

South Burlington School District

February 25, 2011

To: School Board Members

From: John Everitt

Re: Superintendent Report – March 2, 2011
Policy 2.9 – Communication and Support to the Board

1. Chamberlin Principal Recommendation – It is my pleasure to recommend Holly Rouelle to the board as the next Principal of Chamberlin Elementary School. Holly comes to us with a very strong background in primary education and demonstrated leadership abilities in a variety of settings. Her experience using data to improve instruction is a wonderful fit with the current school improvement efforts at Chamberlin.

The Chamberlin Principal Search Committee reviewed twenty candidates, invited five finalists for interviews, and made one site visit before passing Holly's name to me as a candidate that "they would be delighted to have as the next Chamberlin Principal".

2. Legislative Report – There are several bills and issues currently being considered by the Vermont Legislature that are worth our attention.
 - a. S53 is intended to remove the cap from Pre-K education. While we do not have a cap, removal of the cap would make it easier to build a collaborative process with area districts with caps.
 - b. Two-vote requirement – House Education Committee has passed a repeal of this requirement.
 - c. The House Education Committee is discussing state level education governance structures including the State Board of Education and the appointment of the Education Commissioner in relationship to the Governor. There will be a public hearing on March 9, from 5:30 to 7:30 at the Statehouse, Room 11.
 - d. H0148 proposes a statewide teacher contract.
 - e. H0300 proposes binding arbitration and the elimination of strikes and imposed contracts for education
 - f. H0061 proposes consolidation of supervisory unions
 - g. H97 proposes to support early educators through collective bargaining rights and negotiations with the state around working conditions and state child care subsidy payments.
3. Planning for possible SBEA job action – We are in the process of developing guidelines and specific answers to questions about district actions in the case of a teacher job action (strike). I will be prepared to discuss my thinking with the board at the meeting.

Please bring your policy manual to the board meeting.