

APPROVED ON FEBRUARY 3, 2010

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD  
JANUARY 20, 2010 7:00 P.M.  
FREDERICK H. TUTTLE MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

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

**PRESENT**

Richard Cassidy, Theodore Manazir, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Agnes Clift, Janine Allo

**ADMINISTRATION/STAFF**

John Everitt, David Young, JoAn Canning, John Stewart

**GUESTS**

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**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments.

**CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 4 AND THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 6, 2010**

Mr. Manazir announced a general consensus of the Board to approve the minutes of the January 4 and January 6, 2010 meetings as amended. There were no objections.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

a. Accounts Payable Orders

#26	\$269,737.84
#26A	\$ 100.00
#27	\$447,626.29
#28	\$215,936.72

b. Quarterly Payroll Registers

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

**COMMUNITY LINKAGE—PLAN FEBRUARY FORUM**

Ms. Allo said the letters to invite individuals to the forum went out last week. There are currently seven confirmed individuals to attend the meeting. Ms. Fitzgerald asked about a follow up phone call from board members. The board agreed to make calls to individuals Wednesday, January 27.

**MONITORING REPORT 2.7—ASSET PROTECTION**

Mr. Cassidy reviewed the individual policy details of the Monitoring Report 2.7—Asset Protection. The board made suggested changes for the superintendent. The superintendent will make changes and bring the monitoring report back to the board for review.

**CONSIDER AND APPROVE ANNUAL WARNING**

Ms. Fitzgerald moved and Ms. Clift seconded the motion to approve the 2010 Annual Warning as presented. The motion was approved.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**Preschool Programs**—Mr. Everitt gave an overview of the preschool partnerships we have in South Burlington.

**Budget**—Mr. Everitt said he was working on the budget reduction list. He reviewed several general categories that he was considering reducing. He said he has made some progress identifying the \$625,000 reduction required by the board. The reductions will be completed by the end of the month. So far they fall into four categories:

- Items from the list of possible reductions to meet the charter limit.
- Refinements based on new information (i.e. 3% rather than 4.5% increase in health insurance).
- Changing two maintenance projects from one payment to a lease over three years. This would require board approval (Executive Limitations Policy 2.4.2).
- An increase in revenue (state transportation aid) that takes the place of a reduction. (The board would need to agree with this interpretation.)

**Charter Opinion Letter from Attorney Steve Stitzel**—An opinion letter on the charter from Attorney Stitzel was distributed. In summary the opinion is as follows: 1) After two defeated votes, the charter limit is the budget and 2) A second vote is not optional.

**OTHER BOARD BUSINESS**

- Ms. Clift shared a copy of a chart done by a South Burlington citizen which shows Education Tax Comparisons for South Burlington and other area towns.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board entered executive session at 9:36 p.m. to discuss 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 9:56 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

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Theodore Manazir, Clerk

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Richard Cassidy, Chairperson