

BURLINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2009

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Chairman Michael F. DeSimone called this meeting of the School Committee to order at 7:00 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. Ways and Means members present: Bill Beyer, Paul Noonan, and Brad Bond.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Murphy moved and Mr. Nelson seconded to enter executive session to discuss contract negotiations.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

At 7:50 p.m. Superintendent Conti opened public session and called for nominations for Chairman for the coming year. Moved by Mr. Vanella and seconded by Mrs. Monaco to nominate Thomas Murphy as School Committee Chairman. Hearing no other candidates, the nominations closed; motion carried 5-0-0. Mr. DeSimone moved to place in nomination Mrs. Monaco as Vice Chairman and was seconded by Mr. Vanella. Hearing no other candidates, the nominations were closed; motion carried 5-0-0.

Assignments

Moved by Mrs. Monaco and seconded by Mr. Vanella to approve the same committee appointments as presented with the exception of changing Mr. DeSimone to be a representative to the Academic Review Board; motion carried 5-0-0. The following appointments were made:

1. Recreation Commission – C. Monaco
2. Academic Review Board – C. Monaco, M. DeSimone
3. BEA Sick Bank – E. Conti, C. Monaco
4. BSAA Sick Bank – S. Nelson
5. MASC Legislative Contact – J. Vanella, T. Murphy
6. Chapter 766 Parent Advisory Comm. – C. Monaco, T. Murphy
7. B-Line Advisory – S. Nelson
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)

Moved by Mrs. Monaco and seconded by Mr. Vanella to appoint the Superintendent as the School Committee designee to the LABBB Collaborative; motion carried 5-0-0. Moved to appoint the Director of Pupil Services and Director of Finance & Operations as the Central Office Sexual Harassment/Complaint Management Facilitators; motion carried 5-0-0. Moved by Mrs. Monaco and seconded by Mr. DeSimone to appoint the Director of Pupil Services as the Coordinator for nondiscrimination

compliance (including Civil Rights and Title IX); motion carried 5-0-0. Moved by Mrs. Monaco and seconded by Mr. Nelson to appoint Sharon Gilbert as School Committee secretary; motion carried 5-0-0.

Approve of Minutes of 3/24/09 and 3/31/09

Moved by Mr. Vanella and seconded by Mrs. Monaco to approve minutes of 3/24/09; motion carried 5-0-0. Moved by Mrs. Monaco and seconded by Mr. Vanella to approve minutes of 3/31/09; motion carried 3-0-2 – Mr. Nelson and Mr. DeSimone abstained.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**INFORMATION/REPORTS**  
Student Representative

Ms. Burke reported on upcoming events at BHS: Battle of the Bands and Day of Silence.

Subcommittee Reports

Chairman Murphy noted that a Building Committee meeting will be held on 4/16/09 at 7 p.m.

Ways & Means

Nothing.

**INSTRUCTION**

The Superintendent explained that progress is being made on the new elementary schedule.

**TECHNOLOGY**

A presentation is being generated to present to May town meeting on a joint technology infrastructure for the Town and Schools.

**COMMUNICATION**

Dr. Conti updated the Committee on the proposed EdNets fundraiser that collect consumer rebates over time and credits a portion to the schools. A meeting with key stakeholders and PTO members will occur on May 5.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Out-of-State Travel – NH

Moved by Mr. Vanella and seconded by Mr. Nelson to approve out-of-state travel for Julie Woodland to Culpeper County, Virginia; motion carried 5-0-0. Moved by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Vanella to approve out-of-state travel for Marshall Simonds students and chaperones to travel to Canobie Lake in Salem, NH on 6/15/09; motion carried 5-0-0.

**FY10 School Budget -  
Public Hearing**

Chairman Murphy opened the public hearing on the FY10 School Budget. School Committee members expressed: it's been an unusual budget season with a \$1.4 million town shortfall, economic crisis, and unions asked to concede 1% of July 1, 2009 raise to avoid layoffs (most unions have complied; BEA has not). The BEA members have not been given the opportunity to either approve or turn down a wage concession, hopefully this will change before May town meeting. If \$300K is conceded by School unions, the Town will contribute the remaining \$400K for the Schools' share of the shortfall. The School budget is 85% salary; whatever layoffs may happen will fall primarily on teachers, which will affect services, programs, and class sizes. Ways & Means members Bill Beyer, Paul Noonan and Brad Bond reiterated that the concession is painful to request but employees need to work together as well as to keep Burlington in good financial condition, and that this economic downturn may affect FY11 also. The School Committee also noted that due to the town being self insured more employees will need to be laid off to net a \$700K savings. Chairman Murphy asked for additional comments and hearing none: it was moved by

Mr. Vanella and seconded by Mr. Nelson to approve a total FY10 nonsalary account of \$5,916,135; motion carried 5-0-0. Moved by Mr. Vanella and seconded by Mrs. Monaco to approve a total FY10 salary account of \$29,891,865; motion carried 3-0-2 – Mr. Murphy and Mr. Nelson abstained. Moved by Mr. Vanella and seconded by Mr. Nelson to approve a total FY10 operating budget of \$35,808,000; motion carried 5-0-0. Moved by Mr. Vanella and seconded by Mr. Nelson to approve a total FY10 Town Side Special Education budget of \$6,489,247; motion carried 5-0-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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. DeSimone at 9:00 p.m. to reconvene executive session to approve minutes, discuss contract negotiations, and litigation. Motion carried 5-0-0. Mr. DeSimone, aye; Mr. Murphy, aye; Mrs. Monaco, aye; Mr. Nelson, aye; Mr. Vanella, aye.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Vanella and seconded by Mr. Murphy at 9:45 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon D. Gilbert  
Recording Secretary

Date submitted: 5/26/09

Date approved: 5/26/09

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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, April 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the School Committee Room, Administration Offices, 123 Cambridge Street, Burlington, Massachusetts.

1. **Executive Session – 7:00 p.m.**
2. **Public Session – 7:30 p.m.**
3. School Committee Organization
4. Approval of Minutes of 3/24/09 and 3/31/09
5. Public Participation
6. Information/Reports
  - a) Student Representative
  - b) Subcommittee Reports
  - c) Ways/Means
7. Instruction
8. Technology – Warrant Article Request & Structure
9. Communication – EdNets Update
10. Old Business
11. New Business
  - a) Out-of-State Travel – New Hampshire
  - b) **FY10 School Budget – Public Hearing**
12. Public Participation
13. Executive Session
  - a) Approval of Executive Minutes 3/24/09 and 3/31/09
  - b) Contract Negotiations
  - c) Litigation
14. Adjournment