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Notice of Public Meeting – (As required by G.L. c. 30 A, c. §18-25)

DEPT./BOARD: School Committee

DATE: October 12, 2010

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: School Committee Room, 123 Cambridge Street, Burlington, MA

1. Pledge of Allegiance **7:30 p.m.**
2. Approval of Minutes of 9/14/10 and 9/28/10
3. Approval of Warrant
4. Public Participation
5. Information/Reports
 - a). Student Representative – SCAB Committee
 - b). Subcommittee Reports
 - c). Ways/Means
6. Instruction
 - a). MCAS Summary
 - b). English Language Learner Support Staffing
7. Technology
8. Communication – FY12 Budget
9. Old Business
 - a). Redistricting
10. New Business
 - a). Request for Donation – Varsity Field Scoreboard
 - b). FY12 Budget Calendar
 - c). Approval of Marshall Simonds Owner's Project Manager
 - d). Approval to Submit Construction Management at Risk Application for Marshall Simonds Renovation
 - e). Preliminary Anti-Bullying Plan and Schedule
11. Public Participation
12. Executive Session
 - a). Approval of executive minutes 9/28/10
 - b). Contract Negotiations
 - c). Litigation
13. Adjournment

BURLINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF OCTOBER 12, 2010

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Chairman Christine M. Monaco 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, and Mr. John L. Vanella, and student representative Tracey DiBona. Superintendent Eric Conti, and Director of Finance and Operations Craig Robinson also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Vanella and seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve minutes of 9/14/10; motion carried 3-0-0. Moved by Mr. Vanella and seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve minutes of 9/28/10; motion carried 3-0-0.

APPROVAL OF WARRANT

Deferred until the next School Committee meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

INFORMATION/REPORTS

Student Representative – SCAB
Committee

Walter Kikuchi reported that at a student council meeting today a request was made to change the homeroom schedule time to include an additional four minutes and a request was made for a bike rack for students. Senior Adam Tigges noted they're working on a pie fundraiser and a Halloween dance on October 30. Junior Jill Keaney stated her class is holding a fundraiser at Flatbread pizza and they're also selling chocolates. Sophomore Bill Restivo commented they're having a bingo night fundraiser and on 11/23 a True North fundraiser. Freshman Jen Cooper related they're organizing a field trip.

Subcommittee Reports

Nothing to report.

Ways & Means

Bill Beyer informed the School Committee that he will be the chairman of the school subcommittee for the upcoming budget cycle and recommended completing tasks sooner rather than later.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Donation – Varsity Field
Scoreboard

By consensus, this item was taken out of order. Chairman Monaco reported a donation offer of a gift with advertising of a new scoreboard for Varsity Field and announced that other businesses, entities, or individuals may make a scoreboard donation offer in writing with specific details within four weeks to the Superintendent's office. The specifications and quote for the scoreboard and the Public Gifts to the Schools Policy (KCD)¹ are available in the Superintendent's office. Athletic Director Ed Gillis explained that the donation offer includes the purchase and installation of the scoreboard and that this donor has requested that the School Committee consider giving his company first right of refusal to renew after the 25 years to retain advertising rights. In response to the Superintendent's query, the School Committee does not expect the School Administration to contact other businesses, organizations, or individuals to inform them of the scoreboard donation opportunity. An invitation to the opening

¹ Specifications/quote for scoreboard from Scoreboard Enterprises and Public Gifts to the Schools Policy (KCD)

ceremony of the new Varsity Field² on November 2 at 6:00 p.m. has been sent out. Principal Larkin was requested to send the invitation to town meeting members. A donation of \$1,500 was made by BHS class of 1979 graduate Ellen Keohane.

Instruction – MCAS Summary

Dr. Conti provided a comprehensive presentation on MCAS results³ from last year including: student demographics, enrollment numbers, ethnicity, free & reduced lunch, adequate yearly progress (AYP), and the no child left behind. The special education subgroup in grades 3-8 didn't make AYP in English for the 2009-10 MCAS, the special education and black subgroups in grades 3-5 did not make AYP in math, and the special education, low income, and black subgroups did not make AYP. Burlington school district as a whole did make AYP and math and English MCAS scores were above the state baseline scores. District MCAS scores are improving but Dr. Conti emphasized student growth percentiles over raw MCAS scores (growth scores are related to quality instruction).

ELL Support Staffing

The Superintendent is requesting the support of the School Committee to add a .5 ELL teacher at the elementary level, as there is not enough time to service all 4 elementary schools. This position was cut last year to make the position .5 ELL and .5 reading specialist. It will cost approximately \$20K. The School Committee was in support of this request.

Technology

BHS Principal Larkin stated that a decision needs to be made by Thanksgiving on how to achieve a 1-1 environment at the high school for next September with either a laptop or another device. One funding option would be to provide a device to students yearly and to have families responsible for a monthly access fee. Equipment needed, an implementation plan, and funding is being researched. Principal Larkin will hold monthly sessions on BCAT, speak to Rotary, and other town groups. Dr. Conti noted that 1-1 could mean individual student laptops or access to the internet. Principal Larkin showed the article referring to BHS from Edutopia⁴ - a George Lucas Educational Foundation website.

OLD BUSINESS
Redistricting

Mr. Robinson reported that the redistricting software (planware) is being updated and will include new kindergarten students; more information will be available at the October 26 meeting. Dr. Conti noted he'd met with Pine Glen parents and PTO to speak about redistricting and will hold meetings at the other three schools in the next month.

NEW BUSINESS
FY12 Budget Calendar

Mr. Robinson reviewed a draft of the FY12 budget calendar⁵

The Superintendent informed the Committee that the Marshall

² Invitation to opening of new Varsity Field

³ MCAS Results Presentation

⁴ A Web 2.0 Class: Students Learn 21st Century Skills, Collaboration, and Digital Citizenship

⁵ FY12 Budget Calendar

Approval of OPM for MSMS

Simonds Building Committee met earlier this evening and has submitted the following two recommendations: that the School Committee execute a contract to CMS, Inc. as the Owner's Project Manager (OPM) and to instruct the OPM to submit a Construction Management at Risk application for the Marshall Simonds Middle School project⁶. Moved by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Vanella that the School committee execute a contract to CMS as the Owner's Project Manager for the renovation and addition to the Marshall Simonds Middle School; motion carried 3-0-0. Moved by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Vanella that the School Committee instruct the Owner's Project Manager to prepare and submit a Construction Management at Risk application for the Marshall Simonds Middle School; motion carried 3-0-0.

Approval to Submit CM at Risk Application for MSMS

Dr. Conti explained the two procurement processes for the project: Design-Bid-Build and Construction Management at Risk.

Preliminary Anti-Bullying Plan and Schedule

An anti-bullying plan has to be submitted by the district to the DESE by December 30. The School Committee has adopted a bullying policy, a student empowerment committee has been formed, a draft of the plan will be presented for a first reading at the November meeting, and a public hearing and second reading will be held at the December School Committee meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Monaco announced that the Committee had a need for executive session to approve minutes, and discuss contract negotiations and litigation because holding it in an open session would have a detrimental effect on the position of the public body. The School Committee will only return to public session for the purpose of adjournment. Moved by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Vanella at 10:05 p.m. to go into executive session - Mr. Murphy, aye; Mr. Vanella, aye; Mrs. Monaco, aye. Motion carried 3-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Vanella and seconded by Mr. Murphy at 11:00 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon D. Gilbert
Recording Secretary

Date submitted: 10/26/10
Date approved: 10/26/10

⁶ Marshall Simonds Building Committee Recommendations