

DATE: March 8, 2010

KIND OF MEETING: Regular Meeting

LOCATION: High School Library

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools
Steven Grenville, Secondary Principal
Nenette Greeno, Middle Level Principal
Catherine Devins, Elementary Principal/CSE Chair
Angela DeBeer, Treasurer
Christina Dufrane, Secretary to the Superintendent
Darrin Jock, Transportation Supervisor
Marty Burnett, Head Custodian

CALL TO ORDER: The Regular Meeting of the Brushton-Moira Central School District's Board of Education was called to order at 7:01 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 Dennis Egan, that the Board of Education shall enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Issues, Student Issues, Negotiations, and Management/Confidential Contracts, at 7:01 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

7-Yes 0-No

MEMBERS ARRIVE: Steven Curran arrived at 7:05 p.m.
Melissa Mills arrived at 7:15 p.m.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION: Motion made by Dennis Egan, and seconded by Valerie Dunning, that the Board of Education shall return to Regular Session, at 7:32 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

9-Yes 0-No

MEMBER ITEMS: There were no member items.

INPUT FROM VISITORS: There was no input from visitors.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS: Superintendent Jones commended Jacob Taylor for receiving a State Bid for Speech and Debate: the senior class trip will be going to Cleveland, Ohio this year.

Health Teacher, Lisa Bradley has written a grant that is focused mainly in the PE department.

Ms. Jones informed the Board that students have art work display at the Juried Art Exhibit in Lake Placid.

Mr. Grenville commended the Boys' and Girls' Varsity Basketball teams for making it to the State level; the Girls' play their first game on Wednesday, March 10th at SUNY

Plattsburgh and the Boys' play on Friday, March 12th at SUNY Potsdam; thank you to everyone for their help with the emergency evacuation on Friday, March 5th, everything went pretty smooth.

Mrs. Devins thanked Grade 4 Teacher, Emily McKernan for taking it upon herself to get up the Weight Room with the Star Lab; students really enjoyed it. On February 5th the elementary students had a Winter Fun Day; students who filled their cards for bucket filling were able to participate and those who weren't able to participate attended a refresher on behavior. The Elementary PE Teacher, Miss Chase organized a Hop-A-Thon for Muscular Dystrophy and the students raised over \$1,000.

Ms. Greeno informed the Board that the National Junior Honor Society Induction would be held on Tuesday, March 9th. The Middle Level Student Council is planning great things for activities.

Board Member, Bob Devins congratulated student, Dan Tower for receiving 1st Team All Northern in Wrestling and Brandy Allen for receiving 2nd Team All Northern for Indoor Track.

Board Member, Isabelle Dorey expressed condolences to the family of Barbara Vaughan who recently passed away.

APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Stephen Perry, and seconded by Steven Curran, that the Board of Education shall file for audit the following Financial Reports:

1. Treasurer's Reports for January 2010
2. Budget Expenditure Reports for January 2010
3. Extracurricular Activities Account Report for January 2010
4. Cafeteria Profit and Loss Statement for February 2010

Motion voted and carried.

9-Yes 0-No

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion made by Stephen Perry, and seconded by Tracy Warren, that the Board of Education shall approve the following:

1. Minutes of February 8, and 22, 2010
2. Recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for February 24, as well as March 2, and 4, 2010
3. Recommendations of the Section 504 Committee for March 4, 2010

Motion voted and carried.

9-Yes 0-No

APPOINT MENTORS:

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 as Mentors for the 2009-2010 school year:

1. Denise Goodrow (1)
2. Emily McKernan (1)

Motion voted and carried.

9-Yes 0-No

APPOINT 8-HOUR
TEACHERS'S AIDE AND
APPROVE LEAVE OF
ABSENCE (CORRECTION):

Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Stephen Perry, and seconded by Melissa Mills, that the Board of Education shall appoint Lola Sauve to the position of 8-hour Teacher's Aide, at Step 19, consistent with the Agreement between the Brushton-Moira Central School District's Board of Education and the Brushton-Moira Support Staffs' Association, effective **February 2, 2010** and approve a leave of absence as 8-hour Monitor, effective **February 2, 2010** through June 30, 2010. Motion voted and carried.

9-Yes 0-No

APPOINT TEMPORARY
8-HOUR MONITOR
(CORRECTION):

Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Stephen Perry, and seconded by Steven Curran, that the Board of Education shall appoint Marianne Meacham to the temporary position of 8-hour Monitor, at Step 1, consistent with the Agreement between the Brushton-Moira Central School District's Board of Education and the Brushton-Moira Support Staffs' Association, for a period retroactively effective to **February 2, 2010** through June 30, 2010. Motion voted and carried.

9-Yes 0-No

APPOINT CLERK OF THE
WORKS:

Upon presentation and recommendation of the Facilities Planning Committee, motion made by Isabelle Dorey, and seconded by Melissa Mills, that the Board of Education shall appoint Daniel Durant to the position of Clerk of the Works for the Excel Capital Project at a rate of \$150 per diem for planning and \$950 per week for construction. Motion voted and carried.

