

BURRILLVILLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

April 14, 2010

Reported By: Janice Peterson

Location: Media Center, BHS

Time Began: 7:02 PM

Adjourned: 7:43 PM

Attending: Vice Chair Mary Karmozyn, Clerk Dorothy Cardon, Raymond Trinqué, Paul Couture, Joan Cote, S. Moore

Absent: Committee Chair Debra Stockwell (excused)

1. Convene in Open Session

Vice Chair Karmozyn called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and announced that Committee Chair Stockwell was coming from the State House and is expected shortly.

2. Welcome/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

3. Recognition

- DECA: Advisor Mary Lou Tupper reported 23 students had participated in the state competition; five will be attending leadership academies or participating in the national competition to be held next week. The Vice-Chair conferred Certificates of Appreciation to: Kaitlin Therien, Caitlin Cippolone, Kassondra Rouleau, Brianna Roy, and Nikole Moutinho.
- Robotics Team will be honored at the May meeting.

4. Consent Agenda

R. Trinqué (M), S. Moore (S) to approve the Consent Agenda (minutes of the March 9, 2010 Regular Meeting; warrant for the payment of payrolls and expenditures for March 2010 in the amount of \$2,704,307.76. VOTE: Approved 6-0.

5. Public Comment

None

6. Personnel

Retirements

R. Trinqué (M), J. Cote (S) to accept, with regret the following retirements:

Patricia Kelley	Gr. 7 Mathematics, BMS	Effective: June 18, 2010 (last school day)
Beverly Tsonos	Kindergarten, ATL	Effective: June 30, 2010
Michael Ouimette	Gr. 7 Social Studies, BMS	Effective: June 18, 2010 (last school day)
Nancy Hodys	Reading Specialist, ATL	Effective: June 30, 2010
Michael Clifford	Guidance Counselor, BHS	Effective: June 30, 2010
Mary Beauchamp	Gr. 2, SFE	Effective: July 1, 2010
Regina Toomey	Sp. Ed. Preschool, SFE	Effective: June 30, 2010

In response to a Committee question, M. Karmozyn commented the seven retirees represented almost 200 years of teaching. J. Cote wished the retirees well as they move to the next phase of their lives and thanked them. P. Couture noted he had the privilege of working with several of the aforementioned; they will be sorely missed and difficult to replace. M. Karmozyn commented she knows all of the retirees both personally and professionally and thanked them for a job well done. VOTE: Approved 6-0.

Rescission of Non-renewal Vote of February 9, 2010

R. Trinqué (M), J. Cote (S) to rescind the non-renewal vote of February 9, 2010 for Julie Scheefer, Art, BHS. VOTE: Approved 6-0.

7. Old Business

A. FY10 Budget Update

D. Cardon (M), P. Couture (S) to open the item for discussion. VOTE: Approved 6-0. R. Kimatian reported no transfers are requested until definite information is received on state aid. No action required.

8. Superintendent's Report

D. Cardon (M), R. Trinque (S) to open discussion on the item. VOTE: Approved 6-0. Dr. Pallotta reported enrollments remain stationary. At North Smithfield's suggestion to merge purchased services and goods, Lincoln, Smithfield, North Smithfield and Burrillville have joined together to form the Northwest School District Consortium. Superintendents, Technology Directors and Facilities Directors from the four communities met and selected a chair for each area; P. Barrette was selected to chair Technology, Dr. Pallotta will chair the Consortium; the group agreed to rotate the chairs annually. There are plans to expand and include Curriculum and Finance Directors. The Facilities Committee is looking into sharing equipment. They are going to establish a bid process for the four communities. The Superintendent will keep the Committee updated and will forward the list serve and minutes of the last meeting. R. Trinque (M), J. Cote (S) to receive and file the report. VOTE: Approved 6-0.

9. Administrators' Reports

R. Trinque (M) D. Cardon (S) to open the item for discussion. VOTE: Approved 6-0. R. Trinque questioned the status of two lengths of metal bleachers behind the Middle School and asked the condition of the tennis nets at the High School; J. Woodward indicated he would follow up.

D. Cardon expressed gratitude to the Superintendent, administrators and teachers for their work on the K-12 curriculum and congratulated the Middle School Hockey team for winning the division title, noting her granddaughter was the lone girl on the team.

