

SOUTHWICK-TOLLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Committee Meeting

MINUTES – December 15, 2009

EXECUTIVE SESSION **6:00 p.m.**
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING **6:30 p.m.**

SECTION I – Routine:

- A. 1. Attendance:
- James Vincent, Chair
 - Jeffrey Houle, Vice Chair
 - Charles Condron
 - George LeBlanc
 - Theodore Locke (Tolland Rep.)
 - Elizabeth Magni, Secretary
 - Jean McGivney-Burelle
2. Administration:
- John Barry, Superintendent
 - Paul Petit, Assistant Superintendent
 - Kathleen Lynch, Recording Secretary
3. Student School Committee:
- Ellen Contois
 - Tyler Stahl
4. News Media:
- Springfield Newspapers – Dave Vallette
 - Westfield Evening News – Dave Canton
 - Southwick/Suffield – Greg Scibelli
- Lv. 7:30 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONY

Observers: 2

SECTION II:

- A. Secretary’s Report: 12/1/09 Accepted as written
- B. Bills: Circulated
- C. Correspondence:
 - 1.
- D. Meeting Rules:

SECTION III: PUBLIC COMMENT

SECTION IV: STUDENT ADVISORY REPORT

Ellen and Tyler reported that progress reports were issued yesterday; the “Lock-In” was a big success; the concert, improv performances and the art show took place; the Drama Club will be going to New York City tomorrow to see “Wicked” on Broadway; the results of the AP survey recently given to students was distributed to Committee members; and both teams won at the basketball tournament on Saturday.

Mrs. Hunter reported that she met with students and interested parents regarding the process for choosing the spring musical. Mrs. Hunter said it was a very positive meeting and she was proud of the students for the interesting comments and ideas that were generated. They were very positive and supportive of Mr. Call and Mr. Braidman. Mrs. Hunter hopes to choose a title soon. The musical is scheduled for March 25-28.

SECTION V: EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

- Math Curriculum – Allison LeClair – Mrs. LeClair said that the staff has been working on a K-12 Scope and Sequence since the first draft was presented to the Committee in October. The Scope and Sequence contains a quick reference of the Frameworks that are covered and acts as a pacing guide for teachers. She thanked Mrs. McGivney-Burelle for her assistance with the process. The middle school teachers reaffirmed the importance of Connected Math. A basal text will be used to supplement CMP in reinforcing certain skills. New CMP II textbooks will be purchased – they include technology and an online component.
- H1N1 Flu Update – Allison LeClair – Mrs. LeClair reported that H1N1 clinics held at Woodland and Powder Mill were very successful. Over 400 students Pk-8 have been immunized. A clinic is scheduled for December 21st at the high school. Dr. Barry thanked Allison for her work with the Southwick Board of Health to organize these clinics. Our school nurses did a wonderful job – all on their own time. If the Southwick Board of Health receives enough vaccine, second doses will be available to children under the age of nine sometime after the first of the year.
- Race To The Top Grant – Dr. Barry invited Committee members to attend a webinar on the “Race To The Top Grant” on Friday from 8:30-10:00 p.m. in the Superintendent’s conference room.

SECTION VI: POLICIES

JF School Admissions

1st Reading

Several changes were suggested and will be incorporated into the 2nd Reading.

SECTION VII: ACTION ITEMS

	<u>Motion</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Opp.</u>	<u>Abs.</u>	<u>* Reminder</u>
1. Move to accept the recommendation of the Instructional Improvement Committee to approve the K-12 Mathematics Curriculum.	JH	EM	7	0	0	
2. Move to accept the donation of approximately 300 three-ring binders to Woodland Elementary School from Mr. Jeff Daley of Avery Dennison, with an approximate value of \$1,050.00.	JH	EM	7	0	0	

• = Subject to Conflict of Interest Law

SECTION VIII: REPORTS

A. SUPERINTENDENT:

1. Explanation of Policy JF Amendment – 1st Reading – Dr. Barry reviewed the changes to the “School Admissions” policy. Committee members suggested that advance registration take place in June rather than April and that the last two sentences in the sixth paragraph be deleted. The second reading of the revised policy will take place on January 5th.
2. Building Project Update – Dr. Barry reported that he is still waiting to hear from the MSBA regarding the approval of the Mount Vernon Group. Building Committee meetings will be postponed until we have additional information.
3. Granville Public Meeting – Dr. Barry and Mr. Petit attended a public meeting in Granville to discuss the possibility of pursuing regionalization.

B. ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT FOR BUSINESS:

1. Statement of Expenditures – Budget vs. Actual FY2010 as of 12/11/2009 – Mr. Petit distributed copies of the expenditure report.
2. Granville School District Votes: - Mr. Petit reported that the Granville School Committee approved the FY2011 shared administration costs & tuition rates for STRHS.
 - FY2011 Shared Administration Cost Allocations
 - FY2011 STRHS Tuitions
3. School Facilities – Energy Conservation – Mr. Petit distributed information about energy conservation that he received at a recent meeting with the Town of Southwick.
 - Energy Education, Inc. – Employee Awareness Program
 - Pioneer Valley Planning Commission – Performance Contracting
 - The Green Communities Program

SUB COMMITTEES:

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| 1. Negotiations | C. Condron, J. Houle, T. Locke |
| 2. Finance | G. LeBlanc, T. Locke, J. Vincent |
| 3. L.P.V.E.C. Bd. Gov. | J. Vincent |
| 4. L.P.V.E.C. Bd. Dir. | G. LeBlanc |
| 5. Evaluation | J. Houle, B. Magni, J. McGivney-Burelle |
| 6. Policy | J. Vincent, G. LeBlanc, B. Magni |
| 7. Buildings & Grounds | J. Vincent, J. Houle |

LIAISONS:

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| a. Curriculum & Instruction | B. Magni, G. LeBlanc, J. McGivney-Burelle |
| b. Legislative Liaison | C. Condron |
| c. SPED Liaison | J. Houle |

A. Dates to Remember:

December	15	School Committee Meeting
12/24 - 1/1/2010		NO SCHOOL – Holiday Break
January 4, 2010		SCHOOLS REOPEN
	5	School Committee Meeting
	15	Pre-School Screening
	18	NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Day
	19	School Committee Meeting
	25	Second Semester Begins
February	2	School Committee Meeting
	3	Early Release – Staff Collaboration
		11:00 STRHS
		11:30 PMMS
		12:00 WES
	15	NO SCHOOL – Presidents’ Day
	15- 19	NO SCHOOL – Winter Vacation
	23	School Committee Meeting

B. Personnel:

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Retirements:

- 1.
- 2.

Resignations:

- 1.
- 2.

Assignments:

- 1.