

BURGESS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Thursday, May 2, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT Katherine Alexander, Mary Bellezza, Karen Kowal

ALSO PRESENT

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

Dr. Nosek opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Student Showcase - 6th Grade Hands only CPR

CPR without having mouth to mouth breath; consists of two steps call 911 and chest compressions. Students provided a demonstration showing how Hands Only CPR is provided.

Dr. Nosek opened the meeting for nomination for Chair

REORGANIZATION

Motion 19-30

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Kowal to nominate Katherine Alexander as Chair for the Sturbridge School Committee

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 19-31

Mrs. Kowal moved, seconded by Mrs. Bellezza to nominate Megan Panek as Vice Chair for the Sturbridge School Committee

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 19-32

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Kowal to nominate Kristen Tuohey as Secretary for the Sturbridge School Committee

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 19-33

Mrs. Alexander moved, seconded by Mrs. Kowal to nominate Mary Bellezza as Tantasqua Representative for the Sturbridge School Committee

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 19-34

Mrs. Alexander moved, seconded by Mrs. Bellezza to nominate Megan Panek, Kristen Tuohey and Katherine Alexander, as the three Union 61 Representatives for the Sturbridge School Committee

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 19-35

Mrs. Alexander moved, seconded by Mrs. Bellezza to nominate Karen Kowal as the First Alternate Union 61 Representative for the Sturbridge School Committee

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 19-36

Mrs. Alexander moved, seconded by Mrs. Kowal to nominate Mary Bellezza as the Second Alternate Union 61 Representative for the Sturbridge School Committee

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Open Public Hearing on School Choice at 6:44p.m.

Motion 19-37

Mrs. Alexander moved, seconded by Mrs. Bellezza to vote to accept not to have Burgess Elementary (Sturbridge District) as a School Choice school for FY20.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Close Public Hearing on School Choice at 6:45p.m.

MINUTES

Motion 19-38

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve the Minutes of April 4, 2019 Regular and Executive Session.

Discussion:

VOTE: Abstain - Karen Kowal

FINANCIAL REPORT

No significant variances

COMMUNICATIONS

- Thank you provided to Ms. Vinson (5th Grade Art Show)
- School Committee is invited to the Junior High Memorial Day Celebration

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

- Enrollment Data: As of April 2019 - 893
- Recognitions provided
- Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment - Updates provided
- Project Lead the Way

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 is provided on the Principal's Report).

Upcoming Retirements:

Lynn Cahill - Special Education
Jack Canavan - Assistant Principal

Upcoming events can be found on the Sturbridge School website

School Improvement Plan was provided by Mrs. Pelley

- Goal #1 - To Increase student achievement
- Goal #2 - To maintain and enhance the district's comprehensive program of student support services
- Goal #3 - To maintain and enhance the district's 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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- OSA Preliminary Numbers were provided
- Negotiations - IBB - May 16th
- June School Committee - June 3, 2019 - 6:00 p.m. At the High School
- Joint School Committee Meeting - June 4th
- Thanks provided to the staff during the severe weather on Friday; all was coordinated well with going to the shelter in the lower gym.
- Ted Bruch - Sunday - Introduction of Grant Recipients at the Public House

PUBLIC ACCESS I

Ferry Beach Discussion - Will reconvene with the Chairs to review Project "O" as well as the social event piece.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE

- Update on window project was provided
- The upcoming graduating class will be attending the elementary school on the 29th with a "Senior Stroll" to see their past teachers. Teachers and students will line up in the halls to provide their applause.
- Superintendent Evaluation

OLD BUSINESS

Motion 19-39

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Kowal to Adopt Amended Policies BDFA-E-1, BDFA-E-2 and ADC on Second Reading

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion 19-40

Mrs. Bellezza moved, seconded by Mrs. Kowal to Rescind Policy ADDA-E on Second Reading

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC ACCESS II

None

Motion 19-41

At 7:10 p.m., Mrs. Alexander moved to enter into Executive Session in accordance with MGL Ch. 30A, Section 21A(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. The Committee will adjourn the meeting from Executive Session

Discussion:

VOTE: Mrs. Alexander - Yes, Mrs. Bellezza - Yes, Mrs. Kowal - Yes