

SOUTHWICK-TOLLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Committee Meeting

MINUTES – September 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

OPENING CEREMONY

Observers: _____

SECTION II:

- A. Secretary's Report: 9/1/09 Accepted as written
- B. Bills: Circulated
- C. Correspondence:
 - 1.
 - 2.
- D. Meeting Rules:

SECTION III: PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SECTION IV: STUDENT ADVISORY REPORT

No Report

SECTION V: EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Stimulus Grants & H1N1 Update – Allison LeClair, Director of Instructional Programs & Grants

Mrs. LeClair presented an overview of the Federal ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds that the district has received. The purpose of the funds is to save and create jobs and must be invested wisely in activities designed to strengthen education, drive reforms, and improve results for students. She explained that Southwick-Tolland is entitled to three different “pots” of money: Stimulus funds, additional Title I funds and additional IDEA funds. There are also competitive grant funds available to high need districts. Last June, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts reduced a portion of our Chapter 70 monies and backfilled it with Federal ARRA funds. We then had to apply for the \$881,000. We are currently in the process of reporting specifically how these funds were spent to finish out FY09. Going forward, the district must file quarterly reports for each of the three grants. Release of funds for FY2010 has been delayed until December.

Mrs. LeClair distributed a copy of the Seasonal and H1N1 Flu update that was sent home to parents. The information is also available on our district website. She explained that the flu will be a dominant factor this school year. Children between the ages of 6 months to 24 years are in the high risk group. Mrs. LeClair said that the district is working with the Southwick Board of Health to set up a clinic to immunize students with the H1N1 vaccine. Hand washing is being emphasized at school and parents should keep sick children at home.

SECTION VI: POLICIES

GCCC	Employee Family And Medical Leave	1 st Reading
GCCC-E	Family And Medical Leave	1 st Reading

At 6:56 p.m. Mrs. McGivney Burelle and Mr. Houle left the School Committee meeting to attend Open House at Powder Mill.

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 grant an unpaid leave of absence to Sandra Matroni, PMMS Paraprofessional for the period 9/8/09 through 11/9/09.	EM	CC	5	0	0	
2. Move to approve Cathrin Kucht of Berlin, Germany, as a Grade 10 foreign exchange student effective 9/21/09.	EM	CC	5	0	0	
3. Move to approve Ted Locke as the official voting delegate for the MASC (Massachusetts Association of School Committees) annual joint conference.	EM	CC	5	0	0	
4. Move to approve the STRHS AP English class spring field trip to The Cloisters and the Morgan Library in New York City.	EM	CC	5	0	0	
5. Move to approve the 2009/2010 WES PTO “Vendor Night” fundraiser.	EM	CC	5	0	0	
6. Move to approve the LPN salary of \$26,558 for the 2009/2010 school year.	EM	CC	5	0	0	

• = Subject to Conflict of Interest Law

SECTION VIII: REPORTS

A. SUPERINTENDENT:

1. Home Education Proposals – Gr. 3, 5, 10 Students – Dr. Barry said that he has approved home education proposals for 15 more students. We have approximately 41 home schooled students in the district.
2. Opening Day – Faculty & Staff – Dr. Barry thanked School Committee members for their participation on Opening Day.
3. MSBA – Update – the Building Committee will be meeting with Jonathan Winikur, our Owner’s Project Manager. The Design Enrollment has been approved by the School Committee. Future meeting dates will be set. Mr. Winikur will contact the Mount Vernon Group regarding the feasibility study and schematic design.
4. SPED Tuition – Update – Dr. Barry will bring information to the next meeting.
5. School LPN/Health Aide – The salary for this position was voted earlier in the meeting. The job description will be revised.

B. ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT FOR BUSINESS:

1. MotoX Parking Fundraiser – Summary – Mr. Petit distributed copies of the final accounting for the Moto-X parking fundraiser. Net receipts totaled \$8,975.
2. AHERA Three-Year Asbestos Re-Inspection Reports – Asbestos re-inspections are mandated every three years. Copies of the report are posted in each school building and the Superintendent’s office.
3. Southwick Firemen’s Carnival – The firemen are still in the process of cleaning up after the carnival. Mr. Petit said that there was a problem with graffiti painted on the dugouts and at Powder Mill and Woodland.

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 |

The IIC meeting was held on Monday. Math curriculum was discussed – it was good to have Jean there with her Math expertise.

SECTION IX: PUBLIC COMMENT

SECTION X: COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

A. New Business Dr. Barry told committee members that MCAS results are still embargoed. The administrators will make summary presentations to the School Committee in October.

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: 6:33 p.m.

MOTION: JH **SECOND:** EM

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

Meeting adjourned: 7:45 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Magni, Secretary

A. Dates to Remember:

September	15	School Committee Meeting
	15	Open House – PMMS – Gr. 5&6
	16	Open House – STRHS
	17	Open House – PMMS - Gr. 7&8
	23	Open House – WES – Gr. PK-2
	24	Open House – WES – Gr. 3&4
	30	Early Release – Staff Collaboration
		11:00 STRHS
		11:30 PMMS
		12:00 WES

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS:

WES
PMMS
STRHS

B. Personnel:

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

Retirements:

- 1.
- 2.

Resignations:

- 1.
- 2.

Assignments:

- 1.