

BURLINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

JUNE 8, 2010

Agenda

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Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 39, Section 23B of the General Laws that a meeting of the Burlington School Committee will be held on Tuesday, June 8, at **7:30 p.m.** in the School Committee Room, Administration Offices, 123 Cambridge Street, Burlington, Massachusetts.

1. Pledge of Allegiance – 7:30 p.m.
2. Approval of Warrant
3. Approval of Minutes of 5/25/10
4. Public Participation
5. Information/Reports
 - a) Subcommittee Reports
 - b) Ways/Means
6. Technology
7. Communication – Summer School Committee Meeting Schedule

8. Old Business
 - a) BHS & Marshall Simonds Middle School Improvement Plans – Second Reading
 - b) Varsity Field Update & Schedule
 - c) Balancing FY11 Budget

9. New Business
 - a) Marshall Simonds Renovation Design Changes
 - b) BHS Extra-Curricular Stipend Positions
 - c) Evaluation of Superintendent Conti

10. Public Participation

11. Executive Session
 - a) Approval of Executive Minutes 5/11/10
 - b) Contract Negotiations

12. Adjournment

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MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2010

Chairman Christine M. Monaco called this meeting of the School Committee to order at 2:30 pm in the School Committee Room, Administration Offices, 123 Cambridge Street, Burlington, Massachusetts. Present: Mr. Thomas F. Murphy Jr, Mr. Stephen A. Nelson, and Mr. John L. Vanella. Superintendent Eric Conti and Director of Finance and Operations Craig Robinson also in attendance. Mr. Michael DeSimone absent.

APPROVAL OF WARRANT

Mr. Murphy made the following statement: As you know, since the immediate family members of two School Committee members are teachers, the Committee cannot reach a quorum due to conflicts under the Conflict of Interest Law. We have been advised by counsel to invoke the Rule of Necessity to allow us to vote on any matter involving the financial interests of such family members, and by this statement, are invoking the rule. Detailed disclosures regarding the matter were made at the Committee's April 11, 2006 meeting and recorded in the minutes, and are also on file with the Town Clerk and may be viewed in the Town Clerk's office. Moved by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Vanella to approve the warrant; motion carried 4-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Vanella to approve minutes of 5/25/10 as presented; motion carried 4-0-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

INFORMATION/REPORTS

None.

Subcommittee Reports
Ways & Means

Absent.

Communication

The School Committee agreed on a summer meeting schedule of July 13 and August 24.

Instruction

The Superintendent congratulated senior graduates and teachers.

Technology

Dr. Conti reported that they are still awaiting delivery of switching equipment.

OLD BUSINESS

BHS & MSMS School Improvement
Plans – Second Reading

The BHS and Marshall Simonds School Improvement Plans were previously presented at the May 25 meeting. Moved by Mr. Vanella and seconded by Mr. Nelson to approve the BHS 2009-10 School Improvement Plan as submitted; motion carried 4-0-0. Moved by Mr. Vanella and seconded by Mr. Nelson to approve the Marshall Simonds Middle School 2009-10 School Improvement Plan as submitted; motion carried 4-0-0.

Varsity Field Update & Schedule

Mr. Robinson noted that a meeting was held with the contractor Heimlich earlier today; equipment will be delivered tomorrow and excavation will tentatively begin on Thursday. The project is approximately three or four weeks late starting but it's anticipated that the field still should be completed in September. Conservation Commission approval is required for a minor engineering change because the bathroom facilities are not being

completed at this time, which changes the pavement. If financially feasible, the bleachers will be replaced. A construction schedule will be shared when it becomes available.

Balancing FY11 Budget

The Superintendent reviewed with the Committee a chart showing the balancing of the FY11 budget from an \$808K deficit including the layoff of Italian teachers, retirements, resignations, reassignments, and not filling or delaying open positions. A total of 11-1/2 positions were eliminated; 8 due to retirements or resignations. Elementary class sizes were also reviewed – a kindergarten teacher will be moved to Francis Wyman from Pine Glen due to student enrollment. Mr. Murphy stated concern with administrative staff cuts noting there are very few left, remaining administrators are performing multiple jobs, and it will not be possible to make continued administrative cuts.

Mr. Robinson reported on FY10 expenditures to date are right on target and an omnibus article will not be needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Revision of Laptop Appropriate Use Procedures

A revision of the Laptop Appropriate Use Procedures was requested to allow staff to retain their laptop over the summer and not have to turn it in at the conclusion of each school year. Moved by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Vanella to approve the revised Laptop Appropriate Use Procedures as presented; motion carried 4-0-0.

Marshall Simonds Renovation Design Changes

At a MSBA board meeting held earlier this month, the middle school renovation was conditionally approved with three design change requested: enlargement and relocation of science classrooms, moving a staircase to improve traffic flow, and equitable distribution of special education classrooms throughout the building. The MSBA will make a site visit to Marshall Simonds in approximately two weeks. If the MSBA approves the changes outlined by the architect, it's expected a project scope and budget agreement will follow shortly thereafter.

BHS Extra-Curricular Stipend Positions

Music Coordinator John Middleton and BHS Principal have submitted requests to add five extra-curricular stipend positions for next year. Four positions are for the spring and fall plays and one is for an ultimate Frisbee club. Each position would have a stipend of \$500 for next year. Moved by Mr. Murphy to approve the five new extra curricular advisor stipend positions at BHS for the 2010-11 school year.

Evaluation of Superintendent Conti

Chairman Monaco read a compilation of all five School Committee members input for Dr. Conti's evaluation including a checklist and narrative. Overall, all five members gave Dr. Conti the highest score of 5.

Public Participation

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Mr. Vanella and seconded by Mr. Nelson at 8:50 p.m. to go into executive session to discuss contract negotiations and

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approve executive minutes. Motion carried 5-0-0. Mr. Murphy, aye; Mrs. Monaco, aye; Mr. Nelson, aye; Mr. Vanella, aye. Motion carried 4-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Vanella and seconded by Mr. Nelson at 9:30 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Gilbert
Recording Secretary

Date submitted: 6/22/10

Date approved: 6/22/10