

APPROVED DECEMBER 2, 2009

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
NOVEMBER 18, 2009 7:00 P.M.
FREDERICK H. TUTTLE MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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

Ms. Sheffield asked about the article in the *Other Paper* related to the security cameras.

Mr. Everitt explained what he knew about the incident.

**CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 4, 2009
AND THE SPECIAL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 12, 2009**

Mr. Cassidy announced a general consensus of the Board to approve the minutes of the November 4 and November 12, 2009 meetings as amended. There were no objections.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Personnel
Hire
Susan Barry, .10 FTE EEE Nurse at Orchard School
- b. Accounts Payable Orders
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Mr. Cassidy announced a general consensus of the board to approve the consent agenda as presented. There were no objections.

ENDS POLICY - 1.1 ACADEMIC PROFICIENCY—DISCUSSION (SCIENCE INPUT)

Ms. Canning introduced Ms. Amelia Lutz and Ms. Marion Voorheis to discuss the science programs in the district. Ms. Voorheis discussed the high school science program and Ms. Lutz discussed the middle school science program. The board thanked Ms. Lutz and Ms. Voorheis for their presentation.

COMMUNITY LINKAGE—OUTREACH FORUM AND ELECTION DAY SURVEY

Ms. Fitzgerald thanked Ms. Allo and Ms. Clift for organizing such a valuable outreach forum. Ms. Fitzgerald said the number of suggestions that fell into the personal development category was astounding. Mr. Cassidy suggested looking at the language to ensure that it is appropriate, specifically around special needs students, for every student to be ready for their next step when they complete high school.

Mr. Cassidy suggested creating a “blog” on this subject on the web site. He also suggested posting the list of community outreach ideas and having the community make comments on the documents. Mr. Cassidy said the board needs to decide what the next steps will be with results from the forum. It was suggested to modify the list and combine some of the items that are similar. The list should also be combined with the current board list.

The board discussed the possibility of an election-day survey.

Ms. Fitzgerald suggested holding another forum with representation from stakeholder groups unrepresented at the previous forum. The board agreed to hold another focus forum in mid-February. The board asked the superintendent to propose some dates and reserve space for the forum.

MONITORING REPORT 2.5—FINANCIAL PLANNING AND BUDGETING

The board reviewed the monitoring report and asked the superintendent to make minor edits. With reference to detail policy #1, under the evidence section #4 Ms. Fitzgerald made a motion to find that the superintendent is not in compliance but the proposed compliance plan to wait for the audit and resubmit the report with audit information. Mr. Manazir seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The monitoring report was approved.

The board asked for clarification on the explanation regarding AARA funds by adding “together with our past borrowing history as reflected above” to the second sentence of the non-highlighted paragraph on page 7.

CONTINUATION OF MONITORING REPORT 2.6—EMERGENCY SUPERINTENDENT SUCCESSION

The reviewed the monitoring report and the additional clarification from Commissioner Vilaseca. The board approved the monitoring report.

SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET—POLICY 4.8.2 GOVERNANCE INVESTMENT

Mr. Everitt distributed the board budget for review at a future meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Title I—Mr. Everitt said the administration is still reviewing this information.

Health Insurance—Mr. Everitt said the increase in health insurance costs for FY2010-11 will be between 2 and 4.5 percent.

Budget Development—Mr. Everitt distributed and explained the SBSB Budget Development chart for FY2010-11.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

There was none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered executive session at 9:42 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining and a legal 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 10:25 p.m. and the regular session reconvened immediately.

Ms. Fitzgerald moved and Ms. Allo seconded the motion to authorize the superintendent to enter into a mediated agreement in a special education matter that was discussed in executive session. The motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

Theodore Manazir, Clerk

Richard Cassidy, Chairperson