

**BURLINGTON BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS**

November 13, 2007

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Ira Allen Administration

150 Colchester Avenue, Burlington, VT 05401

**BOARD WORK SESSION**

Commissioner Fleury called the Board work session to order at 5:40 p.m. Commissioner present: Commissioner Fleury, Brennan, Caldwell, Chasan, Crook, Elliott, Homziak, Lane, Lazar, Pillsbury, and Werbel.

Robin Gillian – Son at Edmunds and daughter at the Y. Interested in getting foreign language back into schools in Vermont.

Superintendent Collins provided an update on the District Excellence survey. Also, the cost analyses are almost done.

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Fleury called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

**2. PRESENT**

**Commissioners:**

Vince Brennan X, Marris Caldwell X, Katharine Chasan X, Katherine Connolly \_\_\_\_, Barbara Crook X, Wallace Elliott X, Thom Fleury X, Chris Haessly \_\_\_\_, Jurij Homziak X, Bob Hooper \_\_\_\_, Fred Lane X, Jenn Lazar X, Keith Pillsbury X, Amy Werbel X

**Administrators:**

Jeanne Collins, Superintendent X  
Sara Jane Mahan, Human Resources Director X  
Scott Lisle, Business Manager X  
Julie Cadwallader-Staub, District Grants Coordinator X  
Paul Irish, District Technical Director X  
Bonnie Poe, Special Services Director \_\_\_\_

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion (Pillsbury/Werbel) to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

**4. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS**

Rebecca Smith, BEA President – Announced that Commissioners Thom Fleury and Vince Brennan have been recognized with awards this year. Also thanked the Board for its work in settling the paraeducator contract and urged the Board to resolve the remaining contracts.

**5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Collins introduced Food Service Director Doug Davis, who recognized the food service workers at Lyman C. Hunt Middle School for receiving the New England Dairy & Food Council's 2007 Expanding Breakfast Award for Vermont. The School received a \$5,000 prize for its win.

Superintendent Collins introduced Kim Hunt from Lyman C. Hunt Middle School for receiving the VT Mainstream Teacher Award from the Northern New England Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Language.

Superintendent Collins presented a letter to Rebecca Smith, President of the BEA, and Colleen Cowell, Vice-President, in recognition of all of the teachers in the Burlington School District.

## **6. UPDATE ON EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AND EQUITY**

### **a. Market Research Survey Update**

Superintendent Collins updated the Board on the status of the on-going market research survey.

### **b. Cost Analysis of Plans**

Superintendent Collins said that approximately 85-90% of the cost analyses have been completed for the various proposals under consideration by the Board.

### **c. Report on Excellence & Equity Work Session**

Commissioner Fleury provided a summary of the Excellence & Equity Work Session.

## **7. COMMITTEE UPDATES**

### **a. Finance Committee**

Commissioner Lane presented the report of the Finance Committee. A copy of the minutes is on file.

### **b. Infrastructure & Technology Committee**

Commissioner Brennan presented the report of the Infrastructure & Technology Committee. A copy of the minutes is on file.

### **c. Policy & Advocacy Committee**

Commissioner Werbel presented the report of the Policy & Advocacy Committee. A copy of the minutes is on file.

### **d. Curriculum Committee**

Commissioner Werbel presented the report of the Curriculum Committee. A copy of the minutes is on file.

### **e. Agenda Committee**

Commissioner Fleury presented the report of the Agenda Committee. A copy of the minutes is on file.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Consent Agenda**

Motion (Lane/Connolly) to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

### **b. Policy**

The Board did not have any policies on its agenda.

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Board had no unfinished business before it.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion (Lane/Connolly) to adjourn. The Board adjourned at 8:25 p.m.