

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
MAY 31, 2011 7:00 P.M.
FREDERICK H. TUTTLE MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

PRESENT

Richard Cassidy, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Julie Beatty, Diane Bugbee

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

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

GUESTS

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ms. Sheffield asked about the grant the police department applied for to update school security. The police department worked with SBSD to write the grant that would double our security work at the middle school. (The police department expects to hear whether the grant has been approved in the fall.)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent's Transition – Mr. Everitt and Mr. Young are working with the building principals on staffing decisions given enrollment changes. The Assistant Superintendent Search Committee has met to review the 22 applications and have scheduled interviews. Mr. Young is leading a group to organize and plan for the redirection of our technology from labs to devices in students' hands, "one-to-one" initiative. Mr. Young recently attended the VSA Annual Conference as well as the Consolidated Federal Programs Annual Conference in Killington. Mr. Young and the Administrative team have set dates to meet this summer and are in the process of planning the agenda and activities.

Superintendent Evaluation— Mr. Everitt presented a document showing a description of his activities in relation to board policy. Further evaluation of his performance is a personnel matter that the board will address in executive session.

Technology Funds – Mr. Everitt has asked the board to allocate \$126,843 of next year's operations reserve to technology expenses. At the same time, the district will not spend that part of the current budget so that the revenue planned for the FY13 budget will remain as planned.

Additional Teacher - Mr. Everitt and Mr. Young are working with the elementary principals to make a decision about adding an elementary teacher, not in the FY12 budget. Our kindergarten numbers are above projections and are pushing some class sizes to the edge of our comfort level.

ENDS POLICY MONITORING—DISPOSITION FOR LIFE-LONG LEARNING

The board reviewed and discussed the Ends Policy Monitoring for Disposition For Life-Long Learning and asked several questions about the data.

Ms. Beatty asked if some of the data we have can be used as a benchmark. She had concerns with areas where no data was available. Mr. Weiss and Mr. Everitt spoke to the Board about the data and next steps for measuring success. Ms. Fitzgerald talked about

polling students to see what areas in their community service were important to them. Mr. Everitt said the board should evaluate progress by looking at trending data over time. Mr. Cassidy feels that the board should look at this data earlier than 5th Grade, perhaps Grade 2. He feels 5th Grade is too late. Mr. Cassidy feels we should pick a few areas to measure that are most fundamental. Mr. LaLonde asked how well the report cards align to the ends.

POLICY MONITORING—2.4 FINANCIAL CONDITION AND ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

It is the consensus of the board that the detailed policy is reasonable, the overall data is adequate with what they have available now, but we are not yet in compliance.

VSBA RESOLUTION

Mr. Cassidy attended the VSBA meeting and reported to have had a wide ranging discussion about the status of collective bargaining across the state. Mr. Steve Dale will work through the ideas that were brought forward and Mr. Cassidy will keep the board updated. Mr. LaLonde would like to take a look at VSBA resolutions and react to them. He would also like the board to develop some resolutions for the VSBA to look at.

SET AGENDA FOR JUNE 15 MEETING

The board reviewed, discussed, and added items to the proposed agenda.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The board discussed future agenda items. Prevention, Special Education, and Unified Sports have been added to the annual agenda.

- Graduation Requirements (Pending Ends Monitoring)

ALLOCATE CURRENT YEAR TECHNOLOGY FUNDS

Ms. Bugbee moved and Mr. LaLonde seconded the motion to delay spending current technology funds and allocating \$126,843 from the FY12 operating reserve to technology. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADDITIONAL TEACHER HIRE

Mr. Everitt recommends that the board authorize him to hire up to one additional kindergarten teacher for Rick Marcotte Central School due to higher than projected enrollment. Mr. LaLonde moved to give the superintendent authority to hire an additional kindergarten teacher and Ms. Bugbee seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. LaLonde suggested that the board revisit the class size policy for kindergarten.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 18 AND THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 23, 2011

Mr. Cassidy announced a general consensus of the Board to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 18, 2011 and the minutes of the special meeting of May 23, 2011 as amended. There was one correction to the May 23 meeting. There were no objections and the minutes were approved as amended.

CONSENT AGENDA

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a. Hire(s)

Deborah Baker-Moody, .50 FTE Bridging Coordinator at South Burlington High School

Melissa Rawson, .20 FTE Speech and Language Pathologist at Orchard School

b. Accounts Payable Orders

#TP13 \$ 34,774.32

#45 \$145,000.41

#46 \$544,527.78

c. Bid

- Hardware Bid – Web Filter and Reporter Appliance

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The steering committee meeting will be held on June 15 at 6:00 p.m. at the FHT Middle School library before the board meeting. The board directed the superintendent to contact the city manager to add suggested items to the agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered executive session at 9:02 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 10:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 p.m.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Clerk

Richard Cassidy, Chairperson