

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
JANUARY 5, 2011 7:00 P.M.
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PRESENT

Richard Cassidy, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Agnes Clift, Janine Allo, Martin LaLonde, Caitlyn Bishop, Carly Hall

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

John Everitt, John Stewart, David Young, Stuart Weiss, Delina Gilroy

GUESTS

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The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ms. Susie Merrick introduced South Burlington High School sophomore, Avni Nahar. Avni wrote the FHT Middle School's version of the play Antigone. Ms. Nahar spoke about the upcoming play, cast, and gave each member of the board a ticket to see the play on Saturday, January 15. Ms. Merrick added that Avni spent her summer writing the play and noted what a remarkable job she did.

Ms. Lisa Levite said she attended the most recent FHT Middle School PTO meeting where the cast of the play performed and they were wonderful.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2010

Mr. Cassidy announced a general consensus of the Board to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 15, 2010 as presented. There were no objections.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Leave(s)

Nicole Colantoni, 1.0 FTE Unpaid Leave of Absence for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year beginning January 11

Auriel Gray, .80 FTE Guidance Unpaid Leave of Absence for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year beginning approximately April 1, 2011 (Amended from action at the December 15 meeting)

b. Accounts Payable Orders

#TP4 \$ 9,132.74

#TP5 \$ 17,710.97

#23 \$639,256.40

#24 \$128,852.53

#25 \$121,555.65

c. Quarterly Payroll Registers

d. Announced Tuition for 2011-2012

Ms. Clift moved and Ms. Allo seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. There were no objections and the consent agenda was approved as presented.

NORA ROGERS, SB HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, PROJECT CITIZEN PRESENTATION

South Burlington High School students Nora Rogers, Taylor Robbins, and Tyler Peiffer presented on the South Burlington High School Music Program. The board and audience asked several questions about the presentation. Mr. Cassidy thanked the students for their presentation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Budget—Mr. Everitt presented additional information on the recommended budget for 2011-2012. He said the district share (\$529,334) of the \$19,000,000 federal grant to support jobs in education will be coming to the district. He suggested adding these additional funds in the amount of \$253,779 to the school districts reserve fund to be used in the 2012-13 budget year. Mr. Everitt said the budget will result in a one cent drop in the school district tax rate.

The board and the public asked questions about the additional information provided on the budget.

Mr. Everitt discussed the budget timeline and suggested the board hold a special meeting on Wednesday, January 12 at noon in the superintendent's office conference room to adopt the school district budget.

City-School Budget Booklet—Ms. Clift said she would like to see the budget highlights section of the budget booklet.

Nutrition Services Update—Mr. Young gave a brief update on the nutrition services program. The board and audience asked questions. It was suggested that goals and benchmarks be set for the nutritional program so that progress can be shown for each of the goals.

Chamberlin Principal Search—Mr. Everitt said the search has been narrowed and five individuals will be interviewed in the next several weeks.

Superintendent Search—Mr. Everitt said the search committee met last evening for their first meeting. He said there are 13 applications for the position.

Mr. Everitt talked about the student presentations he participated in today by the Eclipse Team at the FHT Middle School on the future of Vermont Yankee.

Mr. Everitt said the schedule for monitoring reports is a little behind. He plans to revisit the monitoring report schedule and offer a revision to the board. He encouraged the board to consider some of the options discussed in the past for reviewing monitoring reports.

THIRD READING OF CLASS SIZE POLICY

Ms. Clift moved and Mr. LaLonde seconded the motion to approve the policy as presented. The motion was approved.

POLICY 2.2 TREATMENT OF STAFF

Mr. LaLonde discussed the changes to the treatment of staff policy. The board discussed the policy and asked that it be revised and brought back to the board for a first reading at the next meeting.

GENERAL MEETING BEHAVIOR

The board reviewed and discussed the evaluation of the December 15 meeting.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

- The board discussed a possible board retreat after the March elections.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- F-35 Environmental Impact Study
- Board Actions for Community Linkage 4.2.1/Community Outreach (Beyond the Ends Policy) *(Presentation by Mr. LaLonde)*
- Federal Department of Education Plans and Direction and Alignment with Vermont Direction *(Superintendent to talk with the commissioner about this)*
- Strategic Plan *(How will the district move forward on the Strategic Plan? Inspect the relationship of the Ends Policy and the Strategic Plan.)*
- Review Policy 2.1—Treatment of Students and Parents/Guardians, Detail #6 *(Superintendent suggests February 2.)*
- Follow-up to Café *(meeting with board chairs to identify future projects)*
- Vermont School Boards Association resolution on legislative changes
- SBSB State of Education *(Have principals highlight some of the items happening in each school)*
- Prevention (Assets Survey, closed campus, SRO's, and Act 51 training) *(review in mid-March)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. Everitt discussed the recent article in the *Other Paper* about Mr. Richard Cassidy. Mr. Cassidy was named Burlington's Labor and Employment Lawyer of the Year by *Best Lawyers for 2011*.
- Mr. Cassidy said he judged the debate competition by high school students recently and it was very impressive.
- Mr. Everitt announced that the high school has canceled the winter ball due to a lack of ticket sales triggered by concerns about a certain style of dancing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered executive session at 9:31 p.m. to discuss superintendent search, a student matter, and 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 10:13 p.m. and the regular session was reconvened.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Clerk

Richard Cassidy, Chairperson