

SOUTHWICK-TOLLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Committee Meeting

MINUTES – September 1, 2009

NO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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: 1

SECTION II:

- A. Secretary’s Report: 8/18/09 Accepted as written
- B. Bills: Circulated
- C. Correspondence:
 - 1. Committee members received a copy of a letter sent to Senator Knapik by the Southwick Board of Selectmen requesting release of funds designated for Southwick within the Transportation Bond Bill passed last year.1
 - 2.
- D. Meeting Rules:

SECTION III: PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SECTION IV: STUDENT ADVISORY REPORT

No Report

SECTION V: EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Mouthguard Discussion – Frank Montagna, STRHS Athletic Director – Mr. Montagna explained that the MIIA has lifted the requirement that mouthguards be worn for soccer and changed it to “highly recommended.” Mr. Vincent requested that Mr. Montagna follow the MIIA rule until the School Committee has reviewed the information. Mr. Montagna also requested that the School Committee consider changing the current no school/no play policy – currently, if school is closed due to inclement weather, all practices, games & meets are also cancelled even if the weather improves later in the day.

SECTION VI: POLICIES**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 the 2009/2010 Southwick-Tolland Regional High School Field Trips.	JH	EM	7	0	0	
2. Move to approve the 2009/2010 Southwick-Tolland Regional High School Fundraisers.	JH	EM	7	0	0	
3. Move to approve the 2009/2010 Woodland Elementary School Field Trips.	JH	EM	7	0	0	
4. Move to approve the 2009/2010 Woodland Elementary School Fundraisers.	JH	EM	7	0	0	
5. Move to approve the 2009/2010 Powder Mill Middle School Field Trips.	JH	EM	7	0	0	
6. Move to approve the 2009/2010 Powder Mill Middle School Fundraisers.	JH	EM	7	0	0	
7. Move to approve agreement with the MSBA Woodland Elementary School Design Enrollment Certification.	JH	EM	7	0	0	
8. Pursuant to correspondence of July 23, 2009, documenting the Massachusetts School Building Authority’s (MSBA) approval of Southwick-Tolland Regional School District’s selection of Strategic Building Solutions, LLC as the Owner’s Project Manager for the Woodland Elementary School building project #200807660010, move to approve the contract between the Southwick-Tolland Regional School District and Strategic Building Solutions, LLC of Old Saybrook, CT, to provide Project Management services required to complete the Basic and Extra Services described herein at Woodland Elementary School.	JH	EM	7	0	0	

SECTION VIII: REPORTS

A. SUPERINTENDENT:

- 1. Home Education Proposals – Gr. 3, 5, 10 Students – Discussion postponed until 9/15/09.

B. ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT FOR BUSINESS:

- 1. SPED Tuition – We currently have a couple of Granville students with specific needs attending the elementary school and the high school. The district has a tuition agreement with Granville that was developed to try to objectively reflect the costs associated with the extra needs of high school students within the tuition rate. The current formula is not working well for students with significant needs and does not address tuition rates for students in the elementary or middle schools. Mr. Petit said he hopes to have a recommendation for the School Committee at the next meeting.
- 2. MotoX 338 – Mr. Petit reported that approximately \$10,000 was raised in parking fees during last Saturday’s National MotoX. Over \$17,000 was raised in previous years.
- 3.

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 |

Mr. Vincent reported that the Johnson Rd. property has been sold for \$1 million – the buyer will assume liability for repairs to the building.

Meeting dates will be determined.

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

SECTION X: COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

A. Old Business

- B. New Business** Committee members requested that their contract books be updated.

SECTION XI: EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE

TIME:

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: _____ ; **SECOND:** _____ ;

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

Return to Open Session – Time: _____ p.m.

MOTION: _____ **SECOND:** _____

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

Meeting adjourned: 7:40 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Magni, Secretary

A. Dates to Remember:

- September 1 Staff Professional Development
- 1 School Committee Meeting
- 2 School Opens – Grades 1-12; PK Orientation
- 3 First Day of School for PK; K Orientation
- 4 First Day of School for K
- 7 Labor Day – No School
- 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. Tom Favreau	PMMS	PT Custodian		\$14.23/hr	Effective 9/1/09
2. Malerie Gardner	STRHS	V Field Hockey Coach		\$2,514	Effective 8/27/09
3. Scott Braidman	STRHS	Theatre Arts	B1	\$35,119	Effective 8/31/09
4. Kaitlyn Hanlon	STRHS	JV Volleyball Coach		\$2,019	Effective 8/26/09

Retirements:

- 1.
- 2.

Resignations:

1. Michael Meagher	STRSD	Bus Driver		Effective 8/24/09
2.				

Assignments:

- 1.