

DATE: November 3, 2008

KIND OF MEETING: Regular Meeting

LOCATION: High School Library

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steven Curran Robert Devins Isabelle Dorey
David Dufrane Valerie Dunning Dennis Egan
Paula Niles Stephen Perry Tracy Warren

OTHERS PRESENT: Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools
Steven Grenville, Secondary Principal
Catherine Devins, Middle Level Principal/CSE Chair
Donna André, Elementary Principal
Angela DeBeer, Treasurer
Christina Dufrane, Superintendent's Secretary
Todd LaPage Joan Casey

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Meeting of the Brushton-Moira Central School District's Board of Education was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President, David Dufrane.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Members of the Board and those in the audience rose and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Stephen Perry, and seconded by Valerie Dunning, that the Board of Education shall approve entering into Executive Session to discuss Student Issues, Personnel Issues, and Negotiations, at 7:05 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

8-Yes 0-No

MEMBER ARRIVES: Steven Curran arrived at 7:55 p.m.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Motion made by Dennis Egan, and seconded by Stephen Perry, that the Board of Education shall return to Regular Session, at 8:01 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

9-Yes 0-No

MEMBER ITEMS: Dennis Egan informed the Board that Bangor has a snow plow truck they will be putting up for bid, if this is something the district is interested in looking into further. A brief discussion occurred about the district's orange plow truck being no longer usable. The frame has rotted.

MOTION TO INQUIRE ABOUT INFORMATION REGARDING BANGOR'S PLOW TRUCK: Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Dennis Egan, and seconded by Robert Devins, that the Board of Education shall approve investigating into Bangor's plow truck and if required to bid then allowing a maximum bid of \$7,000. Motion voted and carried.

9-Yes 0-No

MEMBER ITEMS: Isabelle Dorey asked about the bell in the front of the building and when a cover was going to be built to protect it.

David Dufrane reminded the Board that this was Donna André's last BOE meeting as the districts' Elementary Principal.

INPUT FROM VISITORS: Chris Sabin was unable to attend so Bob Devins, on behalf of the Sports Booster Club, presented the Board with a check for \$1,000 for funding of the Biddyball program.

THE STATE OF THE HIGH SCHOOL 2008-2009: Mr. Grenville provided the Board with a handout of the presentation that he went over with information regarding the School Report Card. This information showed how students were doing on exams they are required to take to graduate, actual graduation rates, and comparisons to other school districts.

APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS: Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Tracy Warren, and seconded by Valerie Dunning, that the Board of Education shall file for audit the following Financial Reports:

1. Treasurer's Reports for September 2008
2. Budget Expenditure Reports for September 2008
3. Extracurricular Activities Account Report for September 2008

Motion voted and carried.

9-Yes 0-No

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: Ms. Jones congratulated the sports team and all they had accomplished this season; the Girls' Modified Soccer team had a perfect season.

Mr. Grenville commended Spanish Teachers, Carley Botto and Melanie Daniels and their students for a wonderful job they did on Spanish Night; Band Teacher, Christine Sullivan and everyone who participated did a superb job on the Fall Follies; and thanked Donna André for her service she has provided to the district for so many years.

Mrs. Devins conveyed to the Board that two former students of BMC co-wrote a book about computer technology.

Mrs. André thanked Donna Steenberg, Pat Decker and four student teachers who worked on the Halloween Read Aloud that had a wonderful turn out; John St. Mary and the FFA students for taking the students on haunted hayrides for Halloween; a special thanks to an anonymous donor of \$100 for some students in need, items were purchased that two students needed.

Ms. Jones also reminded everyone that the Senior Play is this Thursday and Friday night.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by Stephen Perry, and seconded by Robert Devins, that the Board of Education shall approve the following:

1. Minutes of October 6, and 20, 2008
2. Recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for October 15, 20, and 30, 2008
3. Recommendations of the Committee on Pre-School Special Education for October 8, and 30, 2008
4. Recommendations of the Section 504 Committee for October 20, 2008

Motion voted and carried.

8-Yes 0-No 1-Abstained-
Paula Niles

PERMANENTLY
APPOINT 3.50-HOUR
BUS/SCHOOL MONITOR:

Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Stephen Perry, and seconded by Robert Devins, that the Board of Education shall permanently appoint Theresa LaPage as 3.50-hour Bus/School Monitor, effective December 11, 2008. Motion voted and carried.

9-Yes 0-No

APPOINT
EXTRACURRICULAR
ADVISORS FOR 2008-
2009:

Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Valerie Dunning, and seconded by Tracy Warren, that the Board of Education shall appoint the following Extracurricular Advisors for the 2008-2009 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Melanie Daniels	Co-Spanish
Carley Botto	Co-Spanish
Terri Marrama	French

Motion voted and carried.

9-Yes 0-No

APPOINT COACHES
FOR 2008-2009:

Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Robert Devins, and seconded by Stephen Perry, that the Board of Education shall appoint the following Coaches for the 2008-2009 school year, as long as all Commissioner's Regulations are met:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sport</u>
Cindy Lauzon	7 th & 8 th Grade Girls' Basketball
Mike Lahendro	7 th & 8 th Grade Boys' Basketball

Motion voted and carried.

