

**SOUTHERN WORCESTER COUNTY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Regular Meeting

December 5, 2011

- A. The Regular Meeting of Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School District Committee held in the Board Room at Muggett Hill Road, Charlton, MA was called to order at 7:05pm.

Alfred E. Beland, Chairman, presided

The following members were present:

Donald H. Erickson, Auburn  
Jack Haroian, Auburn  
Clarence A. Bachand, Charlton  
Olaf R. Garcia, Charlton  
Alfred C. Reich, Dudley  
Timothy Schur, Dudley  
James N. Caldwell, North Brookfield  
Donald J. Gillette, North Brookfield  
Benjamin J. LaMountain, Oxford  
Robert A. Wilby, Paxton  
Robert Mowatt, Rutland  
Michael S. Pantos, Rutland  
Helen I. Lenti, Southbridge  
Kenneth R. Wheeler, Spencer  
Robert Zukowski, Spencer  
Edwin G. Stalec, Webster

The following members were absent:

OPEN, Oxford  
Peter M. Schur, Paxton  
Peter Preble, Southbridge

Also present:

Clifford Cloutier, Principal  
W. Sue Foskett, Recording Secretary  
Dr. Rene J. Hamel, Oxford Resident  
John Lafleche, Assistant to the Superintendent for Business  
Deb Laplaca, Worcester Telegram & Gazette  
Donald Montville, Vocational Director  
David Papagni, Superintendent-Director

**B.1.a. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**B.1.b. FIRE DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS – NOTICE OF PROPER EXITS –**

Mr. Papagni reminded everyone where the proper exits were per Fire Department Regulations.

**B.1.c. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**

A **MOTION** was made by Olaf Garcia that we vote to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2011 with corrections.

Seconded by Benjamin LaMountain

**VOTED:** Unanimous

**B.1.d. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS –** The Warrants were circulated for members to sign.

**B.1.e. CORRESPONDENCE –**Oath of Office, Peter M. Schur, Paxton

Helen Lenti read the certification letter from the Town of Paxton for Peter M. Schur which is in effect until their next annual town election on May 14, 2012.

**B.1.f. STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE –** Kaitlyn Cahill a Senior in Office Occupations was present this evening.

**B.2.a. NONE**

**B.3.a. ACCEPTANCE OF CASH DONATION –** As recommended by the Superintendent-Director, the Vocational Director, and the Assistant to the Superintendent for Business,

A **MOTION** was made by Clarence A. Bachand that we vote to accept a \$25 cash donation, to be placed in account #2740, Automotive Revolving.

Seconded by Olaf Garcia

**VOTED:** Unanimous

**B.3.b. SURPLUS EQUIPMENT –** As recommended by the Superintendent-Director, the Vocational Director, and the Assistant to the Superintendent for Business,

A **MOTION** was made by Olaf Garcia that we vote to place a Baldor Grinder/Buffer/Serial #F672, a Lucifer Furnace/Model #7022E, a Delta 5HP Tilting Arbor Saw, a Peck Stow & Wilcox Co 3' Brake/Model #PX36A, a Peck Stow & Wilcox Co Jump Shear/ Model #137-L and a Pexto 3' Brake/Model #0-602, on the Surplus Equipment List, to be disposed of according to the School Committee Surplus Equipment Policy, using the most appropriate method available.

Seconded by Robert Mowatt

**VOTED:** Unanimous

**B.3.c. PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE OVERNIGHT ROTARY CUP BASEBALL CLASSIC –** As recommended by the Superintendent-Director and the Principal,

A **MOTION** was made by Clarence A. Bachand that we vote to allow the baseball team to participate in the Rotary Cup Baseball Classic at Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School and to stay overnight in Yarmouth, MA from April 16 through April 18, 2012, with transportation to be provided by the district.

Seconded by Olaf Garcia

**VOTED:** Unanimous

- B.3.d. **APPROVAL OF OUT OF STATE FIELD TRIP – Metal Fabrication** – As recommended by the Superintendent-Director and the Vocational Director,

A **MOTION** was made by Olaf Garcia that we vote to approve an out of state field trip for 7 Metal Fabrication seniors and Mr. Wong Kam to visit Lincoln Technical Institute in East Windsor, CT, on Thursday, January 5, 2012, with transportation to be paid by the district.

Seconded by Donald Erickson

**VOTED:** Unanimous

- B.3.e. **INCREASE IN COMPUTER TECH AIDE HOURLY PAY RATE** – As recommended by the Superintendent-Director and the Assistant to the Superintendent for Business,

A **MOTION** was made by Clarence A. Bachand that we vote to increase Ms. Katie Cunningham’s hourly rate of pay to \$10.00/hr. and change her title to Computer Tech Aide.

