

SOUTHWICK-TOLLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Committee Meeting

MINUTES – November 17, 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: 2

SECTION II:

- A. Secretary’s Report: 11/3/09 Accepted as written
- B. Bills: Circulated
- C. Correspondence:
 - 1. Dr. Barry has received correspondence regarding proposed legislation regarding the Education Reform Law. The proposal includes an increase to the number of charter schools and addresses bullying issues in a much more formal way. There is also a proposal to combine Chapter 70 funds with Chapter 71 funds which would make it more difficult for the Governor to cut regional transportation funds. Dr. Barry suggested that committee members contact their legislators to support the combining of funds.
- D. Meeting Rules:

SECTION III: PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SECTION IV: STUDENT ADVISORY REPORT

Ellen Contois reported that the recent blood drive was very successful – 60 students gave blood. Tyler said that fall sports have ended and winter sports are scheduled to begin the Monday after Thanksgiving. Ellen said that Council members have been discussing the School Improvement Plan and the safety survey. The Spanish Club is working on their trip to Spain and the French Club is planning a trip as well.

SECTION V: EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

- STRHS Advanced Placement Test Data – Pamela Hunter, Principal – Mrs. Hunter distributed copies of the latest district profile sheet along with information on Advanced Placement test data. Last year, 26 students participated in AP course and several took more than one AP test. Our students did better than the national average on the tests – 61% of the students tested received scores of 3 or more out of a score range of 1-5. The students receiving scores of 3+ will be eligible to receive college credit for the AP course(s). Courses offered in the 2008/2009 school year included: Calculus AB, Chemistry, Government & Politics, and U.S. History. There are 50 students currently enrolled in the following AP classes: Calculus AB, Biology, English Literature, U.S. History, and American Government & Politics. Mrs. Hunter explained that they have been able to increase the AP enrollment by specifically targeting high achieving students and recommending that they take AP courses. AP students are also required to do some summer work prior to taking the course.
- STRHS New Course Proposals – Pamela Hunter, Principal – Mrs. Hunter gave an overview of the two new courses proposed. 20th Century Music does not require a music prerequisite but the Forensic Science course requires that students have Biology and Chemistry as a prerequisite.
- STRHS Québec Field Trip Proposal – Marie Galanek - Mrs. Galanek presented information for a trip to Québec in the Fall of 2010. She said she has a good core group of students who are interested and she is currently working with the tour company to get the cost of the trip into the \$600 range. She would like to have a group of about 20 students and hopes to do some fundraising to help defray some of the costs.

SECTION VI: POLICIES

GBAA	Sexual Harassment Policy/Complaint Procedure for Employees	2 nd Reading
JICK	Sexual Harassment Policy/Complaint Procedure for Students	2 nd Reading

Both policies will be voted at the next meeting

SECTION VII: ACTION ITEMS

Motion 2nd For Opp. Abs. * Reminder

1. Move to accept the generous \$240.00 donation from Elm Auto School for programs or services at Southwick-Tolland Regional High School. JH EM 7 0 0
2. Move to approve the proposed FY2011 shared administration enrollment and cost allocations between the Southwick-Tolland Regional School District and the Granville School District as presented on the attached sheet and as follows:

	<u>Present FY2010</u>	<u>Proposed FY2011</u>
Southwick-Tolland RSD	88.1%	87.8%
Granville School District	11.9%	12.2%
	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>

3. Move to approve the recommendation of the Instructional Improvement Committee to add two new courses to the STRHS Program of Studies: *20th Century Music* and *Forensic Science*. JH EM 7 0 0
4. Move to approve the PMMS “Ray of Elvis” fundraiser on January 28, 2010. JH EM 7 0 0

• = Subject to Conflict of Interest Law

SECTION VIII: REPORTS

A. SUPERINTENDENT:

1. Athletic Team Practice Schedule – Practice for our winter sports teams will be on a three team rotation. Wrestling will not practice in the cafeteria.
2. Granville Collaboration/Regionalization - Update – Dr. Barry distributed copies of a draft letter to Christine Lynch of the MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education outlining our request to do a regionalization feasibility study.
3. Flu Update – Dr. Barry reported that the absentee rate is down from last week. A *Connect Ed* message will be sent home to Woodland parents regarding an H1N1 immunization clinic parents will need to pre-register their children for the vaccine. The Southwick Board of Health plans to hold the clinic on Monday, November 23, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Woodland cafeteria.
4. 9C Budget Reduction - Update – Dr. Barry said he met with the administrators to address the Governor’s 9C cuts – we may have to issue a small number of lay-off notices.
5. Gr. 8 Washington Trip – Update – Grade 8 students from Granville will be travelling to Washington with the Powder Mill students. They will have their own bus and chaperones.
6. Veterans’ Day – Dr. Barry thanked everyone at Woodland Elementary School for putting on a great Veterans’ Day assembly. He said that the Veterans’ Day readings at the high school were also very appropriate.

B. ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT FOR BUSINESS:

- 1. Proposed FY2011 STRHS/Granville Tuition Rates – Mr. Petit distributed copies of the proposed tuition rates for the next fiscal year. Next year will be the first year that we will not have any Tolland students attending the Granville Village School. There are approximately 60-65 Granville students attending the high school. Mr. Petit said that this information was also presented to the Granville School Committee. A vote to approve the tuition rates will be on the agenda in December.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 30th at 8:00 a.m.

Dr. Barry said that the last policy meeting regarding SPED tuition was very productive. The next meeting is scheduled for December 3rd at 3:45 p.m.

- 7. Buildings & Grounds J. Vincent, J. Houle

Dr. Barry proposed that the next Building Committee meeting be cancelled until we hear from the MSBA.

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**

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:** EN ;

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

Return to Open Session – Time: 6:39 p.m.

MOTION: JH **SECOND:** EM

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

Meeting adjourned: 7:43 p.m.

MOTION: JH **SECOND:** EM **VOTE:** **FOR:** 7 **OPPOSED:** 0

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Magni, Secretary

A. Dates to Remember:

November	17	School Committee Meeting
	25	Early Release
		11:00 STRHS
		11:30 PMMS
		12:00 WES
	26 & 27	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving
	30	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS – Professional Development Day
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

B. Personnel:

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

Retirements:

1. Mary Lou Chunglo PMMS Effective 07/02/2011
- 2.

Resignations:

- 1.
- 2.

Assignments:

- 1.