9-Yes 0-No

APPROVE VOLUNTEER
ASSISTANT COACHES:

Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Stephen Perry, and seconded by Tracy Warren, that the Board of Education shall approve the following as Volunteer Assistant Coaches for the 2008-2009 school year, as long as any requirements that are needed are satisfactorily met, and at no cost to the district:

1. Todd LaVigne – Varsity Baseball
2. Bruce Hastings – Varsity Baseball
3. Roland Moquin – 7th & 8th Grade Boys' Basketball

Motion voted and carried.

9-Yes 0-No

APPROVE SUBSTITUTE: Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Valerie Dunning, and seconded by Stephen Perry, that the Board of Education shall approve Mandie Barney as a Substitute Certified Teacher, 4-yr. degree for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion voted and carried.

9-Yes 0-No

APPROVE COPIERS AS OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT AND DONATING THEM: Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Valerie Dunning, and seconded by Stephen Perry, that the Board of Education shall approve the following copiers as obsolete surplus equipment and donate them to Brushton & Moira Fire Departments, as is:

1. Minolta DI620 Serial #3137199 – ID tag #12579 (bought 2002)
2. Sharp 507 – ID tag #13103 (bought in 2003)

Motion voted and carried.

9-Yes 0-No

APPROVE FFA KEEPING WOOD: Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Robert Devins, and seconded by Valerie Dunning, that the Board of Education shall allow the FFA to keep and use any wood or materials they may accumulate while clearing and cleaning the woods on the school district property. Motion voted and carried.

9-Yes 0-No

ACCEPT DONATION AND APPROVE TRANSFER: Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Stephen Perry, and seconded by Tracy Warren, that the Board of Education shall accept the donation of \$250 from Walmart for the Varsity Volleyball Team and approve the budget transfer from A2705 Gifts and Donation to A2855.450-00-01 Volleyball Supplies. Motion voted and carried.

9-Yes 0-No

ACCEPT DONATION AND APPROVE TRANSFER: Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Steven Curran, and seconded by Isabelle Dorey, that the Board of Education shall approve to increase the 2008-2009 budget for \$4,900 from acceptance from the Booster Club for partial finding of the 7th & 8th grade basketball program and to transfer funds

from A2389 misc. revenue to A2855.150 Coaches Salaries.
Motion voted and carried.

7-Yes

2-No-Dennis Egan
Paula Niles

APPROVE CORRECTION
OF TAX BILLS:

Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Isabelle Dorey, and seconded by Dennis Egan, that the Board of Education shall approve the following corrections to the 2008-2009 school tax roll and bills, Correction of tax bill on Rebecca Fairchild's property # 149.2-7.500 as recommended by County Director from \$79.26 to \$1,347.44, where by the parcel was part of a split in which the improvement was placed on split parcel #149.-27.400 in error as defined under Real Property Law Section 550(3)D; Correction of tax bill on Kevin Leahy's property #150.-4-13 as recommended by County Director from \$1,883.78 to \$1,239.91, whereby the Basic Star Exemption was removed by mistake of a clerical error under Real Property Tax Law Section 550(3)A; Correction of tax bill on Brian and Kathy Fairchild's property #149.-2-7.400 as recommended by County Director from \$2,235.17 to \$966.99 where by an improvement was placed on this parcel in error when in fact it should have been placed on parcel #149.-2-7.500 as defined as an error in essential fact under Real Property Law Section 550(3)B; Correction of tax bill on property # 109.-2-1.500 owned by Clark/Legacy as recommended by County Director from \$2,074.44 to \$1,166.68, whereby the parcel was split from a recorded sale, but the land and total values were not changed as defined as an error in essential fact under Real Property Law Section 550(3)B; Correction of tax bill on Bruno and Janice Poirier's property #95.-2-10.200 as recommended by the County Director from \$1,218.02 to \$1,145.48 whereby the parcel was split by an incorrect description on the deed and was assessed incorrectly for primary land as defined as an error in essential fact under Real Property Law Section 550(3)C; Correction of tax bill on Doreen Wood's property #120.4-1-12 as recommended from by the County Director from \$812.08 to \$277.98 whereby the parcel did not receive the Basic Residential Star Exemption defined as a clerical error under Real Property Tax Law section 550(2)C; Correction of tax bill on Roger LaMore's property #119.-2-2.130 from \$374.81 to \$0.00 as recommended by County Director, whereby the parcel did not receive the Basic Residential Star Exemption defined as a clerical error under Real Property Tax Law section 550(2)C; Correction of tax bill on Kermit Well's property #120.-1-7.100 from \$932.85 to \$398.75 as recommended by County Director, whereby the parcel did not receive the Basic Residential Star Exemption defined as a clerical error under Real Property Tax Law section 550(2)C; Correction of tax bill on Joan Casey's property #107.20-3-13 from \$568.46 to \$34.36 as recommended by County Director, whereby the parcel the Basic Residential Star Exemption was removed in error as defined as a clerical error under Real Property Tax Law section 550(2)C. Motion voted and carried.

