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BURLINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2009

Chairman Thomas F. Murphy Jr. called this meeting of the School Committee to order at 8:00 p.m. in the School Committee Room, Administration Offices, 123 Cambridge Street, Burlington, Massachusetts. Present: Mrs. Christine M. Monaco and Mr. John L. Vanella. Mr. Stephen A. Nelson and Mr. Michael F. DeSimone absent. Superintendent Eric Conti and Director of Finance and Operations Craig Robinson also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Moved by Mr. Vanella and seconded by Mrs. Monaco to approve minutes of 5/26/09; motion carried 3-0-0. Moved by Mrs. Monaco and seconded by Mr. Vanella to approve minutes of 6/23/09; motion carried 3-0-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION None.

INFORMATION/REPORTS
Subcommittee Reports None.
Ways & Means No one in attendance.

INSTRUCTION Dr. Conti distributed copies of the 2009-10 school calendar.

2009-10 School Calendar

New Faculty

The Superintendent reviewed a chart showing current new staff, positions, and replacements for the new school year; an update will be provided at the August meeting.

TECHNOLOGY Winschool and X2 student information systems will run concurrently until a conversion to the new X2 in January. A collaborative technology meeting will be held with town officials at the end of July. Dr. Conti will present a summary of technology purchases at the August meeting. A universal screening tool will be administered to all elementary students three times a year to assess student reading skills. The screening tool was piloted in the spring.

COMMUNICATION – FY11 Budget The Superintendent cautioned that state and municipal revenues will likely be down for FY11. He's proposing to start early on staffing plans for the new Memorial school, which will accommodate an additional 200 students. The School Committee may need to reappoint a redistricting subcommittee to begin the process next spring with the Onpass computer redistricting program.

Mr. Robinson reviewed letters from Nstar proposing a Business Solutions Program application for Francis Wyman, Fox Hill and BHS. The project would install energy efficient lighting at the three schools with a rebate for each project completed. Work would be completed after school hours. Francis Wyman would cost \$80K with a \$40K rebate, Fox Hill would be \$45K with a \$23K rebate, and BHS would be \$289K with a \$125K rebate. There are significant yearly energy cost and usage reductions. The net bill for the three projects will be spread out over two years with no interest. The formal grant authorization will be available at the August meeting for approval.

Social Studies Coordinator Jane Hundley submitted an application for a history grant, which has been awarded for approximately \$1 million for three years. Professional development will be provided for the elementary,

middle, and high school faculty.

- Mr. Robinson reported on construction/project status:
- new Francis Wyman playground will open in mid-September
 - Sprouts daycare scheduled to open in September; construction is progressing
 - Fitness & locker room at BHS completed
 - BHS & Francis Wyman roofs 95% complete
 - Paving at Fox Hill will be done in the next two weeks
 - Bids for BHS varsity field are due next week

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Out-of-State Travel

Moved by Mrs. Monaco and seconded by Mr. Vanella to approve out-of-state travel to Hampton Beach, NH on 8/28 for the BHS marching band and advisors; motion carried 3-0-0. Moved by Mrs. Monaco and seconded by Mr. Vanella to approve out-of-state travel for Todd Whitten to Waterville, ME on August 10-14, 2009; motion carried 3-0-0.

IDEA Stimulus Grant – Anticipated Openings

Dr. Conti announced that Burlington has received federal relief dollars in the form of a two-year grant: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The grant money will be used to increase staffing and implement new programs for students with special needs. Two new teachers and instructional assistants are being requested. Moved by Mrs. Monaco and seconded by Mr. Vanella to approve two new instructional assistant positions and two new teacher positions to be grant funded; motion carried 3-0-0.

2009-10 Integrated Preschool Program Handbook – First Reading

As the Integrated Preschool Program Handbook is a first reading, the Committee will take it under advisement and vote on it at the August meeting.

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 Mrs. Monaco at 8:50 p.m. to enter into executive session to approve minutes and discuss contract negotiations. Motion carried 3-0-0. Mr. Murphy, aye; Mrs. Monaco, aye; Mr. Vanella, aye.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Vanella and seconded by Mrs. Monaco at 9:30 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon D. Gilbert
Recording Secretary

Date submitted 8/25/09

Date approved: 8/25/09

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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, July 21 at 6:30 p.m. at in the School Committee Room, Administration Offices, 123 Cambridge Street, Burlington, Massachusetts.

1. Tour New Construction
 - a) BHS Fitness Room
 - b) BHS Locker Room
 - c) Sprouts Day Care Facility
2. Pledge of Allegiance – 7:30 p.m.
3. Approval of Minutes of 5/26/09 and 6/23/09
4. Public Participation
5. Information/Reports
 - a) Subcommittee Reports
 - b) Ways/Means
6. Instruction
 - a) 2009-10 School Calendar
 - b) New Faculty
7. Technology
8. Communication – FY11 Budget
9. Old Business
10. New Business
 - a) Out-of-State Travel Requests
 - b) IDEA Stimulus Grant – Anticipated Openings
 - c) 2009-10 Integrated Preschool Program Handbook – First Reading
11. Public Participation
12. Executive Session
 - a) Approval of Executive Minutes of 6/23/09
 - b) Contract Negotiation
13. Adjournment