

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, October 13, 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 9/22/09
3. Public Participation
4. Information/Reports
 - a) Student Representative – SCAB Committee
 - b) Subcommittee Reports
 - c) Ways/Means
5. Instruction
6. Technology
7. Communication
8. Old Business
 - a) New Draft Policies – Second Reading
 - i) School Attorney, School Committee Meetings, Executive Sessions, Notification of School committee Meetings, Rules of Order, Voting Method, Minutes, Public Participation at School Comm. Meetings, Special Procedures for Conducting Business
9. New Business
 - a) Out-of-State Travel – Florida and Washington, DC
 - b) Varsity Field Renovation Committee Charge
 - c) Cafeteria Point of Sale System
 - d) Draft District Improvement Plan – First Reading
 - e) English Language Literacy & Fluency Policy – First Reading
 - f) New Draft Policies – First Reading
 - i) Special Procedures for conducting Business, School Comm. Policy Development, Policy Adoption, Policy Revision and Review, School Comm. Review of Regulations, Policy Disseminations, Suspension of Policies
10. Public Participation
11. Executive Session
 - a) Approval of Executive Minutes of 9/22/09
 - b) Contract Negotiations
 - c) Litigation
12. Adjournment

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MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 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, Mr. Michael F. DeSimone, and Mrs. Christine M. Monaco. Superintendent Eric Conti and Director of Finance and Operations Craig Robinson also in attendance. Mr. John L. Vanella absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Moved by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mrs. Monaco to approve minutes of 9/22/09; motion carried 3-0-1 (Mr. DeSimone abstained).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION None.

INFORMATION/REPORTS Traci DiBona and the four members of the SCAB committee reported on each grade's upcoming fundraising plans and activities.

Student Representative –
SCAB Committee
Subcommittee Reports

Chairman Murphy announced that the Planning Board approved the new Memorial School site plan at its meeting two weeks ago. Mrs. Monaco reported that the Disability Access Commission expressed concern with misplaced handicapped parking signs in the front and rear at Francis Wyman School; Mr. Robinson will follow up.

Ways & Means No one in attendance.

INSTRUCTION Dr. Conti will provide an MCAS presentation at the 10/27 School Committee meeting. School administrators attended a Learning Walk Through Training seminar last week. The new elementary RTI program is progressing; all students have been screened and students will be assigned to reading groups this week.

NEW BUSINESS Moved by Mrs. Monaco and seconded by Mr. DeSimone to take agenda item 9b out of order; motion carried 4-0-0. The School Committee discussed and approved an advisory subcommittee charged with: providing direction and advice on a public field, providing direction to project's design team, reviewing designs, and making a recommendation to the School Committee on a final preferred program and concept plan. The proposed Varsity Field Renovation Project will be chaired by Principal Larkin and include approximately 13 voting members. Moved by Mr. DeSimone and seconded by Mrs. Monaco to approve Varsity Field Charge Statement based on discussion and amending by removing the last sentence of paragraph 4 on page 1 regarding state funding and removing the last two sentences of paragraph 4 on page 2; motion carried 4-0-0. Moved by Mrs. Monaco and seconded by Mr. DeSimone to designate Patrick Larkin as authorized to appoint Varsity Field Renovation Committee members not already discussed; motion carried 4-0-0. Mr. Robinson reported that the contract for this project will be signed on Friday and then the schematic process will begin.

TECHNOLOGY The process to begin the transition to a new student management system has started and the new system should be operational in January. The Blink network is up and running. A technology subcommittee meeting will be held soon to discuss infrastructure funding. Dr. Conti will arrange a cloud demonstration for an upcoming School Committee meeting.

COMMUNICATION

The School Committee requested that the Superintendent reinstate week-in-review e-mails to Committee members.

The wrestling room was named for Joe LeVasseur, who started the program at BHS.

