

# BURRILLVILLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

## REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 2010

**Reported By:** Janice Peterson

**Location:** Media Center, BHS

**Time Began:** 6:32 PM

**Adjourned:** 7:34 PM

**Attending:** Committee Chair Debra Stockwell, Vice Chair Mary Karmozyn, Clerk Dorothy Cardon, Raymond Trinque, Paul Couture, Joan Cote

**Absent:** R. Trinque (absent from Exec. Session only), S. Moore (excused)

### 1. Convene in Open Session

The Committee convened in Open Session at 6:32 PM.

### 2. Move to Executive Session under R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel

M. Karmozyn (M), P. Couture (S) to move to Executive Session under R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel. Committee Chair Stockwell polled the Committee. VOTE: Approved 5-0.

### 3. Reconvene Open Session

At 6:55 PM the Committee reconvened Open Session. Committee Chair Stockwell announced one vote had been taken in Executive Session: approved 5-0 to allow the Chair to sign off on a Memorandum of Agreement.

### 4. Welcome/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

### 5. Consent Agenda

R. Trinque (M), D. Cardon (S) to table the minutes of the January 12, 2010 Regular Meeting. VOTE: Approved 6-0.

R. Trinque (M), D. Cardon (S) to approve the warrant for the payment of expenditures and payrolls for January 2010 in the amount of \$2,603,124.80. VOTE: Approved 6-0.

D. Cardon (M), R. Trinque (S) to award the bid for telephone communication service to Cox Business Services, West Warwick, RI, per the RFP conducted on February 3, 2010. VOTE: Approved 6-0.

### 6. Presentations by the Public to the Committee

Robin Kimatian gave a PowerPoint presentation of the recently implemented Uniform Chart of Accounts (UCOA), an accounting system used by all school districts, collaborative and charter schools. The code segments indicate: funding source (federal, state, local), function (activity), location (where service or materials are used), program (e.g., regular, special ed.), subject (e.g., special ed., math, science), job classification (e.g., teacher, librarian), and object (e.g., salaries, benefits, supplies). The proposed funding formula for education will be based on the information submitted by all school districts. The Committee thanked Ms. Kimatian for the presentation. No action required.

### 7. Public Comment

None

### 8. Personnel

#### Appointments

R. Trinque (M), Committee Chair Stockwell (S) to appoint Joshua Goodwin and Michael Meehan, BMS Mentoring Program, \$30/hr, not to exceed \$3,630. VOTE: Approved 6-0.

#### Coaching Appointments for 2009-10

R. Trinque (M), M. Karmozyn (S) to appoint the following: Wilfred Carter, Head Baseball, BHS, \$2,170 plus \$500 longevity; Jason Rhodes, Asst. Baseball, BHS, \$1,735; Cortney Lacey,

Fast Pitch Softball, BHS, \$2,170; Scott Dodd\*, Asst. Fast Pitch Softball, BHS, \$1,735; Richard Goudreau, Head Tennis, BHS, \$1,735; Timothy Durigan, Head Golf, BHS, \$1,000; David Sherman, Head Baseball, BMS, \$2,170; David Vincoli, Head Softball, BMS, \$1,300; Michael Bruno, Asst. Softball, BMS, volunteer. VOTE: Approved 6-0.

\*pending receipt of appropriate paperwork.

Appointments

R. Trinque (M), Committee Chair Stockwell (S) to appoint Dennis Kafalas, Principal, Burrillville Middle School, effective 2/22/10, at a salary of \$96,000. VOTE: Approved 6-0.

R. Trinque (M), M. Karmozyn (S) to appoint Denis Cournoyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Custodian, BMS, and Dennis Berard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Custodian, BHS, effective 2/16/10, at the current contract rate.

Coaching Appointments for 2009-10 (corrected)

R. Trinque (M), M. Karmozyn (S) to appoint Pamela Watts, Barbara Fontenault and Katie Dutch, Co-Cheerleading Coaches, BHS – Winter, \$1,700 shared. VOTE: Approved 6-0.

Leave of Absence/Parental Leave

R. Trinque (M), Committee Chair Stockwell (S) to approve a leave of absence/parental leave to Kristen Houle, Kindergarten, ATL, on/about 5/12/10 through June 2010. VOTE: Approved 6-0.

