

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD  
JUNE 2, 2010 7:00 P.M.  
FREDERICK H. TUTTLE MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

**PRESENT**

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

**ADMINISTRATION/STAFF**

John Everitt, JoAn Canning, David Young, John Stewart

**GUESTS**

There were none.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were none.

**CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 19 AND THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 28, 2010**

Mr. Cassidy announced a general consensus of the Board to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2010 meeting as amended and May 28, 2010 meeting as presented. There were no objections.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

a. Personnel

Hire

Amy Bahrenburg, 1.0 FTE Elementary Teacher at Orchard School

Susan Barry, .60 FTE Nurse at Orchard School

Aili Beeli, .30 FTE Guidance Counselor at Orchard School

Alison Card, .80 FTE Speech Language Pathologist at Chamberlin School

Amy Heinz, 1.0 FTE Elementary Teacher at Orchard School

Laura Racine, 1.0 FTE Special Educator at Orchard School

Amy Starble, .20 FTE Speech Language Pathologist, District

Resignation/Retirement

Barbara Robitaille, 1.0 FTE Spanish Teacher at Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School

Susan Lang, 1.0 FTE Special Educator at the Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School

b. Accounts Payable Orders

#46 \$196,017.65

#47 \$140,435.63

#48 \$ 630.56

c. Bid for Playground Paving Accessibility Improvement at Orchard School and RM Central School

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

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**VSBA Fall Regional Meeting**—This was covered in the superintendent's written report.

**Residential Tax Rate**—Mr. Cassidy suggested informing the taxpayers. Mr. Everitt said he would write a letter to *The Other Paper* after the governor signs the bill.

**Race for the Top**—Mr. Cassidy suggested passing a resolution to send to our congressional delegation about schools not supporting the Race to the Top program. Mr. Everitt suggested contacting John Nelson, VT School Boards Association, to have him organize all Vermont school boards to send letters. The board agreed they would like to know more about the Race to the Top program and the federal initiative.

**Follow-up on Nutrition Meeting**—Mr. Young said that he and Mr. Everitt met with Nancy Hellen and Mary Jo Reale to follow-up on some of the questions asked at the last school board meeting. Mr. Everitt added that Ms. Hellen and Ms. Reale were pleasantly surprised by some of the things that have been happening throughout the district. Mr. Everitt said at the next meeting there will be a full report on the strategic plan. Mr. Cassidy asked that the group in attendance at the last board meeting be informed that the strategic plan presentation will occur at the board meeting on June 16.

**Weighted GPA**—In addition to his written report, Mr. Everitt added that he met with the students about the weighted GPA. He said that he told them he did not expect to overrule Mr. Burke. He said the students needed to convince Mr. Burke to support their position. The board asked Mr. Everitt to notify Mr. Nelson that they completed their discussion.

### **ENDS POLICY DISCUSSION**

Mr. LaLonde said he looked at the global ends statement and report cards and other information from the elementary schools to again refine the current draft presented this evening. After a lengthy discussion, the board asked Mr. LaLonde if he would be willing to revise the draft to incorporate ideas from the board members and share the draft with Ms. Clift for review. This will be brought back to the June 16 board meeting for review.

Mr. LaLonde suggested sending the final draft to community and staff members that attended the forums as well as all other district employees and community members for an opportunity to comment on the ends policy. The board agreed.

### **MONITORING REPORT—2.5 FINANCIAL PLANNING AND BUDGETING**

It was agreed this would be brought back to the next meeting after the board has had an opportunity to review this report. Ms. Fitzgerald handed out a suggested change in board procedure as it relates to 2.5 Financial Planning and Budgeting and Financial Reporting. The board asked the administration to review the legal obligations of the accounts payable orders of the district.

### **POLICY WARNINGS**

**Financial Condition and Activities**—The board reviewed the 2.4 Financial Condition and Activities policy. Mr. Cassidy announced a general consensus of the Board to approve the policy as presented. There were no objections.

**Animal Dissection**—The board reviewed the animal dissection policy. Mr. Cassidy announced a general consensus of the Board to approve the policy as presented. There were no objections.

#### **OTHER BOARD BUSINESS**

- Mr. Everitt announced that graduation is on June 18. Mr. Cassidy agreed to speak at graduation on behalf of the board

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Strategic Plan Update—June 16, 2010
- Treatment of Staff 2.2
- Weighted Student Grading—The board agreed that this can be removed from the list and asked Mr. Everitt to notify Mr. Nelson that the board discussed this.
- Energy Report
- F-35 Environmental Impact Study
- Youth Risk Behavior Survey
- Board Actions for Community Linkage
- Federal Department of Education Plans and direction and alignment with Vermont direction
- Act 66—specifically consolidation and student/teacher ratios

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Mr. Everitt said the SBEA retirement banquet is Thursday, June 3.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board entered executive session at 8:55 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining and a personnel issue 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 10:12 p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

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Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Clerk

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Richard Cassidy, Chairperson