OLD BUSINESS

New Draft Policies – Second Reading

After discussing and amending eight new draft policies it was:

Moved by Mr. DeSimone and seconded by Mrs. Monaco to adopt policy BDG School Attorney, which replaces policy 1700, with the approved modification as discussed; motion carried 4-0-0. Moved by Mr. DeSimone and seconded by Mrs. Monaco to adopt policy BE School Committee Meetings, which replaces policy 1410; motion carried 4-0-0. Moved by Mr. DeSimone and seconded to adopt policy BEC Executive Sessions, which replaces policy 1420; motion carried 4-0-0. Moved by Mr. DeSimone and seconded by Mrs. Monaco to adopt policy BEDA Notification of School Committee Meetings, which replaces policy 1430; motion carried 4-0-0. Moved by Mr. DeSimone and seconded by Mrs. Monaco to adopt policy BEDD Rules of Order, which replaces policy 1441; motion carried 4-0-0. Moved by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mrs. Monaco to adopt policy BEDF Voting Method with change as amended; motion carried 4-0-0. Moved by Mr. DeSimone and seconded by Mrs. Monaco to adopt policy BEDF Minutes, which replaces policy 1442; motion carried 4-0-0. Moved by Mr. DeSimone and seconded by Mrs. Monaco to adopt policy BEE Special Procedures for Conducting Hearings; motion carried 4-0-0. By consensus, the new Public Participation Policy will have a second reading at the October 27 meeting to allow for language changes/additions.

NEW BUSINESS

Out-of-State Travel

Moved by Mrs. Monaco and seconded by Mr. DeSimone to approve out-of-state travel for the BHS Marching Band and chaperones to Orlando, Florida on April 19 – 23, 2010 - motion carried 4-0-0. Moved by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mrs. Monaco to approve out-of-state travel for Katie Bercury and Jane Hundley to Washington, DC on December 7 – 11, 2009; motion carried 4-0-0.

Cafeteria Point of Sale System

At the September 8 meeting, Mr. Robinson presented a proposed point of sale system for use in the school cafeterias which would enable: a cashless environment, inventory tracking, student I.D.'s/pin numbers, tracking of lunches sold, and allow lunches to be prepaid by parents. Moved by Mr. DeSimone to approve the purchase of a point of sale system from PCS Revenue Control Systems, Inc.; motion carried 4-0-0.

Draft District Improvement Plan – First Reading

Dr. Conti reviewed the 2009-10 District Improvement Plan (available on the Superintendent's blog) including the four major goals:

1. Improve the capacity of Burlington Public Schools
2. Provide a clear director for technology
3. Improve communication & customer service at all levels & throughout the community
4. Continue to improve facilities & business management operations

As this is a first reading, the plan will be taken under advisement and voted on at the October 27 meeting.

English Language Literacy & Fluency Policy – First Reading

Pupil Services Director Cath Estep has submitted an English Literacy and Fluency Policy and Procedures document required by the State as part of a

corrective action plan for adoption by the School Department. As this is a first reading, the policy will be taken under advisement and voted on at the October 27 meeting.

New Draft Policies – First Reading

The following draft policies had a first reading and are expected to be voted on at the October 27 meeting: Special Procedures for Conducting Business, School Committee Policy Development, Policy Adoption, Policy Revision and Review, School Committee Review of Regulations, Policy Disseminations, and Suspension of Policies.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

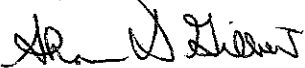
EXECUTIVE SESSION

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. Nelson and seconded by Mr. DeSimone at 9:00 p.m. to enter into executive session to approve minutes, discuss contract negotiations, and litigation. Motion carried 4-0-0. Mr. DeSimone, aye; Mr. Murphy, aye; Mrs. Monaco, aye; Mr. Nelson, aye.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mrs. Monaco and seconded by Mr. Nelson at 10:15 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon D. Gilbert
Recording Secretary

Date submitted: 10/27/09

Date approved: 10/27/09