

BURLINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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Vice Chairman Thomas F. Murphy Jr. 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. Stephen A. Nelson, Mrs. Christine M. Monaco and John L. Vanella. Acting Superintendent James Picone and Director of Finance and Operations Craig Robinson also in attendance. Chairman Michael F. DeSimone absent.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION None.

INFORMATION/REPORTS

Acting Superintendent's Report Dr. Picone announced that BHS English teacher Bob Conceison has been named Mentor of the Year by MASCD. BHS student Brianna Gainley has been named the 2008 Mass. Foreign Language Assoc. Essay Contest winner. Junionr William Ford was awarded an honorable mention.

Curriculum/Instruction Absent.

Business/Finance Mr. Robinson thanked town meeting for supporting the 10 school department warrant articles. Bathroom renovations at MSMS will be completed over the summer. Planning Board approval will be needed before paving at Fox Hill.

Subcommittee Reports None.

Ways & Means Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

BHS 2008-09 Student Handbook -- Second Reading Principal Larkin reviewed changes requested by the School Committee at the last meeting to the BHS student handbook. Moved by Mr. Vanella and seconded by Mr. Nelson to approve the BHS 2008-09 Student Handbook as amended; motion carried 4-0-0.

After School Parent Handbook Second Reading This item was presented at the April 22 School Committee meeting by Director Lauara Driscoll. Moved by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mrs. Monaco to approve the 2008-09 After School Parent Handbook as presented; motion carried 4-0-0.

School Choice -- Second Reading A public hearing was held on this matter at the 5/13/08 School Committee meeting with no one from the public in attendance. The School Committee decided to remain consistent with its presently policy by withdrawing from the School Choice for the 2008-09 school year due to: language of the law with respect to reimbursement for affected schools, to limits its schools to residents of the town who bear the costs, maintain current class sizes, and lack of space. Moved by Mrs. Monaco and seconded by Mr. Vanella to not participate in School Choice for the

2008-09 school year due to itemized reasons; motion carried 4-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

The tentative summer schedule for School Committee meetings is July 15 and August 19.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

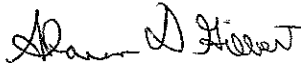
EXECUTIVE SESSION

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. Murphy at 7:50 p.m. to enter into executive session to approve minutes and discuss contract negotiations. 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. Murphy at 8:20 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon D. Gilbert  
Recording Secretary

Date submitted: 6/10/08

Date approved: 6/10/08

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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, May 27, 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. Public Participation
- 3. Information/Reports
  - a) Acting Superintendent's Report
  - b) Curriculum/Instruction
  - c) Business/Finance
  - d) Subcommittee Reports
  - e) Ways/Means
- 4. Old Business
  - a) BHS 2008-09 Student Handbook – Second Reading
  - b) Afterschool Parent Handbook – Second Reading
  - c) School Choice 2008-09 – Second Reading
- 5. New Business
- 6. Public Participation
- 7. Executive Session
  - a) Approval of Executive Minutes of 5/13/08
  - b) Contract Negotiations
- 8. Adjournment