

BURLINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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Chairman Stephen A. 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. Michael F. DeSimone, Mrs. Christine M. Monaco, Mr. Thomas F. Murphy Jr., and Mr. John L. Vanella. Acting Superintendent James Picone, Director of Finance and Operations Craig Robinson and Assistant Superintendent Cindy Marchand also in attendance. Ways and Means members Brad Bond and Dan DiTucci present.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES Moved by Mr. Vanella and seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve minutes of 3/11/08; motion carried 5-0-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION None.

INFORMATION/REPORTS Dr. Picone reported on a Reach Out and Read Project sponsored by Northeastern University to be piloted at Memorial School with second graders. Northeastern graduate students will participate in the program and if the pilot is successful, it will be migrated to the middle and high schools.

Curriculum/Instruction Mrs. Marchand reported on a student scholars brunch at the middle school and the art exhibit at BHS last week.

Business/Finance Mr. Robinson stated that requested documentation from the SBA has been filed including student enrollments, building permit application, and building committee members. Next steps for the Memorial project include: SBA officials visit Burlington and sending additional clarification to SBA regarding selection of the architect.

Subcommittee Reports None.

Ways & Means Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS Mr. Robinson reviewed proposed school department warrant articles to be submitted for May town meeting. Mr. Robinson requested that the School Committee further review the list, which totaled \$2,450,000, and vote on a final list at the March 25 School Committee meeting.

FY09 Budget Review – Library The library budget decreased 4.01% (-\$23,866). Salaries decreased 0.26% (-\$1,185), contracted services was down 3% (-\$661), supplies were down .13% (-\$130), and equipment was down 86% (-\$22,150) due to transferring funds to a lease.

Computer Mr. Robinson reviewed computers and noted that this budget is spread across a number of departments.

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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, March 18, 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 3/11/08
3. Public Participation
4. Information/Reports
 - a) Acting Superintendent's Report
 - b) Curriculum/Instruction
 - c) Business/Finance
 - d) Subcommittee Reports
 - e) Ways/Means
5. Old Business
6. New Business
 - a) Proposed Warrant Articles
 - b) FY09 Budget Review – Library/Media/Computers, Inservice Education, Textbooks, Buildings and Grounds
7. Public Participation
8. Executive Session
 - a) Approval of Executive Minutes of 1/8, 1/22, 2/4, 2/5, 2/6, 2/27, and 3/4/08
 - b) Contract Negotiations
 - c) Litigation
9. Adjournment