

MINUTES OF JUNE 23, 2009

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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 were: Stephen A. Nelson, Mr. Michael F. DeSimone, Mrs. Christine M. Monaco, and Mr. John L. Vanella. Superintendent Eric Conti, Director of Finance and Operations Craig Robinson and Assistant Superintendent Cindy Marchand also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Moved by Mr. DeSimone and seconded by Mrs. Monaco to approve minutes of 6/9/09; motion carried 4-0-1 (Mr. Nelson abstained).

Moved by Mr. Vanella and seconded by Mrs. Monaco to approve the warrant; motion carried 3-0-2 (Mr. Nelson and Mr. Murphy abstained).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION Greg Smith, College Road, reported on the targeting of buses in Cambridge and Boston for traffic tickets in retail parking lots.

Mrs. Marchand was presented with a Massachusetts House of Representatives proclamation recognizing her 37 years of service to public education. The School Committee wished her well on her retirement.

INFORMATION/REPORTS

Subcommittee Reports

Chairman Murphy provided an update on the Building Committee meeting held last week, including the preliminary submittal in two weeks to the School Building Authority. Subcommittees have been set up to review colors, ball fields, and playgrounds.

Ways & Means

No one in attendance.

INSTRUCTION

The Superintendent reported on staffing for FY10 (with a \$400K shortfall) with union concessions, retirements, attrition, reductions/eliminations at Central Office, and changes in responsibilities. He again thanked the unions for their concessions but noted there will still be staff and service shortages next year. Over the next two years, planning needs to begin for staffing the new Memorial.

TECHNOLOGY

Data Warehouse/LABBB

Dr. Conti explained that Cognos developed a data warehouse for the state and agreed to work with LABBB. A LABBB data manager position was created to insure report data is usable for school districts.

Stoneware

The Administration is working with town staff and will set up a meeting with the technology subcommittee. The Stoneware product allows single sign on for students and employees. It costs approximately \$5 per week

Student Management System – X2

The Aspen X2 product will replace Winschool for student management and reporting. Bedford and Lexington have had success with the product. X2 and Winschool will run concurrently until January when X2 will stand-alone. X2 will generate: student attendance, grading, class scheduling, and student online class sign up.

COMMUNICATION

Mr. Robinson reported on the closing of the school budget on June 30.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of EdNets Contract - Second Reading

This item was discussed at the June 23 meeting, and the Superintendent noted that the EdNets contract has been reviewed by town counsel with some changes made. Moved by Mr. DeSimone and seconded by Mr. Nelson

to approve the EdNets contract as presented with some changes; motion carried 5-0-0.

MSMS Intramurals

Athletic Director Ed Gillis reviewed the proposed addition of an intramural program at the middle school on two afternoons per week. It will include wrestling, girls lacrosse, field hockey, Frisbee, basketball and a fitness center. There are no fees for students and the total cost of \$7,775 is in the FY10 budget. Moved by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Vanella to approve the creation of an intramural advising position for Marshall Simonds middle school; motion carried 5-0-0. Moved by Mrs. Monaco and seconded by Mr. Vanella to authorize a freshman volleyball team and the hiring of a coach; motion carried 5-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of Nurses' Contract 2008-11

Chairman Murphy stated that after the previous School Committee meeting the nurses approved a new contract that includes the needed savings, which were realized through negotiations rather than privatization. Moved by Mrs. Monaco and seconded by Mr. Vanella to approve the ratification of the 2008-11 Burlington School Murses' agreement; motion carried 5-0-0. Moved by Mr. Vanella and second by Mrs. Monaco to reconsider a previous vote to privatize nurses; motion carried 5-0-0. Moved by Mr. Vanella and seconded by Mrs. Monaco to rescind the vote to privatize nurses; motion carried 5-0-0.

Evaluation of Superintendent

Chairman Murphy read the Superintendent's 2009 public evaluation, which included a compilation of each member's comments. Overall, "it is clearly the unanimous feeling of the School Committee that the Superintendent is doing an excellent job and is committed to ensuring that the Burlington School system maintains and improves its reputation as a high performing district".

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. Nelson at 8:45 p.m. to enter into executive session to approve minutes, exemption 7, 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. Nelson at p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon D. Gilbert
Recording Secretary

Date submitted: 7/21/09

Date approved: 7/21/09

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BURLINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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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, June 23 at 7:30 p.m. at 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 6/9/09
3. Approval of Warrant
4. Public Participation
5. Information/Reports
 - a) Subcommittee Reports
 - b) Ways/Means
6. Instruction – Final Staffing
7. Technology
 - a) Data Warehouse/LABBB
 - b) Stoneware
 - c) Student Management System – X2
8. Communication
9. Old Business
 - a) Approval of EdNets Contract – Second Reading
 - b) MSMS Intramurals
10. New Business
 - a) Ratification of Nurses’ Contract 2008-11
 - b) Evaluation of Superintendent
11. Public Participation
12. Executive Session
 - a) Approval of Executive Minutes of 6/9/09
 - b) Contract Negotiations
 - c) Litigation
 - d) Exemption 7 – General Privacy Exemption
13. Adjournment