Non-Renewals/Layoffs

R. Trinque (M), M. Karmozyn (S) to non-renew the following teachers for the 2010-11 school year, with regret:

Holly Andersen	Brian Dubuc	Victor Moniz
Andrew Auld	Elizabeth Emidy	Helen Pereira
Nicolette Baffoni	Brenna Enos	Kara Prario
Heather Bailey	Jennifer Gengenbach	Danielle Prignano
Stephanie Barney	Mary Lee Howard	Richard Provost
Elizabeth Barrette	Karen Hundley	Kevin Randall
Christopher Belluzzi	Kathryn Johnston	Heather Richards
Susan Boegler	Micaela LaChappelle	Lindsey Richmond
Wendy Brunelle	Jason LaDuke	Sara Roch
Heidi Cairo	Kathleen Larkin	Peter Ryan
Donna Casey	Lauren Leonti	Edward Santoro
Mandy Crandall	Sara Livsey	Brenda Sardinha
Mathew Daignault	Meghan Maguire	Lisa Sciacca
Bethany Davies	Lisa Martel	Kerri Simpson
Stacy DeLaura	Amanda Martins	Jennifer Smith
Tricia Dellinger	Kelly McNamara	Richard Toomey
Valerie DeMarco	Diana McPherson	Keith Tucker
Paula Donahue	Alison Mills	Kyle Wilson
Alyson Doumato	Christina Modelane	

VOTE: Approved 6-0.

R. Trinque (M), M. Karmozyn (S) to layoff the following teachers for the 2010-11 school year, with regret: Pauline Mueller and Julie Scheefer. VOTE: Approved 6-0. J. Cote commented that the legislature is considering moving the March 1 deadline to May 15.

Contract Renewals

R. Trinke (M), D. Cardon (S) to approve contract renewals July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, for: William Lima, Asst. Rink Director; Alan Connors, Ice Supervisor. VOTE: Approved 6-0.

**9. Old Business**

**A. FY10 Budget Update**

D. Cardon (M), M. Karmozyn (S) to open the item for discussion. VOTE: Approved 6-0.

R. Kimatian called attention to the recommendation to transfer \$33,230.79 from the In-Service Staff Development line to the Salaries and Benefits line. So moved D. Cardon, M. Karmozyn (S). VOTE: Approved 6-0.

**10. Superintendent's Report**

M. Karmozyn (M), D. Cardon (S) to open discussion on the Superintendent's Report. VOTE: Approved 6-0. Superintendent Pallotta reported no major changes in enrollment; asked that the Committee approve the 2010-11 Program of Studies Proposal; discussions with the union are ongoing regarding Advisory. D. Cardon (M), M. Karmozyn (S) to approve the 2010-2011 Program of Studies for Burrillville High School as presented. VOTE: Approved 6-0.

**11. Administrators' Reports**

M. Karmozyn (M), D. Cardon (S) to open the item for discussion. VOTE: Approved 6-0. P. Couture commented the reports are concise and keep the Committee updated. D. Cardon commented the administrators are moving the schools to a higher standard, noted a number of charitable efforts taking place in the schools and thanked all for the great job they are doing. M. Karmozyn commended L. Short for the collaboration on the Teaching American History grant, congratulated Jillian Cash for winning the district Spelling Bee and Anne Blissmer for receiving the Big Yellow Bus Grant, and wished all good vacation. R. Trinke suggested the Committee entertain the idea of having DATTCO present a mid-year update. Committee Chair Stockwell thanked the administrators for their reports and wished all a good vacation next week. No action required.

**12. Reports of Standing School Committee Sub-Committees**

Committee Chair Stockwell called attention to the minutes of the Policy Sub-Committee meeting held on February 3 and noted four policies are to be discussed later on the agenda.

**13. Correspondence/Communications**

J. Cote reported on a RIASC meeting held January 23 at which David Abbott, RIDE spoke on Race To The Top Grant, UCOA, budget deficits and called attention to the information provided in the Committee's weekly packet.

M. Karmozyn reported she had received a notice from the Northern RI Collaborative regarding their annual meeting scheduled for March 17.