9-Yes

0-No

APPOINT LONG-TERM
SUBSTITUTE: Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Steven Curran, and seconded by Robert Devins, that the Board of Education shall appoint Jeannette LaClair as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher for Sheri LaRock, retroactively effective to September 2, 2008. Motion voted and carried.

8-Yes 1-No-Dennis Egan

ADOPT 2009-2010
BUDGET CALENDAR: Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Robert Devins, and seconded by Valerie Dunning, that the Board of Education shall adopt the 2009-2010 Budget Calendar, as presented.

9-Yes 0-No

APPROVE SCHEDULE
OF BOE MEETINGS
FOR JANUARY – JUNE: Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Stephen Perry, and seconded by Tracy Warren, that the Board of Education shall approve the Schedule of BOE meetings for January – June, as presented. Motion voted and carried.

9-Yes 0-No

ACCEPT DONATION TO
FUND BIDDYBALL: Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Steven Curran, and seconded by Dennis Egan, that the Board of Education shall accept the donation of \$1,000 from the Sports Booster Club to fund the Bidyball Program with the remaining balance of \$969.00 to be paid when the program starts. Motion voted and carried.

9-Yes 0-No

APPROVE SUBSTITUTE: Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Tracy Warren, and seconded by Valerie Dunning, that the Board of Education shall approve Jamie Wilson as a Substitute Monitor and Food Service Helper for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion voted and carried.

9-Yes 0-No

APPOINT BIDDYBALL
COACH: Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Paula Niles, and seconded by Stephen Perry, that the Board of Education shall appoint Randy Todd as Bidyball Coach for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion voted and carried.

9-Yes 0-No

AIR QUALITY
DISCUSSION: Information was provided to the Board regarding complaints that were made about the air quality in the middle school gym. This issue was investigated and the best solution would be to consider it an emergency rather than to go through the long process of inquiring if it could be a capital project.

APPROVE REPAIR OF HVAC IN MIDDLE LEVEL GYM: Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Valerie Dunning, and seconded by Isabelle Dorey, that the Board of Education shall approve the repair of the HVAC in the Middle Level Gym as a health & safety repair issue and utilize the emergency reserve funds not to exceed \$15,000. Motion voted and carried.

9-Yes 0-No

COMPACT TRACTOR: Treasurer, Angela DeBeer informed the Board that a compact tractor could not be purchased without voter approval. This is such a big item and the cost of such an item was not budgeted so the district has to work with what funds are available to them now.

BUDGET UPDATE: Mrs. DeBeer informed the Board that nothing has been determined yet and she had hoped to by the 19th or 20th what major cuts would happen.

SHARED SERVICES: Mrs. DeBeer informed the Board that she hadn't received much interest with the Fuel Oil Sharing concept. Only the Brushton Fire Department responded that they were interested and the deadline has already passed.

EXCEL AID: Mrs. DeBeer informed the Board the District has \$644,000 available to them through an Excel Fund for various issues that need to be taken care of. It's her recommendation that the District investigate the costs to repair or replace some of the items approved through the Excel program as soon as possible.

APPROVAL TO SEEK QUOTES FROM ARCHITECTS/ENGINEERS FOR NUMEROUS BUILDING NEEDS: Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Dennis Egan, and seconded by Isabelle Dorey, that the Board of Education shall authorize the Superintendent to seek quotes from prospective Architects/Engineers to develop plans for numerous building needs utilizing the Excel funding. Motion voted and carried.

9-Yes 0-No

APPROVE TRANSFERRING SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Dennis Egan, and seconded by Steven Curran, that the Board of Education shall approve transferring the Scholarship Fund from an Extraclassroom account to a Trust & Agency account as per the Auditor's recommendation. Motion voted and carried.

9-Yes 0-No

POLICY ON EMPLOYEE'S CHILDREN: Motion made by Stephen Perry, and seconded by Dennis Egan, that the Board of Education shall approve adopting the Policy on Employee's Children, with a change of adding immediate supervisor in the last paragraph. Motion voted and carried.

9-Yes 0-No

BUS USE FOR SKI TRIPS: Mrs. Devins informed the Board that a parent was asking to have approval for using the district buses to transport students for ski trips. A brief discussion occurred and it was the consensus of the Board to not approve this request due to insurance reasons.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Steven Curran, and seconded by Dennis Egan, that the Board of Education shall enter into Executive Session to discuss Student Issues and Personnel Issues, at 9:55 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

9-Yes 0-No

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Motion made by Stephen Perry, and seconded by Valerie Dunning, that the Board of Education shall return to Regular Session, at 10:11 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

9-Yes 0-No

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Paula Niles, and seconded by Steven Curran, to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education. Motion voted and carried.

9-Yes 0-No

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

Minutes approved by:

Clerk of the Board