

**BURRILLVILLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2009**

**1. Welcome/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance**

**Reported By:** Janice Peterson

**Location:** Media Center, BHS

**Time Began:** 7:00 PM

**Adjourned:** 7:46 PM

**Attending:** Committee Chair Debra Stockwell, Vice Chair Mary Karmozyn, Clerk Dorothy Cardon, Raymond Trinque, Scott Moore, Paul Couture, Joan Cote (arrived at 7:02 PM)

**Absent:** None

**2. Consent Agenda**

R. Trinque (M), S. Moore (S) to open the item for discussion. VOTE: Approved 6-0. D. Cardon noted the minutes for 8/11/09 (page 1, line 2) should read, "...page 5 of the 5/12/09 meeting." On the 9/1/09 minutes, M. Karmozyn noted a misspelled name under Personnel. D. Cardon (M), S. Moore (S) to approve the minutes for the 8/11/09 Regular Meeting, 8/29/09 Special Meeting, and 9/1/09 Special Meeting as amended. VOTE: Approved 6-0.

(J. Cote arrived at 7:02 PM) R. Trinque (M), M. Karmozyn (S) to approve the warrant for the payment of payrolls and expenditures for the month of August 2009 in the amount of \$1,583,742.79. VOTE: Approved 7-0.

**3. Public Comment**

None

**4. Personnel**

Appointments

R. Trinque (M), D. Cardon (S) to appoint the following: William Chasse, Lead Custodian, SFE, effective 6/22/09; Cheryl Schatz, Teacher Assistant, BMS, effective 8/26/09. VOTE: Approved 7-0.

Transfer

R. Trinque (M), D. Cardon (S) to approve the transfer of David Petrone from Lead Custodian, SFE, to lead Custodian, WLC, effective 6/22/09. VOTE: Approved 7-0.

Appointment

R. Trinque (M), D. Cardon (S) to appoint Paula Donahue, Reading Specialist, BHS, Master's Step 5, plus 30, effective 9/28/09. VOTE: Approved 7-0.

**5. Old Business**

**A. FY10 Budget Update**

R. Trinque (M), M. Karmozyn (S) to open the item for discussion. VOTE: Approved 7-0. R. Kimatian requested the Committee formally approve the budget appropriations. D. Cardon (M), M. Karmozyn (S) to approve the FY10 Budget appropriations as presented. VOTE: Approved 7-0.

**B. Superintendent Search – Appoint Ad Hoc Committee**

Committee Chair Stockwell appointed the following to the Superintendent Search Committee: Dr. Pallotta (Chair), Susan Moore, elementary teacher, high school teacher, S. Moore, M. Karmozyn, and D. Cardon. For the record, J. Cote stated that in a conversation with the Chair, she had been assured her presence on the panel "would not be a problem." Committee Chair Stockwell gavelled Ms. Cote. Committee Chair Stockwell said her conversation with Ms. Cote occurred prior to her speaking with two other members and that her position as Chair afforded her the privilege of appointing the Committee. R. Trinque and P. Couture were appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee.

**6. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Pallotta reported:

- Enrollments at Callahan in Grade 4 are reaching capacity.
- Called attention to proposed job descriptions for Department Leaders.
- A. T. Principal – applications have been received from three viable candidates.
- School opening – there were some bus issues that are being addressed.

D. Cardon (M), M. Karmozyn (S) to accept the Superintendents Report. VOTE: Approved 7-0.

**7. Administrators' Reports**

Dr. Pallotta announced Administrators' Reports would resume in October.

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

None

**9. Correspondence/Communications**

None

**10. New Business**

**A. DATTCO – Bus Update**

Mike Carnavale, DATTCO, representative offered information relative to the opening of school:

- Complaints from parents of Father Holland and Community Christian schools are being addressed.
- Parents with only post office boxes listed are being contacted for street addresses.
- Progress is being made

To address congestion at Levy School in the afternoon, use of a portable radio was suggested; Dr. Pallotta suggested having the buses arrive in the same order each day.

**B. RIDE School Support System Visit**

R. Trinque (M), D. Cardon (S) to open the item for discussion. VOTE: Approved 7-0. Susan Moore discussed the RIDE School Support System Visit that occurs on a five-year cycle and reviewed the schedule provided. A representative from the School Committee is requested; all members are invited. Responding to questions: the district will receive feedback beginning in December/January; student files are chosen for review at random (approximately 25 in all areas).

**C. School Committee Unfunded Mandates**

R. Trinque (M), M. Karmozyn (S) to open the item for discussion. VOTE: Approved 7-0. R. Trinque commented that schools need to be more flexible in their requirements (e.g., requiring a 5-subject notebook instead of less expensive single ones.)

**D. Elementary Reorganization**

R. Trinque questioned the status of the enrollment study and asked that it be added to next month's agenda (with the NESDEC information.)

**11. Committee Comments Regarding Agenda Items**

- J. Cote recounted her conversation with Committee Chair Stockwell regarding her desire to be appointed to the Superintendent Search Committee and expressed her dismay and disappointment in not being selected to serve on the Committee. M. Karmozyn interjected she was unaware of the conversation.
- S. Moore questioned whether there was a savings by rebidding the boiler project; he was told there was a savings.

**12. Move to Executive Session**

At 7:30 PM, R. Trinque (M), D. Cardon (S) to move to Executive Session under R.I.G.L. 52-46-5 (a)(1), Personnel. Committee Chair Stockwell polled the Committee. VOTE: Approved 7-0.

**13. Reconvene Open Session**

The Committee reconvened Open Session at 7:45 PM. Committee Chair Stockwell reported one vote had been taken regarding the Superintendent's contract. VOTE: Approved 7-0.

**14. Adjournment**

R. Trinque (M), P. Couture (S) to adjourn the Regular meeting. VOTE: Approved 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

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Clerk of the Committee