

BURLINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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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, September 22, 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. Approval of Minutes of 9/8/09 and 8/25/09
3. Public Participation
4. Information/Reports
  - a) Student Representative
  - b) Subcommittee Reports
  - c) Ways/Means
5. Instruction
  - a) MCAS Summary
6. Technology
  - a) Town Meeting Update
7. Communication
  - a) Student Enrollment Increases
  - b) FY11 Budget Calendar
8. Old Business
  - a) Approval of Alcohol Survey at BHS and MSMS
9. New Business
  - a) Appoint Architect for Varsity Field
10. Public Participation
11. Executive Session
  - a) Approval of Executive Minutes of 9/8/09
  - b) Contract Negotiations
  - c) Litigation
  - d) Exemption 7
12. Adjournment

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**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 22, 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: Mr. Stephen A. Nelson, Mrs. Christine M. Monaco, and Mr. John L. Vanella. Superintendent Eric Conti and Director of Finance and Operations Craig Robinson also in attendance. Mr. Michael F. DeSimone absent.

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- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Moved by Mrs. Monaco and seconded by Mr. Nelson to approve minutes of 9/8/09 and 8/25/09; motion carried 4-0-0.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** None.
- INFORMATION/REPORTS**  
Student Representative Traci DiBona reported on student council meetings and upcoming fundraisers at BHS.
- Subcommittee Reports Mr. Robinson reported that the Memorial Building Committee has a meeting tomorrow night. A notice will be listed on the central register next Wednesday requesting general and sub contractors to send in pre-qualification documents.
- Ways & Means No one in attendance.
- INSTRUCTION**  
MCAS Summary Superintendent Conti provided a brief summary of the spring 2009 MCAS scores (see actual Burlington results on the Superintendent's blog). Burlington's scores have been consistently good over the past three years but with new initiatives instituted, it should increase future MCAS scores that have plateaued. A more comprehensive presentation on MCAS scores will be presented at an October School Committee meeting.
- TECHNOLOGY**  
Town Meeting Update A meeting was held last week with school and town hall representatives with Cisco to create a longer-term plan for technology for the September town meeting. Funding has been approved, but the School Department is committed to explaining expenditures prior to spending.
- COMMUNICATION**  
Student Enrollment Increases Mr. Robinson reviewed the charts of 2009-10 student enrollment projections from NESDEC and Financial Advisory Associations that were completed three years ago. Actual September student enrollment is 3729, which are 117 more than the NESDEC projection and 106 more than the FAA projection. Preliminary redistricting with the plan ware computer software will begin in January.
- FY11 Budget Calendar Mr. Robinson presented a draft FY11 budget calendar for upcoming budget reviews with the committee.
- OLD BUSINESS**  
Approval of Alcohol Survey at BHS & MSMS At the previous School Committee meeting a survey from the Burlington Drug & Alcohol Taskforce was submitted for approval to be given to middle and high school students. Moved by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Vanella to approve the distribution of the Alcohol survey to middle and high school students; motion carried 4-0-0.
- NEW BUSINESS**  
Appoint Architect for Varsity Field After reviewing bids and interviewing four finalists, it is being recommended that Stantec Planning & Landscape Architecture, PC be appointed as the architect for varsity field. Patrick Maguire, principal of

Stantec was previously with Gellar Sports and completed the BHS track project. Stantec has completed projects for Westfield State, Connecticut College, Woburn High School, Tufts University, Bridgewater State, and Assumption College. Moved by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mrs. Monaco to approve Stantec Planning & Landscape Architects as the architect for the varsity field project at BHS; motion carried 4-0-0.

At the October 13 School Committee meeting a subcommittee to oversee this project should be appointed and given a building charge; Mr. Nelson and Mr. DeSimone will represent the School Committee. A plumbing waiver may be needed for bathroom facilities for this project. The Conservation Commission will be consulted. It's hoped that the new varsity field will be completed sometime during football season next year.

Out-of-State Travel -

Moved by Mrs. Monaco and seconded by Mr. Vanella to approve out-of-state travel to Salem, NH for the BHS Marching Band and chaperones on Saturday, October 10, 2009; motion carried 4-0-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dennis McCarron, PACE President (Parents Advocating for Children's Education) spoke about the organization's upcoming events, seminars, and meetings for the 2009-10 school year.

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 8:40 p.m. to enter into executive session to approve minutes, discuss contract negotiations, exemption 7, and litigation. 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. Nelson at 9:35 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon D. Gilbert  
Recording Secretary

Date submitted: 10/13/09

Date approved: 10/13/09