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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, October 14, 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 9/23/08
- 3. Approval of Warrant
- 4. Public Participation
- 5. Information/Reports
 - a) Student Representative
 - i) SCAB Committee
 - b) Subcommittee Reports
 - c) Ways/Means
- 6. Instruction
 - a) District Level MCAS Scores
 - b) District Improvement Plan
 - c) NEASC Accreditation Process
- 7. Technology - Update
- 8. Communication
 - a) Draft FY10 Budget Calendar
- 9. Old Business
 - a) School Committee Member Resignation Policy – Second Reading
 - b) Teachers Draft Calendars 2009-10 and 2010-11 – Second Reading
- 10. New Business
 - a) Out-of-State Travel – Photoplus Conference and National Scholastic Press Assoc. Annual Convention
 - b) Ratify BSAA 2008-11 Contract
 - c) District Wide Parental Involvement Policy & Title 1 Supplement – First Reading
- 11. Public Participation
- 12. Executive Session
 - a) Approval of Executive Minutes of 9/23/08
 - b) Contract Negotiations
 - c) Litigation – Step 3 Grievance
- 13. Adjournment

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MINUTES OF OCTOBER 14, 2008

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Chairman Michael F. DeSimone 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 (7:40 p.m. arrival), MA and Mr. Thomas F. Murphy Jr. Mr. John L. Vanella absent. Superintendent Eric Conti, Director of Finance and Operations Craig Robinson and Assistant Superintendent Cindy Marchand also in attendance.

- APPROVAL OF MINUTES Moved by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Nelson to approve minutes of 9/23/08; motion carried 3-0-0.
- APPROVAL OF WARRANT Moved by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Nelson to postpone warrant until 10/28 meeting; motion carried 3-0-0.
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION None.
- INFORMATION/REPORTS
 Student Representative Mrs. Monaco arrived at 7:40 p.m. Jenna Burke reported that \$1,400 was raised from last week's dance. Senior class SCAB Jonathon Kelley announced they're holding a UNICEF drive and will host the Halloween dance. Sophomore Adam Tigges stated they're exploring and planning class fundraisers.
 SCAB Committee
- Subcommittee Reports None.
- Ways & Means No one in attendance.
- INSTRUCTION
 District Level MCAS Scores Dr. Conti reviewed a comprehensive presentation on district MCAS scores from last spring, which included No Child Left Behind and Adequate Yearly Progress statistics. (This presentation is available on the school website.)
- NEASC Accreditation Process High School Principal Larkin reviewed the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) accreditation process, which includes seven standards. Accreditation is a three-phase process: self-study, peer review and follow-up. For the future, Burlington public schools will work towards accreditation at the middle and elementary levels.
- District Improvement Plan The Superintendent reviewed the District Improvement Plan for Burlington. The plan focuses on four major goals: improve the capacity of BPS, provide a clear direction for technology, improve communication and customer service at all levels, and continue to improve facilities and business management operations. As this is a first reading, the School Committee took the plan under advisement and will vote at the 10/28 School Committee meeting. Dennis McCarron of PAC spoke in support of

efforts to move special education students into the proficient and advanced scores of MCAS.

TECHNOLOGY – Update

Mr. Robinson reported on a recent joint meeting with town personnel to collaborate on developing a technology plan. The IT Department is gathering data, consultant Dr. Swaim will help with developing the plan. Discussions with Town Manager, Bob Mercier, will be held to identify how to fund technology infrastructure for the town and schools. Staff, parents, Cindy Marchand, and Dr. Swaim discussed what does a model classroom look like and how to address the needs.

COMMUNICATION

Draft FY10 Budget Calendar

Mr. Robinson presented a draft FY10 budget calendar. No budget guideline has been set yet, but a minimum of 3.8% will be needed to maintain and honor salary agreements. The Francis Wyman playground project will be redefined to meet available funds. Shawsheen Tech students will design and install a walkway and masonry. The hope is to start site work this fall and finish in the spring. Paving will be done at the back of Francis Wyman for pick up/drop off. Mr. Robinson spoke with a vendor and DPW to obtain a price for paving the Fox Hill playground and basketball areas.

OLD BUSINESS

School Committee Member Resignation Policy – Second Reading

This new policy was previously presented at the 9/23 School Committee meeting. Moved by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mrs. Monaco to adopt BBBC – School Committee Member Resignation policy; motion carried 4-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Out-of-State Travel

Moved by Mrs. Monaco and seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve out-of-state travel for Laura Phillips to New York City on October 23-24,2008; motion carried 4-0-0. Moved by Mrs. Monaco and seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve out-of-state travel for Ethan Feinsilver and 7 students to travel to St. Louis, Missouri on November 12 – 16, 2008; motion carried 4-0-0,

Ratify BSAA 2008-11 Contract

Moved by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mrs. Monaco to approve the BSAA memorandum of agreement for 2008-11; motion carried 4-0-0.

District Wide Parental Involvement Policy & Title 1 Supplement – First Reading

Dr. Estep has submitted two new policies for approval. The policies are required for an upcoming DOE audit and are associated with Title 1, curriculum, and special education. As this is a first reading, the policies will be taken under advisement and voted on at the 10/28 School Committee meeting.

Teachers Draft Calendars 2009-10 and 2010-11 - First Reading

Dr. Conti met with the Professional Development Committee and Administrative Council to review the two school year calendars to identify reduction in days and professional development days. The two calendars are

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being presented to allow for the printing of them in the new negotiated BEA contract. The School Committee noted that the date of 12/31/09 is missing on the 2009 calendar and requested that a notation be included on both calendars that professional development dates are subject to change.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dennis McCarron of PAC announced the PAC calendar is on the school website.

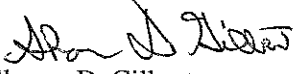
EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 9:55 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 Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Murphy at 10:55 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,


Sharon D. Gilbert
Recording Secretary

Date submitted: 11/18/08

Date approved: 11/18/08