

BURLINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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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, February 24, 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 Minutes of 2/10/09
3. Public Participation
4. Information/Reports
 - a) Student Representative
 - b) Subcommittee Reports
 - c) Ways/Means
5. Instruction
6. Technology
7. Communication
8. Old Business
9. New Business
 - a) Out-of-State Travel, Minneapolis Minnesota
 - b) FY10 Budget Overview
10. Public Participation
11. Executive Session
 - a) Approval of Executive Minutes of 2/10/09
 - b) Contract Negotiations
 - c) Litigation
12. Adjournment

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MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2009

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Moved by Mr. Vanella and seconded by Mr. Nelson to approve minutes of 2/10/09; motion carried 4-0-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION None.

INFORMATION/REPORTS Jenna Burke reviewed upcoming events and fundraisers. The Superintendent congratulated Jenna on her third place finish for the Poetry Out Loud contest among all BHS students today. Ms. Burke proceeded to recite the poem *Chicago*.

Subcommittee Reports None.

Ways & Means No one in attendance.

TECHNOLOGY Work is continuing towards consolidation between the schools and town.

COMMUNICATION The BHS winter athletic teams were congratulated for their accomplishments this season.

Mr. Robinson stated that warrant articles for May town meeting are due on March 27. He will present the recommended articles at the March 10 meeting and the School Committee will vote on them at the March 24 meeting. One of the articles will be to revise the language of the 2007 town meeting vote on Memorial school to include language required by the SBA. Mr. Nelson inquired when would the town be informed of the reimbursement percentage for Memorial; Mr. Robinson replied he expects an answer by April 1.

OLD BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS Moved by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Vanella to approve out-of-state travel to Minneapolis, MN for Renee Sacco from May 3 - 7, 2009 to attend the International Reading Assoc. annual convention; motion carried 4-0-0.

FY10 Budget Overview Mr. Robinson presented a power point summary of the FY10 budget (available on the Superintendent's Blog) which included:
- Total budget - including salary totals

- 10 years of budget trends – enrollments, total budget, and percentage increases
- Summary budget totals for: Administration, Instruction, Other School Services, and Operations/Maintenance
- Current & projected student enrollment for 2009-10

The budget guideline for town departments is a 3% increase – the proposed FY10 budget for the School Dept. is \$36,320,715.33 (3%) with the caveat, as in past practice, funds will be requested from the town for a transportation increase (\$154,992) and 2 new teachers (\$107,294). These two increases are unexpected due to a new bus contract and the 2 new teachers because of increased student enrollment (one at Memorial and one at Francis Wyman).

Burlington is facing an approximate \$1.4 million deficit next year. School department personnel have been requested to help with this deficit by accepting a decrease of 1% of the agreed upon salary increases for July 1. It's estimated this will save \$320,000 in the school budget. If this concession is not approved, it will mean job cuts as over 84% of the budget is salary. The School Committee discussed: town funding shortfall and the prospect of job cuts, and possible reductions in programs and services.

The March 10 and 24 School Committee meetings will review in detail the following budgets: BHS, MSMS, elementary schools, textbooks, athletics, building & grounds, SPED, Superintendent's Office, and School Committee.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

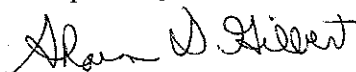
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice Chairman Murphy announced that the Committee had a need for executive session and would only return to public session for the purpose of adjournment. Moved by Mr. Vanella and seconded by Mr. Nelson at 8:35 p.m. to enter into executive session to approve minutes, discuss contract negotiations, and litigation. Motion carried 4-0-0. Mr. Murphy, aye; Mrs. Monaco, aye; Mr. Nelson, aye; Mr. Vanella, aye.

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 D. Gilbert
Recording Secretary

Date submitted: 3/10/09

Date approved: 3/10/09