

BURLINGTON BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

December 11, 2007

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Ira Allen Administration

150 Colchester Avenue, Burlington, VT 05401

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Fleury called the meeting to order at 7:10

2. PRESENT

Commissioners:

Vince Brennan__X__, Marrisca Caldwell__X__, Katharine Chasan _X__, Katherine Connolly _X__,
Barbara Crook___, Wallace Elliott_X__, Thom Fleury__X__, Chris Haessly ____, Jurij Homziak___,
Bob Hooper _X__, 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 ___
Bonnie Poe, Special Services Director ___

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

There was no public comment.

5. EQUITY & EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION UPDATE

a. Magnet Survey Update

Supt. Collins reported that Fifth Element has completed the phone survey, and has begun to compile the results of the survey. The online survey went live and will continue to be active through the weekend.

b. Superintendent's Report on Costs Associated with Proposals

Supt. Collins presented to the Board the results of her analysis of the costs for implementing the various reorganization proposals. The Board thanked Superintendent Collins for her work and held a brief discussion of the proposals.

c. Work Session; Review of Assignments and Plans for 1/15 Work Session

Commissioner Fleury held a brief discussion regarding the scheduling of the Board's next work session on excellence and equity.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Collins presented her report to the Board.

7. COMMITTEE UPDATES

a. Finance Committee

Commissioner Lane presented the report of the Finance Committee's last three meetings. Copies of the minutes are on file.

Superintendent Collins presented an overview of the budget priorities of the administration.

b. Infrastructure & Technology Committee

Commissioner Elliott presented the report of the Infrastructure & Technology Committee. A copy of the minutes are on file.

Motion (Elliott/Caldwell) that the District budget \$100,000 to conduct a full independent audit of all assets before proposing a renovation bond for the District. The Board held a general discussion of whether to include the cost of the audit in the bond itself, or consider it as a possible item in the FY 08 budget. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Policy/Advocacy Committee

Commissioner Caldwell presented the report of the Policy/Advocacy Committee. A copy of the minutes are on file.

d. Curriculum Committee

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

e. Agenda Committee

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

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Consent Agenda

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

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion (Pillsbury/Werbel) to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing contract negotiations, a student disciplinary matter, and an employee valuation, the premature disclosure of which would put the Board and the District at a substantial disadvantage.

Motion (Pillsbury/Lane) to come out of Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously. The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:37 p.m.

Motion (Lane/Lazar) to accept the recommendation of the Board disciplinary subcommittee and approve the recommendation of the administration for a long-term suspension of student [x], subject to the conditions recommended by the subcommittee. The motion carried unanimously.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Lane/Pillsbury) to adjourn. The Board adjourned at 9:38 p.m.