8-Yes 1-No-Steven Curran

APPROVE USE OF
UNUSED EMERGENCY
CLOSING DAYS:

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 using four (4) of the five (5) remaining Emergency Closing Days for 2009-2010: May 28, April 20, April 19, and April 5, 2010. In the event that a snow day(s) were needed prior to the close of school on April 5, classes would be held on April 20, April 19, April 5, and May 28, 2010, respectively. Motion voted and carried.

7-Yes 2-No-Dennis Egan
Robert Devins

ADOPT 2010-2011
SCHOOL CALENDAR:

Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Robert Devins, and seconded by Melissa Mills, that the Board of Education shall adopt the 2010-2011 School Calendar, as presented. Motion voted and carried.

8-Yes 1-No-Dennis Egan

APPROVE BID AWARD
FOR FUEL OIL FOR
2010-2011 SCHOOL
YEAR:

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 approve the bid award for fuel oil to MX Petroleum for Plan B for the Central Building and to MX Petroleum for Plan B for the Bus Garage for the 2010-2011 school year. Motion voted and carried.

9-Yes 0-No

APPROVE BID AWARD
FOR DIESEL FOR 2010-
2011 SCHOOL YEAR:

Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Robert Devins, and seconded by Dennis Egan, that the Board of Education shall approve the bid award for Diesel to MX Petroleum for Plan B for the 2010-2011 school year. Motion voted and carried.

9-Yes 0-No

APPROVE BID AWARD
FOR GASOLINE FOR
2010-2011 SCHOOL
YEAR:

Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Robert Devins, and seconded by Dennis Egan, that the Board of Education shall approve the bid award for Gasoline for the Bus Garage to MX Petroleum for Plan C-variable for the 2010-2011 school year. Motion voted and carried.

9-Yes 0-No

APPROVE BID AWARD
FOR LP GAS/PROPANE
FOR THE 2010-2011
SCHOOL YEAR:

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 the bid award for LP Gas/Propane for the Central School Building to MX Petroleum for Plan B for the 2010-2011 school year. Motion voted and carried.

-Yes -No

TAKE ACTION ON
REQUEST OF NON-
RESIDENT STUDENT:

No action was taken.

ACCEPT REGISNATIONS
FOR RETIREMENT
PURPOSES:

Upon presentation and recommendation of Robin Jones, Superintendent of Schools, motion made by Robert Devins, and seconded by Dennis Egan, that the Board of Education shall accept the following resignations for retirement purposes with sincere regrets and the local retirement incentive available:

1. Sheryl Saxton as Kindergarten Teacher, effective July 1, 2010
2. Judith Cheney as Elementary Teacher, effective July 1, 2010

3. Nellie Holmes as Elementary Teacher, effective June 30, 2010
4. Roger Keating as Business/Economics Teacher, effective June 26, 2010
5. Mary McGrath as Kindergarten Teacher, effective June 30, 2010
6. Shelley LeBlanc as School Psychologist, effective February 28, 2011
7. Katherine Scharf as Elementary Teacher, effective June 30, 2010
8. Linda Crosby as Art Teacher, effective July 1, 2010

Motion voted and carried.

9-Yes 0-No

APPROVE ABOLISHING
8-HOUR 10-MONTH
CLEANER POSITION:

Motion made by Dennis Egan, and seconded by Robert Devins, that the Board of Education shall approve abolishing the 8-hour 10-month Cleaner position that is currently vacant. Motion voted and carried.

9-Yes 0-No

BUDGET UPDATE:

Mrs. DeBeer and Ms. Jones presented the Board with draft #4 of the 2010-2011 budget. All preliminary estimates are now in: health insurance increase is on the average of 7% for age 65 and under, 20% for over 65. We are also budgeting one phantom family plan as well as four single plans that may change to family next year and with the assumption that 50% of the current opt out participants will continue.

BOCES costs have been budgeted based on our preliminary requests. Fuel and Diesel have been budgeted based on locking in at the fixed rates. Fuel Oil usage has been budgeted to decrease from 100,000 to 86,000 gallons based on the average usage over the past few years. Savings from retirement incentives at this time are approximately \$268,000 (11% off the tax levy). Current draft includes the elimination of two elementary teaching positions (kindergarten and grade 2). This years' fund balance projection estimates revenues at \$14,630,000 and expenses of \$14,700,000; with the re-class of the excess funds from the Debt Service Reserve would propose to increase use of appropriated fund balance from \$600,000 to \$900,000, as well as paying off the 06-07 NBT Bus Bond. Draft #4 shows a tax levy increase of 31.84%; to get to 4% we are still looking \$678,000 worth of reductions.

Mr. Devins expressed desire that instead of paying off the bus bond these monies could be used towards the unappropriated fund balance for next year's budget. Mrs. DeBeer stated that by using the money to pay off the bus bonds, it would reduce the tax levy for both 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 instead of acting as a one-time revenue by using it towards appropriated fund balance.

Discussion occurred regarding postponing the Community Budget Forum until more information comes from the State. Mrs. DeBeer and Ms. Jones felt that we needed to start

communicating something with the public regarding our budget. A date for the Community Forum will be determined.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Dennis Egan, and seconded by Tracy Warren, 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 8:21 p.m.

Minutes approved by:

Clerk of the Board