

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 (8:20 p.m. arrival), Mrs. Christine M. Monaco, Mr. Thomas F. Murphy Jr. (7:50 p.m. arrival), and Mr. John L. Vanella. Acting Superintendent James Picone and Director of Finance and Operations Craig Robinson present. Assistant Superintendent Cindy Marchand absent.

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Chairman Nelson noted that Mr. DeSimone and Mr. Murphy would be late to the meeting, so the School Committee would proceed with other business first and reorganize after all five members are present.

APPROVAL OF WARRANT

Moved by Mrs. Monaco and seconded by Mr. Vanella to approve the warrant; motion carried 2-0-1; Mr. Nelson abstained.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

John Cormier stated he'd spoken to a number of parents and PTO members about staff development days; he suggested conducting a survey of parents and staff for feedback. Chairman Nelson noted that professional development days have contractual requirements and Mrs. Monaco noted that the Committee is open to suggestions as long as the number of school days/hours and staff development days remain the same; she cited an example as eliminating February and April vacations for a one-week vacation in March. Mr. Cormier inquired about the large expenditure for the Francis Wyman playground and why other playgrounds were not receiving funds. The School Committee noted that at the Francis Wyman, a large portion of allocated money is for site work (including paving), LABBB and special education students, as well as having the largest population. Fox Hill playground was redone about 6 years ago with funds from the Guterrez Company and Memorial will be done when the school is renovated/rebuilt.

INFORMATION/REPORTS

Student Representative

Ms. Harrington stated that student council elections were held today, a Pennies for Patients fundraiser will be held next week, and reported on upcoming events.

Acting Superintendent's Report

Dr. Picone reported on upcoming meetings that School Committee members are requested to attend: Ways & Means, Scholarship lunch, Student Government day, May Town Meeting, Scholarship night, and BHS Graduation.

Curriculum/Instruction

Mrs. Marchand absent.

Business/Finance

Mr. Robinson conferred with Town Manager Bob

- 7. B-Line Advisory – M. DeSimone
- 8. Board of Selectmen Subcomm – C. Monaco, T. Murphy
- 9. Ways & Means Subcomm – S. Nelson, M. DeSimone
- 10. Board of Health Subcomm – S. Nelson, M. DeSimone
- 11. Recreation Comm Subcomm - C. Monaco, T. Murphy
- 12. Planning Board Subcomm – S. Nelson, T. Murphy
- 13. PTO Representatives
 - Fox Hill – C. Monaco, M. DeSimone (alternate)
 - Memorial – J. Vanella, C. Monaco (alternate)
 - Pine Glen – S. Nelson, J. Vanella (alternate)
 - Francis Wyman – C. Monaco, T. Murphy (alternate)
 - MSMS – M. DeSimone, T. Murphy (alternate)
 - BHS – T. Murphy, J. Vanella (alternate)

Appointments

Moved by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Vanella to appoint the Superintendent as the School Committee designee to the LABBB Collaborative; motion carried 5-0-0.

Moved by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mrs. Monaco to appoint as Central Office Sexual Harassment/Complaint Management Facilitators Assistant Superintendent Cindy Marchand and Director of Finance & Operations Craig Robinson; motion carried 5-0-0.

Moved by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Vanella to appoint Director of Pupil Service Cath Estep as Coordinator for Nondiscrimination Compliance (including Civil Rights and Title IX) motion carried 5-0-0.

Moved by Mrs. Monaco and seconded by Mr. Vanella to appoint Sharon Gilbert as School Committee secretary; motion carried 5-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Acceptable Use Policy & Laptop Procedures – Second Reading

This item was previously presented at the March 25 meeting. It was moved by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Vanella to adopt the Acceptable Use Policy for Faculty and Staff as presented; motion carried 5-0-0. It was noted that this new policy is required to be in student handbooks.

2008-09 School Calendar – Second Reading

This item was previously on the March 18 and 25 agendas. After discussing and agreeing to move professional development days to Mondays; it was moved by Mrs. Monaco and seconded by Mr. Vanella to adopt the Draft 2008-09 Teacher and Student Calendar presented tonight; motion carried 5-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Educational Technology Plan

Consultant Arthur Fallon presented a comprehensive 2006 – 2011 Technology Plan for Burlington Public

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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, April 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. School Committee Organization
3. Approval of Warrant
4. Public Participation
5. Information/Reports
 - a) Student Representative
 - b) Acting Superintendent's Report
 - c) Curriculum/Instruction
 - d) Business/Finance
 - e) Subcommittee Reports
 - f) Ways/Means
6. Old Business
 - a) Acceptable Use Policy & Laptop Procedures – Second Reading
 - b) 2008-09 School Calendar – Second Reading
7. New Business
 - a) Educational Technology Plan
 - b) Early Childhood Coordinator/Program Developer Job Description
 - c) **FY09 School Budget – Public Hearing**
8. Public Participation
9. Executive Session
 - a) Approval of Executive Minutes of 3/18/08
 - b) Contract Negotiations
 - c) Litigation
10. Adjournment