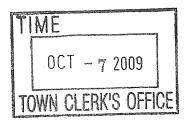
TOWN OF MILLVILLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF MEETING



SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

7:00 P.M.

JOINT MEETING AMONG THE BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND THE BOARDS OF SELECTMEN AND FINANCE COMMITTEES FROM THE TOWNS OF BLACKSTONE AND MILLVILLE.

Board Members Present: Chairperson Jackie Lima, Vice Chairman Tom Petrowicz, Secretary Charlie Poulin, Selectmen John Laura and Roland Barrett

Finance Committee Members Present: Chairman Adam Menard, Vice Chairman Paul Ouellette, Paul Mercure

Others Present: Executive Secretary Helen Coffin

The Meeting is opened at 7:05 p.m. at the Hartnett Middle School.

The Board meets at the request of the School Committee to discuss budget matters.

After introductions of all officials in attendance, Interim Superintendent Shaver-Hood provides a budget overview of FY05-FY10 together with the District's federal grant history. The salary of the superintendent who left has been reallocated to programs for the students.

Chairman Buckley indicates that the Committee will be looking to reorganize the Central Office but plans to operate within the confines of the FY10 budget. Kim Shaver-Hood is Interim Superintendant until June 30th and the Committee will decide at that time whether to offer a contract. The Committee's budget for FY11 may be different.

Blackstone officials would like to see a revenue statement at the next meeting.

The Towns should expect that they will need to increase their minimum contributions due to transportation costs being down and Chapter 70 being flat.

Good news was received from NEASC – the District's mid term 5-year education plan was accepted. Chairman Buckley reads correspondence received and comments that the District does not wish to decrease programs that would cause a negative affect to the students.

Discussion follows among the parties regarding the formula used to determine each town's minimum contribution...is it based on property values?

Questions raised and discussed regarding the benefits of regionalization. Is there any focus in getting other regional districts together to ask why we are not recognized? Chairman Buckley reminds all that the 1993 Education Reform eliminated much of the incentive aid.

Blackstone officials question the towns' abilities to pay the cost of students attending the Norfolk Agricultural School. It is suggested that the towns bring this to the attention of our legislators...is it possible to cap the amount?

Bob Ferrari of Northeast Water Solutions provides a background of the situation involving the water issues at the Millville Elementary School. Mr. Ferrari reviews at length the recent report received from Extech in connection with the inspection of the water tank and outlines various options for the Town of Millville including refurbishment of the existing tank and the purchase of another smaller tank. Millville officials wanted to be sure the Committee was aware of the ongoing situation.

Blackstone officials would like to invite Senator Moore and Representative Callahan to our next meeting. It is also recommended that the town accountants from both towns attend as well. The next meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2009 at the Blackstone Town Hall.

Motion by Poulin, second by Petrowicz, to adjourn the meeting of the Millville Board of Selectmen at 8:57 p.m. Motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen M. Coffin

Jackie M. Lima

Charles G. Poulin

Roland P. Barrett

Thomas J. Petrowicz

John Laura