

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
OCTOBER 6, 2010 7:00 P.M.
ORCHARD SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Agnes Clift, Janine Allo, Martin LaLonde

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

John Everitt, John Stewart, Stuart Weiss, Delina Gilroy

GUESTS

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COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ms. Monica Ostby asked about foreign languages in the elementary school. Ms. Ostby said that one of the elementary schools is not participating in the after school foreign language program this year. She added that it would be helpful to add funds to the budget to hire a coordinator for the volunteer language program in all of the elementary schools. Ms. Fitzgerald thanked Ms. Ostby for her comments.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2010

Ms. Fitzgerald announced a general consensus of the Board to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 15, 2010 as presented. There were no objections.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Personnel

Hire(s)

Tom Walters, .20 FTE Music Teacher at South Burlington High School
Deborah Baker-Moody, .50 FTE Special Education Bridges Coordinator at South Burlington High School

Leave(s)

Alison Card, 1.0 FTE Speech/Language Pathologist, District unpaid leave beginning approximately December 13, 2010 for the remainder of the school year

b. Accounts Payable Orders

#12 \$577,822.86
#13 \$131,728.63
#13A \$ 41.00

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

PRESENTATION FROM KEY CLUB ON COURTYARD IN FRONT OF HIGH SCHOOL

South Burlington High School Key Club members Paige Williams, Alicja Smolak, Alexandra Knight, Alexandra Cushman, Alexander Nguyen, and advisor Rich Wise presented on the courtyard in front of South Burlington High School which the key club is requesting be dedicated to Donna Spooner.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Policy Governance—Mr. Everitt said he sent the board a Policy Governance® article titled “Policy Governance as an Enabler of Wisdom.”

Science Assessment—Mr. Everitt said the district performed very well on the recently released science assessment. Students performed as well as or better than the state as a whole for all students, for male and female students, and for students receiving food assistance.

Budget Information—Mr. Everitt presented a list of guiding principles about the budget to the board and discussed the budget process.

Suggestion Box—Mr. Everitt said the district has started a suggestion box for complaints, concerns, and compliments which is located on the district web page.

Youth Risk Behavior Survey—Mr. Everitt asked the board for questions/ideas about what information the board would like to have presented with regard to the Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

Out-of-District Placements—Mr. Everitt gave the board information about out of district placements for South Burlington.

VSBA—There will be a Policy Governance® networking session at 2:30 p.m. on October 29 at the VSBA conference.

MONITORING REPORT—2.4 FINANCIAL CONDITION AND ACTIVITIES

The board reviewed Monitoring Report 2.4—Financial Condition and Activities. The board made suggested changes to the monitoring report. The board agreed to bring the monitoring report back for additional review at the next meeting.

THIRD READING OF THE ENDS POLICY

Mr. LaLonde suggested that a two-person committee be formed to incorporate suggested changes by the public at the September 1 public hearing. Ms. Fitzgerald and Ms. Allo will review the feedback from the public hearing and it will be discussed at a future meeting.

THIRD READING OF EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS POLICY 2.10 CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW

Ms. Fitzgerald and Ms. Allo will review and it will be discussed at a future meeting.

COMMUNITY LINKAGE BEYOND THE ENDS POLICY DISCUSSION

The board discussed possible ways to connect with the community.

- Budget discussions
- Outreach to various populations such as retirement communities
- Attendance at community events
- Board table/booth at National Night Out to show support for the community
- Connecting with local businesses and understanding what they do in the community
- Holding one of the televised board meetings at a local business
- Community outreach—helping community members understand what they are getting for their money
- Board members at PTO meeting, retirement homes, Kiwanis and Rotary meetings with a PowerPoint presentation
- Presentations/information about our staff

BUDGET PLANNING AND CHALLENGES FOR CHANGE

The board discussed the Budget Planning document and the Challenges for Change document distributed by Mr. Everitt. The board discussed what would be helpful to distribute to the community to communicate during the budget process.

Mr. Everitt recommended that the board choose option #3 which reads:

Recalculate the voluntary target by claiming a proportionate share of the federal grant to replace part of the voluntary target. This translates into a \$60,000 reduction in the SBSD Education Fund draw rather than a \$332,000 reduction.

The board voiced general agreement with the recommendation.

The board asked Mr. Everitt for a report on class sizes in the South Burlington schools.

GENERAL MEETING BEHAVIOR—SEPTEMBER 15, 2010

The board reviewed the general meeting behavior for the meeting of September 15.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

- The board commented on the nutrition services program memo from Mr. Young.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- F-35 Environmental Impact Study
- Youth Risk Behavior Survey (*scheduled for November 17*)
- Board Actions for Community Linkage 4.2.1/Community Outreach (Beyond the Ends Policy)
- Federal Department of Education Plans and Direction and Alignment with Vermont Direction
- Act 66—specifically consolidation and student/teacher ratios
- Strategic Plan
- Review Policy 2.1—Treatment of Students and Parents/Guardians, Detail #6
- Treatment of Staff Policy (*scheduled for October 20*)
- Nutrition Program Report (*to be scheduled after nutrition article comes out in the Other Paper*)
- Follow-up to Café

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ms. Clift asked if the board could still receive minutes from the Foundation meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered executive session at 9:25 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining, a legal matter, and a personnel matter 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 9:58 p.m. and the regular session was reconvened.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 p.m.