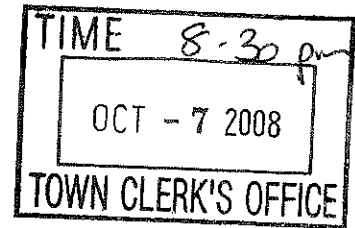


**TOWN OF MILLVILLE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Minutes of September 17, 2008
7:00 p.m.**



**JOINT MEETING WITH
Blackstone-Millville Regional School Committee
Blackstone Board of Selectmen
Blackstone Finance Committee
Millville Finance Committee**

Members Present: Ch. Paul Savage, Selectmen Charlie Poulin and Jackie Lima

Members Absent: Vice Ch. Tom Petrowicz, Selectman John Laura

Others Present: Executive Secretary Helen Coffin, FinComm Member Gerry Labonte

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at the Hartnett Middle School.

The Board meets with the Blackstone-Millville Regional School Committee, Blackstone Board of Selectmen, Blackstone Finance Committee and Millville Finance Committee for the purposes of the formal introduction of the new administration, discussing current ongoing issues within the District and commencing dialogue regarding budget/finance matters.

Superintendent Tyrie gives a brief introduction and review of various goals set by the District. She also touches on some of her particular interests within the District including literacy, technology and global citizenship.

Assistant Superintendent Shaver-Hood gives a brief description of her personal interests including showcasing the students and productive dialogue with the communities.

Blackstone Selectman Ch. Perreault advises that she has concerns about the fiscal future. She would like to see increased dialogue among all parties and recommends implementing an ad-hoc committee consisting of two members from each Town's Board of Selectman, Finance Committee and two School Committee representatives from each town. Mrs. Perreault questions whether the District anticipates any cuts in the circuit breaker. The District replies that it does not anticipate any cuts.

Blackstone Finance Committee Ch. Bergeron agrees that continued dialogue is important and the towns should put together a list of questions for the District.

Millville Selectman Ch. Savage believes the ad-hoc committee is a great idea but suggests that it would be very beneficial to create liaisons to each Town.

Millville Finance Committee Ch. Labonte feels it is too early to predict the financial situation but indicates that Millville has exhausted its savings account. He advises that funds are very tight and that honesty and transparency remain very important.

Blackstone-Millville Regional School Committee Ch. Harvey explains the status of the full-day kindergarten and advises that professional development, materials and furniture were purchased with the initial start-up grant. Mrs. Harvey also provides a status update of the new elementary reading program.

Mrs. Shaver-Hood explains the new Facilities Committee and advises that each School will establish a prioritized list of all future expected operating and capital expenses listed as short term, mid term and long term including the costs of each. Mrs. Shaver-Hood also explains that the District is focused on energy conservation as well as working with the towns on the athletic fields.

Fred Hartnett explains the status of the design scheme of the High School athletic field as well as long range planning and needs to update the athletic fields.

Dr. Tyrie explains the ongoing situation at the High School with respect to the asbestos problems. 600 ceiling tiles were replaced and air testing showed no detectable particles. This is a financial unknown for the future but there is no immediate asbestos abatement required.

Dr. Tyrie gives an overview of the situation with the Millville Elementary School water situation. Mr. Buckley suggests the possibility of bringing Blackstone's water to the MES. He questions whether Millville remains confident with the current engineer. Mr. Savage responds that this issue was given to the Town and the Board is handling it to the best of its ability and will continue to hold the engineer's feet to the fire.

The JFK/AFM lease was renegotiated. Millville should consult with Attorney Gould for an amendment to its lease to increase capital expenses from \$5,000 to \$20,000.

Fred Hartnett gives an update of the sewer work at the High School. The switch over should take place mid-November. He also advises of a recent situation involving the disposal of waste in Woonsocket. Mr. Bianchi received a letter from the City of Woonsocket and explains in further detail what transpired. He will get much more information at a meeting with all parties scheduled for later this month, and will hold accountable those who are responsible for the problems.

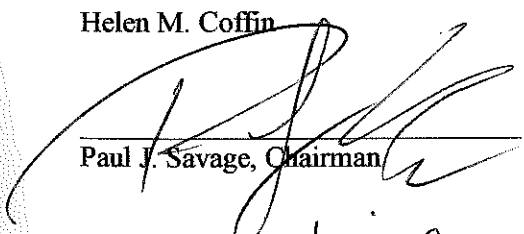
Ch. Harvey advises that collective bargaining is progressing slowly.

The administration agrees that communication is key, and will make every effort to keep both towns in the loop on any issues involving any of the school facilities.

Meeting adjourns at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen M. Coffin



Paul J. Savage, Chairman



Jackie Lima



Charles Poulin