Seconded by Olaf Garcia

**VOTED:** Unanimous

- C.1. **REPORT FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT DIRECTOR** – The Superintendent-Director submitted his report in writing to the committee.

C.2. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. **AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE** – An Audit Subcommittee Meeting will be scheduled on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 6:30pm, prior to the regular school committee meeting to review the Audit.

B. **BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE** – No report

C. **BUILDING SUBCOMMITTEE** – No Report

D. **NEGOTIATION SUBCOMMITTEE** – No report

E. **POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE** – A Policy Subcommittee meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 2:00pm in the Conference Room 151.

F. **SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE FOR SWCRVSD** – A meeting was held tonight at 6:00pm prior to the regular school committee meeting to approve the schematic design for the addition/renovation project, for submission to the MSBA. The total cost of the project is \$73,722,405 with the district being reimbursed by the state for 65.69%. The actual cost to the towns will be \$27,250,758.

G. **WARRANT SUBCOMMITTEE** – No report

- D.1. **MEETING DATES** –A Regular School Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 3, 2012, at 7:00pm, in the school committee board room.

Al Beland asked for a motion to post a Special Meeting with an Executive Session to discuss preliminary strategies for posting and hiring a Superintendent and/or Interim Superintendent. The Superintendent’s Search Subcommittee will consist of all members of the school committee.

A **MOTION** was made by Robert Wilby to schedule a Special Meeting with an Executive Session to discuss preliminary strategies for posting and hiring a Superintendent and/or Interim Superintendent on Monday, December 12, 2011, at 6:00pm in the school committee board room.

Seconded by Robert Zukowski

**VOTED:** Unanimous

A **MOTION** was made by Michael Pantos to appoint the school committee recording secretary Sue Foskett as the secretary for the Superintendent's Search Subcommittee.

Seconded by Olaf Garcia

**VOTED:** Unanimous

D.2. **TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDA** – If you have any items to add to agenda or discuss at the next meeting, please see Mr. Beland or Mr. Papagni.

E. **REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR** –

1. Senator Richard Moore would be visiting the school on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am to tour the building the Superintendent and the School Committee Chair, Al Beland. The Superintendent would like to invite all school committee to attend a luncheon with the Senator at 12:00 in our dining room.
2. We have a new program sponsored by our Student Council called the Bay Path Buddies. Kaitlyn Cahill explained that the Bay Path Buddies consist of (8) students who help (15) students from the Charlton Elementary School with their homework, create crafts, and play games.
3. The Bay Path Education Foundation's Santa Claus Breakfast is coming up this Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-11:00am. We have collected \$6,500 in sponsors and ticket money so far. There is always a raffle that consists of items made by the school or donated from various individuals or businesses. This year the Education Foundation has increased their scholarships and grant awards to \$15,500.
4. At 12:00pm Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, Bay Path will host the annual SkillsUSA Christmas Party for needy children. Each school hosts this event for two years.
5. There was a flyer given to all school committee members for a social which will be held at the Colonial Club in Webster on Saturday, January 21, 2011, with the social hour at 6:30pm and the dinner to be served at 7:30pm.
6. Each school committee member received a new Bay Path school brochure for their perusal.
7. Congratulations go to the Bay Path Football Team for winning the Division VI Super Bowl. All participants will receive a gift for their achievement with Bay Path contributing \$50 per player as per policy.
8. A preliminary presentation was given at the MASS/MASC Conference on the new evaluation system which included a data collection component. There is a webinar on January 10<sup>th</sup> to develop the new instrument.
9. David Papagni stated that when we hired a Principal we eliminated the Curriculum Coordinator's position. At the January school committee meeting the

Superintendent will be proposing that the school committee vote to create a new administrative position entitled Curriculum Coordinator, Data Analyst, & Grant Writer.

F.1. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC** – No questions.

F.2. **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE** –

1. Donald Gillette asked if this is a good time of year to be advertising a new administrative position. The Superintendent assured Mr. Gillette that positions become available at all times of the year with people resigning or retiring.
2. Robert Zukowski and Kenneth Wheeler attended a meeting with the Spencer/East Brookfield School Committee and there was no change.
3. Kenneth Wheeler informed the School Committee that Ashley Cahill, Kaitlyn Cahill's sister, was selected to participate in the Team USA in Germany. He commended her for her accomplishment.
4. Benjamin LaMountain wished everyone a Merry Christmas
5. Helen Lenti wished everyone Happy Holidays.
6. Alfred Beland wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy Holiday.

G. **ADJOURNMENT** -

A **MOTION** was made by Benjamin LaMountain that we vote to adjourn the Regular Meeting of December 5, 2011.

Seconded by Michael Pantos

**VOTED:** Unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.



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Helen I. Lenti, Secretary