held on April 25, 2018
- Public Hearing School Choice - May 3, 2018
- Notification was received on the OSV Charter – Only one more student has been accepted for next year
- Every two years the school committee needs to complete Conflict of Interest Training and submit copy of certificate
- Reminder to change the June meeting to Monday June 4th at the High School at 6:00 PM.

PUBLIC ACCESS I

Three sixth grade students provided an overview on their thought of school lunches. The lunch currently provided for sixth graders is the same portion as that of a Kindergarteners. They gave wonderful facts to support their concerns; below are a few highlights.

- Not enough food on the plates
- Sixth graders receiving the same portion as younger children
- Lack of energy from not enough nutrition
- Option for double lunches
- Health concerns

**Motion 18-26**

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mr. Parker to support the option of double lunches or a la cart.

Discussion: Additional meetings will take place with appropriate personnel to discuss options with moving forward.

Parental permission will be reviewed as well.

VOTE: Unanimous

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE -

- Approved going forward with the budget for Tantasqua
- Added language to handbook for K9 searches
- Established Ad hoc Committee per PR plan for School Committee Members

OLD BUSINESS

Student Recognition Program – Will be on next month’s agenda

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC ACCESS II

None

**Motion 18-27**

At 7:12 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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