

DATE: April 6, 2009

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stephen Perry Tracy Warren

OTHERS PRESENT: Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools
Steven Grenville, Secondary Principal
Catherine Devins, Middle Level Principal/CSE Chair
Cynthia Lauzon, Interim Elementary Principal
Angela DeBeer, Treasurer
Christina Dufrane, Secretary to the Superintendent
Courtney Taylor Lucas Garrand Randy Todd II
Trudy Gordon Brittany Martin Mitchell Mayville
Amber Brown Candy Dufrane Ben André
Justin Supernault Cody O'Connor Kevin Bush
Alex Carter Jared Montroy Mike Febi
Terry Denno Judith Hawthorne Karen Avery
Paul Jadlos Chris Deon

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Meeting of the Brushton-Moira Central School District's Board of Education was called to order at 7:05 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.

INTERNAL AUDITOR REPORT: Representatives from Dragon & Benware presented the Board with an Internal Audit Report and briefly went over the report and answered questions.

ACCEPT INTERNAL AUDITOR REPORT: Motion made by Dennis Egan, and seconded by Valerie Dunning, that the Board of Education shall accept the Internal Auditor Report, as presented. Motion voted and carried.

7-Yes 0-No

INPUT FROM VISITORS: Elementary Teacher, Terry Denno spoke to the Board regarding swipe cards and access to the building. The teachers would like to have better access to the building. Sometime the designated times aren't easy to work around and they want longer times they could enter the building. They would appreciate it if the Board would consider their request.

APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS: Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Dennis Egan, and seconded by Paula Niles, that the Board of Education shall file for audit the following Financial Reports:

1. Treasurer's Reports for February 2009

2. Extracurricular Activities Account Reports for February 2009
3. Cafeteria Profit and Loss Statement for March 2009

Motion voted and carried.

7-Yes 0-No

BUDGET UPDATE:

Mrs. DeBeer informed the Board that final revenue numbers have been received; with the help of the Federal Stimulus Package, the \$360,000 deficit reduction assessment was eliminated. Also, received through the Stimulus Package were additional grant monies for Title I and Section 611. The State did not give any of its' own extra money to education, it was all stimulus dollars. In the State Budget, Foundation Aid will be frozen at this year's level for the next 2 years. Some increase costs in the budget include higher than original BOCES costs. BOCES costs especially for Special Education are increasing significantly over last years budgeted amount. This year alone we have had 11 new students that are requiring BOCES services that we did not budget. Typically we try to budget a couple of phantom students but because of the already high BOCES costs we did not do that. We are looking at the feasibility of taking back a class, we do not know what the exact savings will be at this point, if any. Other increases include budgeting for a 1 on1 Teacher's Aide, increase costs for tech support and additional money for textbooks. Decreases include savings due to locking in early for fuel and diesel, reduction in property insurance premiums, a reduction in office supplies. The Board agreed to decrease health insurance budget due to potential savings with the new Opt Out Incentive. A handout was provided to members of the Board listing possible budget reductions. This list was compiled from meetings with Administrators and Budget Committee members. Mrs. DeBeer asked the Board to indicate on the list their priorities for reduction. Mrs. DeBeer will then take the separate list and compile a master list for the Board to review. Board members completed the list and Mrs. DeBeer collected them.

EXCEL PROJECT UPDATE:

Mrs. DeBeer informed the Board that Opt Tech started the soil remediation at the Bus Garage.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Superintendent Robin Jones congratulated those who are involved with FFA for hosting a pancake lunch for the senior citizens last week; they had a really good turn out.

Our 2 art teachers, Linda Crosby and Donna Steenberg, who had applied for a Mini Grant and received one, have now put everything into place for a field trip to the Shelburne Museum in Vermont.

The Speech & Debate Teams are doing very well this year with students receiving National and State bids.

Mr. Grenville applauded the cast, crew and anyone who had a part in the Musical, "Once Upon a Mattress". The students had a great performance; everyone did a wonderful job. Mr.

Grenville also informed the Board that a group of students, teachers and parents had just returned from a trip to Salem, Mass. The trip was decided on due to a class book, The Crucible.

Mrs. Devins thanked Donna Steenberg and Trina Griswold for their hard work putting together an application for a literacy initiative.

