

**BURLINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**SEPTEMBER 23, 2008**  
**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, September 23, at **7:30 p.m.** in the School Committee Room, Administration Offices, 123 Cambridge Street, Burlington, Massachusetts.

TOWN CLERK  
BURLINGTON, MA

1. Pledge of Allegiance – **7:30 p.m.**
2. Approval of Minutes of 9/9/08
3. Public Participation
4. Donation of Rocket Day Funds by Hanscom Airforce Base Community Group
5. Information/Reports
  - a) Student Representative
    - i) BHS Student Mentors
  - b) Subcommittee Reports
  - c) Ways/Means
6. Instruction
  - a) Baypath Update
  - b) Initial District MCAS Scores
  - c) Reading Analysis Preview
7. Technology
  - a) Parent Technology Night – October 2, 7 p.m., BHS Auditorium
8. Communication
  - a) Francis Wyman Playground Bids
  - b) Superintendent Lunch
9. Old Business
10. New Business
  - a) Out-of-State Travel – National Middle School Conference, Colorado
  - b) Ratification of Tentative Instructional Assistants Agreement
  - c) School Committee Operational Goals, Procedures, and Member Resignation Policies – First Reading
11. Public Participation
12. Executive Session
  - a) Approval of Executive Minutes of 9/9/08
  - b) Contract Negotiations
  - c) Litigation
13. Adjournment

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MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2008

Chairman Michael F. DeSimone called this meeting of the School Committee to order at 7:30 DEC -3 AM 9: 24 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 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. TOWN CLERK BURLINGTON, MA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Nelson to approve minutes of 9/9/08; motion carried 5-0-0.

DONATION

John Papadonis and Wendy Pavlicek were present to receive a \$2,000 donation for rocket day from the Hanscom Airforce Base Community Group. Two other donations for the Science Center were announced from Richard Carr Associates and Hannaford Markets.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

INFORMATION/REPORTS

Student Representative

Jenna Burke announced upcoming BHS activities. Two members of the BHS Mentors Club reviewed their mission of mentoring freshman to build a strong sense of community.

Subcommittee Reports

The School Committee thanked the Ways & Means Committee and Town Meeting for their support of the health insurance warrant article. Mrs. Monaco stated that the Recreation Commission is concerned about the long timeline associated with renovating varsity field and replacing bleachers.

INSTRUCTION

BayPath College is offering two free courses to seniors for both college and high school credit.

The state release MCAS last week. Individual student scores will be mailed home.

Teachers from Dr. Conti's former district in Virginia will be visiting the elementary schools soon to look at the response to intervention program.

TECHNOLOGY

Technology consultant, Dr. Chuck Swaim, will discuss at the 10/2 Parent Technology Night model classrooms, equipment, etc. This initiative will share plans to collaborate on technology needs with the town offices.

Discussions are being held with Valley Technology on setting up two model classrooms including smart boards, projectors, and dvds for free for one year at BHS with the option to purchase at the end of the year with free installation included. Information gathering will be conducted on classroom technical equipment before

purchasing additional components. Funds to purchase will include leases.

COMMUNICATION

Two bids were received for renovation of the Francis Wyman playground. Both bids exceeded available funds; Mr. Robinson will re-bid the project with modified plans to scale down the project.

A warrant article will be voted on at town meeting on October 6 to revise warrant article language on the Memorial School project to satisfy requirements from the School Building Authority.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Out-of-State Travel

Moved by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mrs. Monaco to approve out-of-state travel for Richard Connors to travel to the National Middle School Convention in Denver on October 30 – November 1, 2008; motion carried 5-0-0.

Ratification of Tentative I/A Agreement

Mr. Robinson explained that the new three-year Instructional Assistants contract included raises of 3/3/2. Moved by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Vanella to ratify the tentative agreement with the Burlington Instructional Assistants, AFSCME, Local 1703; motion carried 5-0-0.

Mrs. Marchand reviewed a list of elementary Write Source books that she was seeking to approve as surplus materials with the possibility of being donated. Moved by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Nelson to declare noted materials as surplus; motion carried 5-0-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman DeSimone announced that the Committee had a need for executive session and would only return to public session for the purpose of adjournment. Moved by Mrs. Monaco and seconded by Mr. Murphy at 9:00 p.m. to enter into 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 9:50 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon D. Gilbert  
Recording Secretary

Date submitted: 10/14/08

Date approved: 10/14/08