

APPROVED ON MARCH 3, 2010

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
FEBRUARY 17, 2010 7:00 P.M.
FREDERICK H. TUTTLE MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Theodore Manazir, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Agnes Clift

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

John Everitt, JoAn Canning, John Stewart

GUESTS

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RECEPTION FOR THEODORE MANAZIR

Mr. Manazir was honored for his 29 years of service to the South Burlington School Board. Mr. Manazir was awarded a district service award, a flag that flew at the state house, a lifetime athletic pass, athletic clothing, Concurrent House Resolution H.C.R. 249, and a VT School Boards Association Service Award. Many others in attendance spoke on behalf of Mr. Manazir.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ms. Bugbee asked about the Charter Limit and the budget and what was approved in the minutes versus what was in Mr. Cassidy's article in *The Other Paper*. Mr. Everitt said the attorney's opinion is exactly what the minutes say, but that does not mean that the board will necessarily approve expenditure of all of the funds.

Ms. Levite asked about the \$600,000 salary reduction and what will happen if the salary leveling is not realized. Mr. Everitt said the district will need to reduce approximately 9 teachers as well as to make other reductions.

ENDS POLICY – 1.1 PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT - DISCUSSION

Ms. Canning introduced the presenters, Matt Goyette, Luke Goyette, Lori Centerbar, Erin Randall-Mullins, Patrick Burke, Karen Olivetti, Kevin Grealis, and Tim Wile. Each of the presenters discussed different aspects of personal development throughout the district. The board thanked the presenters.

**CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 20 AND
THE SPECIAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2010**

Mr. Manazir announced a general consensus of the Board to approve the minutes of the January 20 and February 10, 2010 meetings as presented. There were no objections.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Accounts Payable Orders
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| #31 | \$569,862.95 |
| #32 | \$141,639.13 |

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

COMMUNITY LINKAGE—REVIEW FEBRUARY FORUM AND NEXT STEPS

Ms. Fitzgerald and Ms. Clift gave a brief overview of the February forum which took place on February 10.

MONITORING REPORT 2.7—ASSET PROTECTION (CONTINUED)

Mr. Everitt said this would be postponed.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS—APPLYING FOR GRANTS (DISCUSSION)

Mr. Everitt reminded board members that in the minutes of December 2, 2009 they had discussed the need to have a discussion about applying for grants. The board decided to delay the discussion.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Contract Negotiations—Mr. Everitt said all three of the unions are in negotiations with the administration. All groups have had at least one negotiations session.

Clean Energy Grants—Mr. Everitt said that the payback for these grants will be realized in less than four years.

Legislative Report—Mr. Everitt said that districts budgets around the state are much lower than anticipated by the Vermont Tax Commissioner. The consequence is that the 2.2¢ state residential property tax rate may be lowered. On the other hand, the Legislature is also considering ways to achieve more cost savings by reductions in operations (including administrators) and in special education. Mr. Everitt reviewed the discussion around governance consolidation legislation. The board discussed putting consolidation on an upcoming agenda to discuss what next steps the board would like to take in considering the idea of consolidation.

Monitoring Reports—This was included in the superintendent's written report.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

- Mr. Stewart asked if it was okay to go ahead with the energy grants. The board agreed to go ahead with the grants.
- Ms. Fitzgerald asked about communicating proposed program and staff reductions to the community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered executive session at 9:26 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 9:56 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Acting Clerk

Richard Cassidy, Chairperson