

APPROVED JANUARY 20, 2010

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD  
JANUARY 6, 2010 7:00 P.M.  
RICK MARCOTTE CENTRAL SCHOOL LIBRARY**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Richard Cassidy, Theodore Manazir, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Agnes Clift

**ADMINISTRATION/STAFF**

John Everitt, David Young, JoAn Canning, John Stewart, Janine Allo

**GUESTS**

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**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments.

**CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 2009**

Mr. Cassidy announced a general consensus of the Board to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2009 meetings as amended. There were no objections.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

a. Accounts Payable Orders

#24 \$416,935.05

#25 \$502,579.67

b. Set Tuition Rates for 2010-2011 School Year

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

**ENDS POLICY - 1.1 ACADEMIC PROFICIENCY—DISCUSSION (Mathematics Input)**

Ms. Canning introduced Ms. Jill Wilkens, Mr. T.J. Jemison, and Mr. Joseph O'Brien who presented on the mathematics program in the district. Mr. Cassidy thanked the group for their presentation.

**COMMUNITY LINKAGE—PLAN FEBRUARY FORUM, BUDGET COMMUNICATION PLAN, AND LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Ms. Allo discussed the forum scheduled for Wednesday, February 10. Ms. Allo and Ms. Clift will work to get the letter out the week of January 11.

The board discussed the following possible budget communication opportunities:

- Joint PTO budget meeting on February 1
- Attend individual PTO meetings between now and March 2
- Articles in the *Other Paper* about the budget to include:

- Article 1 (within 2 weeks)—What happened to your tax bill? Why was it higher than the budget book stated? Also explain the upcoming series of articles/letters from the board. (Mr. Manazir)
- Article 2—Why did the board recommend this budget? If negotiations do not result in no salary increases, what additional items will the board need to reduce. This needs to be communicated to the community. (Ms. Fitzgerald)
- Article 3—Comparisons of the proposed budget to charter budget. What will it mean if the voters turn the budget down? The board needs a position on what the charter limit means. The board asked the superintendent to seek a legal opinion from Attorney Stitzel about this. The board would like to publish the opinion of the attorney. (Mr. Cassidy)
- Article 4—Give specifics of the \$625,000 to be cut. (Ms. Allo)
- Article 5—Forward look, assuming this budget is adopted, what is two to three years down the road. What is the next step in terms of budgeting? (Ms. Clift)

The board briefly discussed legislative issues.

#### **MONITORING REPORT 2.7—ASSET PROTECTION**

This will be discussed at the next meeting.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**Educational Transformation**—This was included in the superintendent's report.

**Middle-Level Manager Training**—This was included in the superintendent's report.

**Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School Principal Search Process**—Mr. Everitt distributed and outline of the process to the board.

#### **OTHER BOARD BUSINESS**

There was none.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board entered executive session at 8:45 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 9:46 p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.