

APPROVED ON JANUARY 6, 2010

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD  
DECEMBER 16, 2009 7:00 P.M.  
FREDERICK H. TUTTLE MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Richard Cassidy, Theodore Manazir, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Agnes Clift

**ADMINISTRATION/STAFF**

John Everitt, David Young, JoAn Canning, John Stewart

**GUESTS**

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**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Ms. Wales, Ms. Blakeley, and Mr. Melen read a letter about the multiculturalism class recently held in the South Burlington School District. They discussed how the district should increase the accessibility and equity of what our schools offer and made several "next step" recommendations to prepare students for life in a globalized 21<sup>st</sup> century. Ms. Fitzgerald said she participated in the class and said the letter reflects some thoughtful recommendations on behalf of the class. Mr. Cassidy thanked the group for their presentation and said the board would add a discussion about multiculturalism recommendations/concerns to a future agenda.

**CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 2, 2009**

Mr. Cassidy announced a general consensus of the Board to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2009 meetings as presented. There were no objections.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

a. Personnel

Retirement

Joseph O'Brien, Principal at Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School

b. Accounts Payable Orders

#21 \$290,968.91

#22 \$ 3,337.50

#23 \$240,057.51

Mr. Cassidy said the board is sorry to hear that Mr. O'Brien is retiring and thanked him for his many years of service in the district. 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 (Listening and Speaking Input)**

Ms. Canning introduced Ms. Currier, Ms. Backman, and Ms. Marcy Schneider who presented on communication literacy. They presented several short U-Tube videos and the board and audience completed a short activity. Mr. Cassidy thanked the group for their presentation.

**PROJECT CITIZEN PRESENTATION BY ANNA LIDOFKY, SBHS STUDENT**

Ms. Anna Lidofsky, SB high school student, presented about the South Burlington High School music department and the need for a multimedia lab at the high school. Mr. Cassidy thanked Ms. Lidofsky for her presentation and said this would be discussed during the budget building process.

**COMMUNITY LINKAGE—OUTREACH FORUM AND ELECTION DAY SURVEY**

Ms. Clift said that it was agreed that more community members should be added from the underrepresented groups at the first forum (senior citizens, preK parents, business community, and students involved in the “Big Picture” program). Ms. Clift suggested that each board member forward an additional 6-10 names to Ms. Allo by December 23. The forum will be held on Wednesday, February 10. Ms. Clift said the invitation letters would be sent out on January 11.

**MONITORING REPORT 2.7—ASSET PROTECTION**

This was postponed to the next meeting.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

**Budget**—Mr. Everitt presented a PowerPoint presentation of the recommended budget and distributed the FY2011 budget books to the board. Mr. Cassidy asked about the possibility of offering an early retirement buyout program to our teaching staff. Mr. Everitt said he would research the issue, but did not feel it would save the district enough money to be effective.

Ms. Fitzgerald asked about establishing programs of excellence to attract and retain additional tuition students. She asked what our budget would look like without tuition revenue. Mr. Everitt said the high school would need to eliminate programs as enrollment would decline. Ms. Fitzgerald said our district needs to be more deliberate about which programs we invest in to attract additional students.

Mr. Cassidy asked about forming a supervisory union with the islands. Mr. Cassidy asked Mr. Everitt to put out feelers about a unified district proposal.

Ms. Fitzgerald again discussed the need of a multi-year budget plan at a “higher level.” She added that the district owes the community an explanation about what was published in the FY2010 budget book and what actually showed up on the tax bill for the current year.

The board suggested that the budget communication plan be put on the agenda for the January 6 school board meeting.

The school board reviewed the school board budget lines and agreed with the administrations recommendation.

**OTHER BOARD BUSINESS**

There was none.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Ms. Clift said that she attend the PACT presentation at the Pines earlier this evening.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board entered executive session at 10:00 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 10:18 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

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Theodore Manazir, Clerk

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Richard Cassidy, Chairperson