

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
NOVEMBER 30, 2010 7:00 P.M.
SOUTH BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, CAFETERIA I**

PRESENT

Richard Cassidy, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Agnes Clift, Janine Allo, Martin LaLonde, Carly Hall

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

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

GUESTS

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COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 17, 2010

Mr. Cassidy announced a general consensus of the Board to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 17, 2010 as amended. There were no objections.

Ms. Fitzgerald asked that the November 17 minutes be amended to include in the Youth Risk Survey section, a Board requested follow-up meeting by mid-March.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Accounts Payable Orders
 - #20 \$215,698.40
 - #21 \$176,677.45
 - #21A \$ 250.00
 - #3TP \$ 20,068.10

Mr. Cassidy announced a general consensus of the board to approve the consent agenda as amended. The naming of the courtyard was placed on the agenda as a separate item. There were no objections and the consent agenda was approved as amended.

NAMING OF THE COURTYARD AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Everitt asked Mr. Wise to speak about formally naming the courtyard the Donna Spooner Memorial Courtyard. Mr. Wise said Donna was a 1972 graduate of South Burlington High School. She died in a car accident in the spring of 1973 when she was a freshman at the University of Maine. To honor Donna's contributions to the high school, a memorial garden (located in front of the high school) was established in her name in the early 70's, though it was never brought before the school board. Donna is remembered for her outstanding character, spirit, positive attitude, genuine friendliness and sincere concern for others. The Key Club would like to request your approval to name the soon to be completed courtyard The Donna Spooner Memorial Courtyard.

Mr. Cassidy thanked Mr. Wise for his comments. Ms. Fitzgerald moved and Ms. Clift seconded the motion to name the courtyard the Donna Spooner Memorial Courtyard. The motion was approved unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Naming of Courtyard—This was discussed earlier.

Budget—The first budget hearing will be held at the December 15 meeting.

Challenges for Change— Mr. Everitt commented that he will be telling the commissioner that the district will not be meeting the Challenges for Change as the board discussed previously.

Class Sizes—Mr. Everitt discussed the minimum and optimal average class size chart. He distributed a first draft to the board for discussion.

Audit—The audit is underway and the business office has received some nice compliments from the auditors.

Preschool—Mr. Everitt said there is an action item on the agenda for later in the meeting about the preschool program expenditure.

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH PROCESS

Mr. Cassidy introduced Mr. Ray Proulx to lead the discussion on the superintendent search process. Mr. Cassidy thanked Mr. Proulx for providing assistance with the superintendent's search. The board, administration, audience, and Mr. Proulx discussed and edited the criteria. Mr. Everitt will send the board the revised criteria for review. Mr. Everitt said the job posting will be created from the work done by the board this evening and posted this week.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS POLICY 2.2 TREATMENT OF STAFF

This will be discussed at a future meeting.

PRESCHOOL FUNDING

Mr. Everitt asked the board to approve the \$1,884 over the \$25,000 to support the preschool program. The board approved the request without objection.

CLASS SIZE POLICY—FIRST READING

Mr. Everitt presented the first reading of the minimum and optimal average class size policy. The board discussed the policy, made changes, and asked that it be revised and brought back for a second reading.

ENDS POLICY—FIFTH READING

This will be discussed at the next meeting.

GENERAL MEETING BEHAVIOR—NOVEMBER 17, 2010

The board reviewed and discussed the November 17, 2010 meeting evaluation.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

- There was none.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- F-35 Environmental Impact Study
- Board Actions for Community Linkage 4.2.1/Community Outreach (Beyond the Ends Policy) *(Presentation by Mr. LaLonde)*
- Federal Department of Education Plans and Direction and Alignment with Vermont Direction *(Superintendent to talk with the commissioner about this)*
- Act 66—specifically consolidation and student/teacher ratios *(Superintendent will get the board information on this)*

- Strategic Plan (*How will the district move forward on the Strategic Plan? Inspect the relationship of the Ends Policy and the Strategic Plan.*)
- Review Policy 2.1—Treatment of Students and Parents/Guardians, Detail #6 (*Superintendent suggests February 2.*)
- Nutrition Program Report (*to be scheduled after nutrition article comes out in the Other Paper*)
- Follow-up to Café (*meeting with board chairs to identify future projects*)
- Vermont School Boards Association resolution on legislative changes
- SBSB State of Education (*Have principals highlight some of the items happening in each school*)
- Prevention (Assets Survey, closed campus, and training—Act 51) (*review in mid-March*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered executive session at 10:05 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 10:42 p.m. and the regular session was reconvened.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 p.m.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Clerk

Richard Cassidy, Chairperson