Mr. St. Mary and members of FFA are doing a great job with collecting recyclables and Mr. St. Mary thinks the district could go to one less dumpster next year.

Ms. Lauzon thanked Donna Steenberg for keeping her on her toes and her help with the fun activities for elementary students; she has been a huge help with the Read-A-Louds.

Kudos to Mrs. Terry Denno, her student teacher and those who helped with the Understanding Wildlife Presentation for students; the group has decided to start a fund raiser to help this organization.

Also, a special thank you to Tamara Hanna, Mary Ellen McKane, and John St. Mary for their help with the pancake lunch for the senior citizens.

Board Member Bob Devins congratulated a BMC student, Daniel Tower who is a wrestler in Malone for receiving a Section X Champion award and moving on to compete at the New York State meet.

Student Kevin Bush thanked Mr. Dennis Egan for donating a tractor to the FFA.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion made by Valerie Dunning, and seconded by Robert Devins, that the Board of Education shall approve the following:

1. Minutes of March 9, and 24, 2009
2. Recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for March 27, 2009
3. Recommendations of the Committee on Pre- School Special Education for March 26, and April 1, 2009
4. Recommendations of the Section 504 Committee for March 24, 2009

Motion voted and carried.

7-Yes 0-No

ADOPT BOARD POLICY
4321.12: RESPONSE
TO INTERVENTION:

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 Board Policy 4321.12: Response to Intervention, as presented. Motion voted and carried.

7-Yes 0-No

APPROVE PATERNITY LEAVE UNDER FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT: Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Valerie Dunning, and seconded by Dennis Egan, that the Board of Education shall approve the request of Adam Britton for Paternity Leave under the Family Medical Leave Act, effective June 1, 2009 through June 25, 2009. Motion voted and carried.

7-Yes 0-No

APPROVE SUBSTITUTE: Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Paula Niles, and seconded by Dennis Egan, that the Board of Education shall approve Mary Catherine Pietropaoli as a Substitute Monitor for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion voted and carried.

7-Yes 0-No

ACCEPT DONATION: Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Paula Niles, and seconded by Steven Curran, that the Board of Education shall accept the donation of \$350.00 from Stewart's for the Extended Day Program. Motion voted and carried.

7-Yes 0-No

ACCEPT DONATION OF BATTING NETS: Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Robert Devins, and seconded by Steven Curran, that the Board of Education shall accept the donation of batting nets from Chuck Phippen. Motion voted and carried.

7-Yes 0-No

APPROVE REQUEST FOR BOCES SERVICES FOR 2009-2010: Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Dennis Egan, and seconded by Valerie Dunning, that the Board of Education shall approve the Final Request for BOCES Services for the 2009-2010 school year. Motion voted and carried.

6-Yes 1-No-Isabelle Dorey

APPROVE COACHES EVALUATION: 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 the coaches evaluation, as presented. Motion voted and carried.

7-Yes 0-No

TAKE ACTION ON REQUEST OF NON-RESIDENT STUDENT: Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Paula Niles, and seconded by Valerie Dunning, that the Board of Education shall approve the request of Leialani Dibble as a non-resident student in Kindergarten from St. Regis Falls Central School for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year. Motion voted and carried.

6-Yes 1-No-Isabelle Dorey

APPROVE PAY SCHEDULE FOR 2009-2010: Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Paula Niles, and seconded by Steven Curran, that the Board of Education shall approve the Pay Schedule for 2009-2010, as presented. Motion voted and carried.

7-Yes 0-No

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Valerie Dunning, and seconded by Dennis Egan, that the Board of Education shall enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Issues, Student Issues, and Negotiations, at 8:28 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

7-Yes 0-No

MEMBER LEAVES: Steven Curran left at 10:00 p.m.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Motion made by Dennis Egan, and seconded by Paula Niles, that the Board of Education shall return to Regular Session, at 10:05 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

6-Yes 0-No

BUDGET INFORMATION: Mrs. DeBeer returned and handed out the results of the budget reduction compilation. They were reviewed by the Board. It was decided to present to the Budget Committee at the meeting, Tuesday, April 7th. Budget Committee recommendations will then be presented to the Board at the April 20th meeting to adopt a final budget.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Dennis Egan, and seconded by Isabelle Dorey, to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education. Motion voted and carried.

6-Yes 0-No

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Minutes approved by:

Clerk of the Board