**14. New Business**

**A. Policy to Recruit, Support, and Retain Highly Effective Staff – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

R. Trinke (M), M. Karmozyn (S) to approve the first reading of a Policy Related to Personnel Management (*Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines to Recruit, Support, and Retain Highly Effective Staff*) and to dispense with the reading. VOTE: Approved 6-0.

**B. Middle School Promotion/Retention Policy**

R. Trinque (M), M. Karmozyn (S) to approve the first reading of a Policy Related to Education (*Middle School Promotion/Retention*) and to dispense with the reading. Responding to Committee questions, Dr. Pallotta indicated the policy had been developed with L. Short following the RIDE Review; RIDE is working with the colleges regarding highly effective staff. VOTE: Approved 6-0.

**C. Elementary Promotion/Retention Policy - Amended**

R. Trinque (M), M. Karmozyn (S) to approve the amended first reading of a Policy Related to Education (*Elementary Promotion/Retention*) and to dispense with the reading. Dr. Pallotta reported the only change is to the policy number. VOTE: Approved 6-0.

**D. Graduation Policy**

R. Trinque (M), M. Karmozyn (S) to approve the first reading of a Policy Related to Education (*Graduation Requirements*) and to dispense with the reading. VOTE: Approved 6-0.

**E. Affirm by Majority Vote: RI Educator Code of Professional Responsibility**

D. Cardon (M), M. Karmozyn (S) to affirm by majority vote the RI Educator Code of Professional Responsibility. VOTE: Approved 6-0.

**F. Overnight Field Trip Request - DECA**

J. Cote (M), P. Couture (S) to approve a field trip request from DECA to attend the International Career Development Conference, Louisville, KY, April 24-27, 2010. VOTE: Approved 6-0.

**G. Correspondence to Rep. Pacheco re: Advertising (J. Cote)**

D. Cardon (M), Committee Chair Stockwell (S) to open the item for discussion. VOTE: Approved 6-0.

J. Cote read the following letter into the record and asked the Committee to consider supporting it on a whole and send it as a letter from the Committee; if not, she will send it in her name. It was suggested that the letter also Senator Fogarty and Representative Newberry.

"I am writing to you to ask for your help in bringing forward a bill to change the existing law requiring school committees to advertise their committee meetings in the newspaper (R.I. General Law 42-46-6 Notice.), see attached. The school committee is the *only* elected committee required to advertise in the newspaper. This resulted in an expense to the Burrillville School Committee of \$7,000.00 in the calendar year of 2008-09. I consider this expense an unnecessary use of educational dollars, money that could be spent on much needed district expenses such as library books, text books, technology, and basic district needs that the school budget is limited to provide for.

Presently the Burrillville School Committee notifies the public of upcoming meetings by posting notice in the schools, administrative office, school department website, town hall, and the secretary of state website at no cost. I would think this is probably the same protocol of other school committees in Rhode Island. If the public wishes to attend a school committee meeting there is adequate postings within their communities.

In these strained financial times it would only make sense to dismiss some of these burdensome mandates which result in unnecessary expenses. Money is tight at all levels of state government. We need to take a practical approach to running it. I believe eliminating the aforementioned section of the law will free up funds that can be used in more useful ways in school budgets.

As a member of the Burrillville School Committee, and as importantly a taxpayer in Burrillville, I am asking you to please introduce a bill to amend this law.

I look forward to speaking with you and moving this request swiftly to the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

Joan M. Cote

Burrillville School Committee

Committee Chair Stockwell noted she agreed with Ms. Cote, suggested the entire Committee sign the letter to make it more effective, forward a resolution to other school committees. R. Trinque commented this is a positive way to get the message across. M. Karmozyn asked if the Superintendent would be reviewing the letter, noted that if Committee signs it the "I's" would need to be changed to "we", and requested changes to paragraph 4. (Committee Chair Stockwell gaveled J. Cote.) D. Cardon suggested sending the letter to other communities. Committee Chair Stockwell (M), M. Karmozyn (S) to revise the letter (from individual to full committee) and send it to other communities and to our legislators. VOTE: Approved 6-0.

**13. Committee Comments on Agenda Items**

None

**14. Adjournment**

M. Karmozyn (M), P. Couture (S) to adjourn the Regular Meeting. VOTE: Approved 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

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Clerk of the Committee