

SOUTHWICK-TOLLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Committee Meeting

MINUTES – *WEDNESDAY, January 20, 2010

**Please note change in meeting day*

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: 0

SECTION II:

- A. Secretary’s Report: 1/5/10 Accepted as written
- B. Bills: Circulated
- C. Correspondence:
 - 1. Education Reform Bill – Information on the Achievement Gap legislation was distributed.
- D. Meeting Rules:

SECTION III: PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SECTION IV: STUDENT ADVISORY REPORT

SECTION V: EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

SECTION VI: POLICIES

JF School Admissions

3rd Reading & SC vote

SECTION VII: ACTION ITEMS

Motion 2nd For Opp. Abs. * Reminder

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| <p>1. Move to approve School Committee Policy JF – School Admissions, as presented.</p> <p>2. Move to approve the FY2011 Southwick-Tolland Regional School District assessment ratios to the member towns, as follows:</p> <table border="0" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>Southwick</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>Tolland</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>TOTAL</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Operating Assessment Ratios</td> <td style="text-align: center;">96.35%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3.65%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">100%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Capital Assessment Ratios</td> <td style="text-align: center;">95.92%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4.08%</td> <td style="text-align: center;">100%</td> </tr> </table> <p>3. Move to accept the generous gift of \$49.00 from the Cyr family to be used toward the cost of the WES Grade 4 Bronx Zoo field trip in May.</p> <p>4. Move to accept the generous donation of assorted office supplies from the Estate of Bernard Mickna.</p> <p>5. Move to approve the Powder Mill Middle School and Woodland Elementary School “Helping Hands for Haiti” fundraiser – monies raised will be donated to the American Red Cross.</p> | | <u>Southwick</u> | <u>Tolland</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> | Operating Assessment Ratios | 96.35% | 3.65% | 100% | Capital Assessment Ratios | 95.92% | 4.08% | 100% | <p>JH EM 4 1 0</p> <p>JH EM 5 0 0</p> <p>JH EM 5 0 0</p> <p>JH EM 5 0 0</p> <p>JH EM 5 0 0</p> |
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• = Subject to Conflict of Interest Law

SECTION VIII: REPORTS

A. SUPERINTENDENT:

1. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Update – Dr. Barry reported that excluding charter schools just under 200 districts signed the MOU for the Race to the Top (RTTT) monies.
2. Home Education – Update – Dr. Barry reported that the parent of the last student approved for home education has decided to keep the child in school.
3. FY2011 Budget Draft – Dr. Barry explained that he and Mr. Petit have tried to put together a budget for the next school year that is as much like this year as possible and keeps as many programs and staff as we can. The budget assumes that we will receive the same level of assessments from our member towns as the current year. Transportation is a very difficult number to estimate – it has been up and down over the past year. Dr. Barry said that the E&D projection will be available at the next meeting. This first draft of the budget reflects a 2.7% decrease in revenue which equates to \$515,571. Out-of-district tuitions will be paid from Circuit Breaker and School Choice monies. We anticipate receiving \$232,684 in IDEA Stimulus Funds and will use half of these funds to offset the budget. Dr. Barry said that this budget draft represents our attempt to reach a starting point for FY2011 based on our assumptions for available revenue for next year.
4. District Improvement Plan – Progress Report – Dr. Barry explained that the District Improvement Plan will inform the School Improvement Plans. It is a guide for what we will be doing over the next two to five year period. Dr. Barry said that existing committees will evaluate the documents which are meant to be specific but also allow for flexibility.
5. 2010/2011 School Calendar – DRAFT – A copy of the first draft of the 2010/2011 calendar was distributed.

B. ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT FOR BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Petit distributed copies of the current expenditure report.

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 | Mr. Vincent said that there is a meeting this evening. |
| 4. L.P.V.E.C. Bd. Dir. | G. LeBlanc | |
| 5. Evaluation | J. Houle, B. Magni, J. McGivney-Burelle | A meeting was scheduled for February 2 nd at 5:00 p.m. |
| 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 |

SECTION IX: PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SECTION X: COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

A. Old Business

B. New Business

Dr. Barry said that the high school is currently studying the vocational program for Grade 9 students who attend the LPVEC. There have been concerns about the transition and the value of vocational education to these students.

Also, the high school is interested in piloting Algebra and Spanish as a full year, 45 minute per day, year-long block. Mrs. Hunter will present information to the School Committee at a future meeting.

SECTION XI: EXECUTIVE SESSION

TIME: 6:00 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: 6:42 p.m.

MOTION: JH **SECOND:** EM

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

Meeting adjourned: 7:52 p.m.

MOTION: JH **SECOND:** EM **VOTE:** **FOR:** 5 **OPPOSED:** 0

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Magni, Secretary

A. Dates to Remember:

January	20	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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Retirements:

1.	Valerie Maslauskas	WES	Teacher	Change retirement date from October 31, 2010 to October 31, 2011
2.	Carolyn Locke	STRHS	Paraprofessional	Effective January 22, 2010
3.	Diane Graham	WES	Teacher	Effective June 30, 2011

Resignations:

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Assignments:

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