

SOUTHWICK-TOLLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Committee Meeting

MINUTES – December 1, 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

OPENING CEREMONY

Observers: 6

SECTION II:

- A. Secretary’s Report: 11/17/09 Accepted as written
- B. Bills: Circulated
- C. Correspondence:
 - 1. Dr. Barry received an advocacy action alert – there is a proposal in the legislature to use previous year enrollment figures when determining assessments for charter schools. There is also pending anti-bullying legislation and discussion about whether or not cyber bullying issues fall under school jurisdiction.
- D. Meeting Rules:

SECTION III: PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SECTION IV: STUDENT ADVISORY REPORT

Ellen and Tyler reported that winter sports began yesterday; the “Lock-In” is scheduled for this Friday & Saturday; progress reports will be issued next week.

SECTION V: EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Dickinson Trust – Ken Haar – Mr. Haar represents the Southwick Dickinson Trust which provides teacher grants for innovative program proposals. He said this is the fifth year he has had the pleasure of distributing these awards. Powder Mill teachers Heather Ferguson and Jessica Torone received a \$500 grant to start an after-school reading club to assist students with reading deficiencies. Powder Mill teachers Janice Tingley and Kevin Clark received a \$596 grant to assist special education students in the development of podcasts to be used for tutorial purposes. STRHS teachers Carol O’Donnell and Summer Anderson-Beach received a \$925 grant to bring a Shakespeare program to the high school in March. Actor educators will provide four eighty-four minute interactive lessons about Shakespeare.

SECTION VI: POLICIES

GBAA	Sexual Harassment Policy/Complaint Procedure for Employees	3 rd Reading
JICK	Sexual Harassment Policy/Complaint Procedure for Students	3 rd 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 approve School Committee Policy GBAA - Sexual Harassment Policy/Complaint Procedure for Employees.	JH	EM	6	0	0	
2. Move to approve School Committee Policy JICK – Sexual Harassment Policy/Complaint Procedure for Students.	JH	EM	6	0	0	
3. Move to approve the Granville/STRSD FY2011 tuition rates as follows:	JH	EM	6	0	0	
		<u>Granville</u>	<u>STRSD</u>	<u>Granville</u>		
				<u>STRHS/LPVEC Voc</u>		
Elementary		N/A	N/A			
High School		\$504,597		\$43,413		
4. Move to accept the generous donation of school supplies to Powder Mill Middle School from Lisa & Derrick Davidson, with an approximate value of \$500.	JH	EM	6	0	0	

SECTION VII: ACTION ITEMS (cont.)

Motion 2nd For Opp. Abs. * Reminder

5. Move to transfer the following FY2010 Budget line item funds within the budget as follows JH EM 6 0 0

TRANSFER FROM:

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
01000-5190-17-650-00-9-9-00	P/R Gen. Salary Reserve	80,835.42	

TRANSFER TO:

01000-5113-10-220-10-5-4-00	P/R High School Guid.		13,134.00
01000-5113-10-117-10-4-3-00	P/R PM Teachers		24,338.40
01000-5113-10-320-10-4-3-00	P/R PM Librarian		21,321.30
01000-5113-10-117-10-5-4-00	P/R HS Teachers		19,570.84
01000-5111-30-004-10-4-3-00	P/R PM Clerical		2,470.88
	TOTAL:	80,835.42	80,345.42

TRANSFER FROM:

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
01000-5300-50-285-10-4-3-00	Behavior Consultant	1,000.00	

TRANSFER TO:

01000-5511-00-116-20-4-3-00	KEY Supplies		1,000.00
	TOTAL:	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

6. Move to approve the STRHS French Club trip to Québec, Canada in the Fall of 2010. JH EM 6 0 0

• = Subject to Conflict of Interest Law

SECTION VIII: REPORTS

A. SUPERINTENDENT:

1. 9C Cuts – Dr. Barry met with the Finance Subcommittee to review potential budget reductions due to the recent 9C cuts.
2. MASS/MASC Conference – Dr. Barry and three school committee members attended the annual MASS/MASC Conference in Hyannis prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. Dr. Barry attended workshops on Readiness Schools, Collective Bargaining and an MSBA update. The keynote speaker discussed market disruptions and how it will affect the field of education in the area of computerized learning. Mrs. Magni attended a policy workshop.

B. ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT FOR BUSINESS: No report

SUB COMMITTEES:

- 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

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 8th at 3:45 p.m.
 The December 10th Building Committee will be cancelled as we have not heard from the MSBA relative to the architect selection.

LIAISONS:

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

SECTION IX: PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SECTION X: COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

A. Old Business

B. New Business

Mr. Vincent instructed committee members to send an email to Dr. Barry with suggestions for future educational presentations. Mr. Vincent said that he would like to have a follow-up on the new behavioral classroom at Woodland Elementary School.

Dr. Barry said that there has been some discussion since last year about the prospect of moving our buses to the Suburban Chevrolet site . Last year, Selectmen Art Pinnell asked that we submit a letter pledging our cooperation regarding the town’s move to that site. The Highway Department is now in the process of renovating the building. The town has not said anything specific about moving the buses to the new town facility. Dr. Barry and Mr. Petit suggested that we wait until we begin our MSBA feasibility study to review the pros/cons of moving our bus garage facilities.

SECTION XI: EXECUTIVE SESSION

TIME: 6:02 p.m.

PURPOSE:

- 1. Move to go into Executive Session to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health rather than the professional competence of an individual; and to reconvene in Open Session.
- 2. Move to go into Executive Session to consider the discipline or dismissal of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual and to reconvene in Open Session and to re-open in Open Session.
- 3. Move to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the governmental body, and to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel and to reconvene in Open Session.
- 4. Move to go into Executive Session to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices; and to reconvene in Open Session.
- 5. Move to go into Executive Session to investigate charges of criminal misconduct or to discuss the filing of criminal complaints; and to reconvene in Open Session.
- 6. Move to go into Executive Session to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property; and to reconvene in Open Session.
- 7. Move to go into Executive Session to comply with the provisions of [specify the law or grant-in-aid requirement applicable]; and to reconvene in Open Session.
- 8. Move to go into Executive Session to consider and interview applicants for employment; and to reconvene in Open Session.
- 9. Move to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation and to reconvene in Open Session.

MOTION: JH ; **SECOND:** EM ;

VOTE: J.H. ; C.C. ; G.L. ; E.M. ; J.V. ; T.L. ; J.M-B.

Return to Open Session – Time: 6:36 p.m.

MOTION: JH **SECOND:** EM

VOTE: J.H. ; C.C. ; G.L. ; E.M. ; J.V. ; T.L. ; J.M-B.

Meeting adjourned: 7:30 p.m.

MOTION: JH **SECOND:** EM **VOTE:** **FOR:** 6 **OPPOSED:** 0

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Magni, Secretary

A. Dates to Remember:

December	1	School Committee Meeting
	9	Early Release – Staff Collaboration
		11:00 STRHS
		11:30 PMMS
		12:00 WES
	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:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Retirements:

- 1.
- 2.

Resignations:

- 1.
- 2.

Assignments:

- 1.