

APPROVED ON NOVEMBER 4, 2009

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
OCTOBER 21, 2009 7:00 P.M.
FREDERICK H. TUTTLE MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

PRESENT

Richard Cassidy, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Agnes Clift, Janine Allo

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

John Everitt (via phone and Skype), David Young, JoAn Canning, John Stewart

GUESTS

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COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nancy Hellen and Mary Jo Reale asked about the status of the 5-year strategic as the district is halfway through the plan. Specifically, they were interested in the status of the Health & Safe Learning Environments – Goal #4 of the strategic plan. They are frustrated that no action has been taken on the food service portion of the plan and feel it is the responsibility of the board to carry through with this plan.

Mr. Cassidy thanked Nancy and Mary Jo for their comments and said he feels that nutrition is extremely important in the schools. He said from a budgeting standpoint the district has not been able to fund all of the items in the strategic plan. He asked the administration to give an update on this portion of the plan at a future meeting.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2009

Mr. Cassidy announced a general consensus of the Board to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2009 meeting as amended. There were no objections.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Personnel
Hire
Michael Dumont, .84 FTE Information Technology Teacher at South Burlington High School
- b. Accounts Payable Orders
#13 \$148,118.82
#14 \$139,819.83
- c. Protection of Teachers

Mr. Cassidy announced a general consensus of the board to approve the consent agenda as presented. There were no objections.

USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS

Mr. Stewart and Ms. Canning reviewed the details of the expenditures. After much discussion, Ms. Clift moved that all items be approved except 4, 6, and 8. The motion was not seconded.

Ms. Allo moved that the administration provide additional information as to why the activities were funded the way they were funded and Ms. Fitzgerald seconded. The motion passed.

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE

Mr. Stewart recommended that the board award the bid for the tax anticipation note to the Merchants Bank. Ms. Clift moved that the tax anticipation note be awarded to the Merchants Bank and Ms. Allo seconded. The motion was approved.

ENDS POLICY – 1.1 ACADEMIC PROFICIENCY – LITERACY INPUT

Ms. Canning made a PowerPoint presentation on literacy input within the district and answered several questions by board members.

COMMUNITY LINKAGE—OUTREACH FORUM

Ms. Allo said that she, Ms. Clift, and Ms. Shelley met and discussed what the board had discussed at the previous meeting. Ms. Allo said that they are gathering lists of names. Ms. Allo said that Ms. Shelley recommended contacting people at least ten days prior to the meeting and handed out a draft letter along with a list of names.

Board members will provide names to Ms. Allo or Ms. Gilroy by Friday, October 23 so the letter could be sent out. An RSVP will be added to the letter. Board members should follow up on the letter with calls to at least three of the individuals on their list.

It was agreed that one of the board members will do a five-minute presentation on the history of policy governance in South Burlington. Ms. Allo agreed to make the presentation.

CONTINUATION OF MONITORING REPORT—2.6 EMERGENCY SUPERINTENDENT SUCCESSION

This will be reviewed at the next meeting as the superintendent is waiting to hear back from the Commissioner of Education on a question regarding this report.

MONITORING REPORT—2.4 FINANCIAL CONDITION AND ACTIVITIES

The board reviewed monitoring report 2.4 Financial Condition and Activities. The board approved the monitoring report with one minor edit.

VSBA CONFERENCE DISCUSSION

Mr. Everitt said the he, Ms. Clift, Mr. Young and Ms. Canning attended the conference. Ms. Clift reported that she attended several of the policy governance sessions and feels good about where the district is with policy governance.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

H1N1—Mr. Everitt detailed the upcoming H1N1 clinics.

Federal Funds—This was reviewed earlier.

Monitoring Report—These were reviewed earlier.

FTE Trends—This was included in the superintendent's report.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

There was none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered executive session at 9:12 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining and added that it would be significantly disadvantageous to the District not to do so in Executive Session. The motion was approved.

The executive session was closed at 9:37 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Acting Clerk

Richard Cassidy, Chairperson