

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, December 8, at 7:30 p.m. at 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 11/17/09
3. Approval of Warrant
4. Public Participation
5. Information/Reports
 - a) Student Representative
 - b) Subcommittee Reports
 - c) Ways/Means
6. Technology
 - a) X2 Student Information System
 - b) New BPS School District Web Site
7. Communication
 - a) Varsity Field Project Update
 - b) Gearing Up for College
8. Instruction
9. Old Business
 - a) New Draft Policies – Second Reading & Adoption
10. New Business
 - a) BHS 2010-11 Program of Studies – First Reading
 - b) Staff Summer Schedule
 - c) FY11 Budget Modeling
 - d) New Draft Policies - Negotiations – First Reading
11. Public Participation
12. Executive Session
 - a) Approval of Executive Minutes of 11/17/09
 - b) Contract Negotiations
13. Adjournment

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MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2009

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, Mrs. Christine M. Monaco, and Mr. John L. Vanella, Superintendent Eric Conti, and Director of Finance and Operations Craig Robinson also in attendance.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES Moved by Mrs. Monaco and seconded by Mr. Vanella to approve minutes of 11/17/09; motion carried 3-0-2 (Mr. DeSimone and Mr. Murphy abstained).

APPROVAL OF WARRANT Moved by Mr. Vanella and seconded by Mr. DeSimone to approve the warrant; motion carried 3-0-2 (Mr. Murphy and Mr. Nelson abstained).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION None.

INFORMATION/REPORTS Student rep Tracey DiBona reported on a dance and student donations.

Student Representative
Subcommittee Reports

Mr. Robinson reported that the Memorial project will be on the central register tomorrow, the bid package will be available to contractors on Thursday, bidders have been pre-qualified, and bids are due from contractors in January. The Memorial Building Committee will meet on 12/18. It's anticipated that contractor bids for Memorial will be approved by the School Committee in February.

Ways & Means

A Ways & Means meeting will be held tomorrow night at which time a budget guideline for FY11 will be established.

TECHNOLOGY

New BPS School District
Website
X2 Student Information
System

Joan Tuttle and Emily Estep presented a preview of the New Burlington Public School District website which will be available next week.

Principal Larkin, Joe Attubato and Josh Murphy provided a comprehensive overview of the new X2 Aspen student information system, which will begin in February.

COMMUNICATION

Varsity Field Project Update

BHS Principal Larkin noted that three subcommittee meetings have been held. A variance has been submitted with the state plumbing board requesting 24 toilets instead of the state required 45; they will be on the town Board of Health meeting in January as well requesting a variance for toilets. Principal Larkin reviewed with the Committee architectural drawings for two options for an entrance layout for the project as well as the concession/storage building, press box, bleachers, traffic patterns, handicap access, and bathroom facilities. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Vanella and seconded by Mrs. Monaco to adopt entrance option two for the entrance to BHS Varsity Field; motion carried 5-0-0. Mr. Robinson was requested to obtain building renderings for the concession and bathroom facilities from Stantec for presentation to the School Committee. A 16-week construction schedule is expected; depending on when the start date is graduation or football may need to be relocated.

Chairman Murphy announced that Dr. Conti has been named a finalist as one of the most Tech Savvy Superintendent's by EschoolNews.

A Gearing Up for College seminar for students and parents will be held on 12/10 at 6:00 p.m. at the high school.

OLD BUSINESS
New Draft Policies

By consensus, the School Committee opted to table the draft policies until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS
BHS 2010-11 Program of Studies – First Reading

BHS Principal Larkin and Guidance Coordinator Joe Attubato presented a detailed review of proposed additions, deletions, and modifications to courses for the 2010-11 school year.

FY11 Budget Modeling

Mr. Robinson reported he is collecting school budgets from principals and department heads and is building a model budget based on a tentative 2-1/2% guideline (as Ways & Means has not identified a guideline to date). A 3.1% or 3.2% budget increase is needed for FY11 to comply with the bargaining units contracts. Salaries for FY12 will also be projected.

Staff Summer Schedule

Dr. Conti noted that a four-day summer work schedule is being considered. The proposed schedule would be four ten hour days with closure on Friday to save energy and increase productivity. Employee unions, LABBB and Recreation programs are amenable to the proposal.

Out-of-State Travel

Moved by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Vanella to approve out-of-state travel for BHS wrestlers and coaches to New York, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania in December and January; motion carried 5-0-0.

New Draft Policies – First Reading

By consensus, the School Committee opted to table the draft policies until the next 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 Mr. Nelson at 10:00 p.m. to enter into executive session to approve minutes and discuss contract negotiations. 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. Nelson at 10:45 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon D. Gilbert
Recording Secretary

Date submitted: 1/12/10

Date approved: 1/12/10