

BURLINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

JUNE 22, 2010

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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 22, 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.
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3. Spotlight on Excellence – BHS Spring Sports
4. Approval of Minutes of 6/8/10
5. Public Participation
6. Information/Reports
 - a) Subcommittee Reports
 - b) Ways/Means
7. Instruction – Elementary School Improvement Plans
8. Communication – New Bullying Policy
9. Technology
10. Old Business
11. New Business
 - a) Marshall Simonds Renovation Design Changes
 - b) Out-of-State Travel – Hampton Beach, NH
 - c) Approval of Minority Business Enterprise & Woman Owned Business Enterprise Waiver for Memorial Project
12. Public Participation
13. Executive Session
 - a) Approval of Executive Minutes 5/25/10 and 6/8/10
 - b) Contract Negotiations
14. Adjournment

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MINUTES OF JUNE 22, 2010 2010 AUG -2 AM 10: 25

Vice Chairman Stephen Nelson called this meeting of the School Committee to order at 7:30 p.m. in the School Committee Room, Administration Offices, 123 Cambridge Street, Burlington, Massachusetts. Present: Mr. Thomas F. Murphy Jr., Mr. Michael DeSimone (8:20 p.m. arrival), and Mr. John L. Vanella. Superintendent Eric Conti, and Director of Finance and Operations Craig Robinson also in attendance. Chairman Christine Monaco absent.

SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE

Twenty-six BHS students were recognized for spring sports accomplishments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Vanella and seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve minutes of 6/18/10; motion carried 3-0-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

INFORMATION/REPORTS

Absent.

Ways & Means

Subcommittee Reports

None.

Instruction – Elementary School Improvement Plans

The four elementary principals were in attendance to review their individual School Improvement Plans for 2009-10. The comprehensive presentations included four major goals, action steps, support resources, staff responsible and indicators of success. The School Committee thanked the principals for excellent reports and a successful school year implementing RtI. Dr. Conti stated that major goals at the schools for the next three years will be to: maintain class size, provide and retain needed staff, and to furnish equitable technology. As this is a first reading, the School Committee will vote on this at the July 8 meeting.

Technology

Dr. Conti noted that technology at all six schools needs to be equitable and will be an ongoing School Committee meeting topic.

Communication – New Bullying Policy

The State passed a new bullying policy last month; specifics of the policy are being defined. The Burlington schools will need a revised bullying policy and provide required staff training in the beginning of the new school year. The district held the first anti-bullying taskforce meeting in May with teachers, principals, and parents in attendance. A procedural plan will be developed by the taskforce.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

MSMS Renovation Design Changes

The Superintendent reported a meeting with Katherine Craven and three Mass. School Building Authority members was hosted at Marshall Simonds last week. Board members were in agreement with design changes made by the architect in science labs, special education classrooms and student flow. At a MSBA board meeting tomorrow, full board agreement and approval for MSMS

is expected. Mr. Robinson reported that next steps will be: receipt of a project scope and budget agreement for the renovation and selection of an OPM in the beginning of July. A CM At Risk and Bid/Build presentation will be provided at a School Committee meeting in August or September.

Out-of-State Travel

Moved by Mr. DeSimone and seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve an out-of-state travel field trip to Hampton Beach, NH by the BHS Marching Band and chaperones on August 27, 2010; motion carried 3-0-0 – Mr. Vanella out of room.

Moved by Mr. DeSimone and seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve out-of-state travel to Pennsylvania on November 18-20 and to cover registration fees for five teachers; motion carried 3-0-0 – Mr. Vanella out of room.

Approval of MBE & WBE Waiver For Memorial School

Memorial contractor, CTA Construction, is requesting a waiver of the minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Woman-Owned Business Enterprise (WBE) participation goals applicable to the general contract for the Memorial School project. Town counsel has submitted a draft letter with terms and conditions for the School Committee's approval. Specifically, the waiver for MBE participation is 1.215% of the 7.4% goal and the waiver for WBE participation is 1.75% of the 4% goal. Moved by Mr. DeSimone and seconded by Mr. Murphy to grant a waiver of the Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Woman-Owned Business Enterprise (WBE) goals applicable to the general contract for the Memorial Elementary School project subject to the terms and conditions as presented; motion carried 4-0-0.

A request has been received to rename Fogelberg Auditorium to the Fogelberg Performing Arts Center. At the Committee's request, this will be scheduled for discussion at the July meeting and scheduled for a second reading at the August meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Mr. Vanella and seconded by Mr. Murphy at 8:55 p.m. to go into executive session to approve minutes and discuss contract negotiations. Motion carried 4-0-0. Mr. Murphy, aye; Mr. Nelson, aye; Mr. DeSimone, aye; Mr. Vanella, aye.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Vanella and seconded by Mr. Murphy at 9:10 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon D. Gilbert
Recording Secretary

Date submitted: 7/13/10

Date approved: 7/13/10