P. Couture commented it is all good information and noted the importance of the State House on the budget's impact to the system.

J. Cote questioned an item in the Rink Report; it was clarified that the space being rented was for "off – ice" training. J. Cote thanked the Facilities Manager for helping her use the on-line building use form, complimented the High School for the Program of Studies publication and commented on the Special Education Advisory Committee.

S. Moore commented he is happy to hear there is progress being made on curriculum and noted he was pleased with the Course of Studies.

R. Trinque noted the five-year contract expires this year and requested an update from the Energy Manager within the next few months. Specifically, he asked (1) are we still getting the savings and (2) is there anything else we can do? J. Woodward reported Mr. Boucher updates all of the principals and him on a weekly basis; the Committee suggested quarterly updates be given to them. J. Cote questioned that since the original contract had to be approved by the Committee should the topic go back to the table. R. Kimatian clarified the Energy Manager position is in next year's budget and will be posted.

M. Karmozyn commented on the outstanding communication and cooperation and wished all a great spring vacation.

10. Reports of Standing School Committee Sub-Committees

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

- Health & Wellness: J. Cote reported Kids First hosted a Soup and Salad event last night.

Eleven people came forth to become members of the sub-committee; two meetings will be scheduled (May 5 and May 19) to identify and develop the strategic plan and have goals in place for the upcoming school year. Ms. Cote thanked the Superintendent for his help to make this a successful event.

- Sick Bank: M. Karmozyn reported the committee met on March 3rd; one certified member received one day, another 9 days, and a third 30 days.

11. Correspondence/Communications

R. Trinke (M), J. Cote (S) to receive and file a School Committee Resolution from Portsmouth.
VOTE: Approved 6-0.

12. New Business

A. Parent Request – Early Admission to Grade 1

Parent, Cathy Chenot, asked the Committee to consider changing the age requirements for entry into first grade. Ms. Chenot explained that her daughter misses the cutoff date by one week; she will be attending kindergarten with her day care provider; if the child successfully completes kindergarten, she requests admission to grade one in town. R. Trinke (M), D. Cardon (S) to refer the item to the Superintendent and Curriculum Director and report back at their earliest convenience. Responding to questions, Dr. Pallotta reported the deadline is 5 by September 1st for kindergarten, 6 by Sept. 1st for first grade; Burrillville policy has followed State law; an exception policy would be needed to allow early entry.
VOTE: Approved 6-0.

B. 2010-2011 School Calendar

R. Trinke (M), J. Cote (S) to approve the 2010-2011 School Calendar. VOTE: Approved 6-0.

C. Overnight Field Trip Request – Robotics Team

R. Trinke (M), J. Cote (S) approve an Overnight Field Trip Request from the Robotics Team to compete in Atlanta, GA. VOTE: Approved 6-0

D. Request for Financial Support in Accordance with Policies 3849.2 and 3849.8

- R. Trinke (M), J. Cote (S) to award \$500 to DECA in accordance with Policies 3849.2 and 3849.8. VOTE: Approved 6-0.
- R. Trinke (M), J. Cote (S) to award \$500 to the Robotics Team in accordance with Policies 3849.2 and 3849.8. VOTE: Approved 6-0.

E. Resolution to Support House Bill No. 7626

R. Trinke (M), D. Cardon (S) to approve a Resolution to support House Bill #7626.
VOTE: Approved 6-0. J. Cote thanked the Superintendent for his support.

F. Resolution regarding Binding Arbitration

R. Trinke (M), D. Cardon (S) to support a Resolution regarding Binding Arbitration.
VOTE: Approved 6-0.

G. Resolution regarding Contract Continuation

R. Trinke (M), D. Cardon (S) to support a Resolution regarding Contract Continuation.
VOTE: Approved 6-0.

13. Committee Comments on Agenda Items

M. Karmozyn commented that Committee Chair Stockwell was apparently still at the State House; she will be given an excused absence.

Pending Items:

- R. Trinque asked that School Reorganization be added as an action item on the next agenda; the Superintendent reported we are entitled to a free enrollment projection from NESDEC and suggested waiting until that is received.
- J. Cote questioned the status of the Perkins fund and noted she would like negotiations added to the pending list.

14. Adjournment

R. Trinque (M), D. Cardon (S) to adjourn the Regular Meeting. VOTE: Approved 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Clerk of the Committee