

**RUTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS  
JANUARY 19, 2010**

**School Board Members Present:**

Peter Mello  
Christopher Book  
Hurley Cavacas, Jr.  
Wayne Cooke  
Richard Courcelle  
Roberta Dress  
Peter Fagan (6:35 pm)  
Collin Fingon  
Peter Forshay  
Cindy Kilic-Murray  
Rob Towle  
Daniel Wigmore

**Also Present:**

Superintendent Mary Moran  
Assistant Superintendent Rob Bliss  
Peter Amons  
Wil Cunningham  
Lyle Jepson  
Ellie McGarry  
Bill Olsen  
Kristin Francoeur  
Bob Johnson  
Jay Slenker  
Christy Coloutti  
Kristen Hubert  
Susanne Engels  
Jessica Henderson  
Andrea McQuade  
Larry Lattanzi  
Glenn Olson  
Ted Guilmette  
Patricia Aigner  
Cathy Farman

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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Mello noted all Commissioners were present with the exception of Commissioner Fagan.

Motion by Towle / Kilic-Murray to accept the minutes of the Jan. 12, 2010 regular school board meeting as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Written Communication - None

Oral Communication - Vicki and Garth Vest thanked the Board, on behalf of the students of the drama and Encore programs, for allowing the community to talk about the drama program. She said the way the students and parents were received was dignified and respectful.

FY11 Budget Ratification - Mr. Mello thanked the administration for their revised recommendations. The revisions reflect input from administrators, board members, and the community regarding the drama program. He said that personally, he does not feel he can support a recommendation beyond Tier #2 cuts without jeopardizing the integrity of the system. Mr. Mello said the presented budget with cuts outlined in Tiers #1 and #2 result in a 1.1% budget increase in expenses over last year's budget.

Motion by Cavacas / Kilic-Murray to approve a budget as presented with Tier #1 cuts only, for a \$45,235,705 total budget, which is a 1.61% increase over last year's expenditures.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MOTION:  
MINUTES  
1/12/10  
MEETING

WRITTEN &  
ORAL  
COMMUN-  
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THANKS TO  
BOARD  
FROM  
DRAMA  
SUPPORT-  
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EDUCATION  
REPORT

FY11  
BUDGET  
RATIFI-  
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MOTION:  
BUDGET  
RATIFICA-  
TION WITH  
TIER #1  
CUTS

Vote on motion: Motion was approved on a vote of 6 yes votes (Mello, Towle, Kilic - Murray, Fagan, Cavacas, Fingon) to 5 no votes (Dress, Cooke, Book, Forshay, Courcelle)

FY11  
BUDGET  
RATIFI-  
CATION,  
cont.

Budget Warning Language - Mr. Mello said the language in these next motions is required.

VOTE ON  
MOTION

#### Budget Warning

Motion by Fingon / Kilic-Murray to adopt the budget warning as presented and attached. Motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET  
WARNING  
LANGUAGE

BUDGET  
WARNING

#### Stafford Technical Center Bond Language

Motion by Cavacas / Cooke to adopt the Stafford bond warning as presented and attached.

MOTION:  
ADOPT THE  
BUDGET  
WARNING

Mr. Book asked if the way this is worded precludes us from getting any future federal funds. Mr. Amons said it would not preclude us but it does not mean that we are eligible for all funds.

MOTION:  
ADOPT THE  
STC BOND  
WARNING

Motion passed unanimously.

#### Stafford Bond Resolution

Motion by Cavacas / Towle to adopt the Stafford bond resolution as presented and attached. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION:  
ADOPT THE  
STC BOND  
RESOLU-  
TION

#### Stafford Bond Vote Ballot

Motion by Cavacas / Cooke to adopt the Stafford bond vote ballot language as presented and attached. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION:  
ADOPT THE  
STC BOND  
VOTE  
BALLOT  
LANGUAGE

Ms. Moran and Mr. Mello complimented and thanked Deb Etzler for all her work on the budget items.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Towle / Fagan to approve the Licensed and Non-licensed section of the Personnel Memorandum No. 417 dated Jan. 15, 2010, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

MOTION:  
PERSONNEL  
MEMO #417

The retirement was reviewed by Superintendent Moran.

#### Licensed Section:

Anne Marie Etori / Elementary teacher / RIS retirement effective 6/30/10

Motion passed unanimously.

SUPERIN-  
TENDENT'S  
REPORT

#### Announcements

- Northeast teachers participated in a Faculty Meeting involving the completion of the newly developed Student Progress Reports with Patricia Aigner and Jack Adams. Primary student progress reports will be sent home Jan. 29
- The first Northeast PTC movie night is Jan. 22 with a showing of "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatball." Sat. Jan. 30 is the annual "Pond Party" at the Northeast

ANNOUNCE-  
MENTS

- Pond.
- RIS presents Parenting with a Purpose class tomorrow night at 6:30 taught by Peg Lucci.
- At RMS, Grocery Bingo, is scheduled for Jan. 26.
- At RHS, Carolyn Ravenna's and Alison Dennis's Independent Living classes contributed their bottle recycling funds, \$112.66 to the Key Club collection to benefit the Haitian relief effort. Key club participated in a "Wheelchair Square Dance" at the Pines Monday evening and has collected change in the cafeteria for "Hands with Haiti." Alison Remy will be speaking at the Key Club meeting about connection with and experiences in Haiti.
- Feb 2 is the RHS open house for the new semester. Thurs night is the RHS open house for 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

ANNOUNCE-  
MENTS, cont.

Legislative Report - Ms. Moran is sending board members the Legislative Joint Report. The major piece is dialogue about the report from the Public Strategies group. She reviewed some of the other issues under discussion. There is legislation being reviewed which would mandate teacher student ratios.

LEGISLA-  
TIVE  
REPORT

Budget Buddies Update - Ms. Kilic-Murray said Budget Buddies has sent the RCPS and STC brochures to the printers. Voters should ask board members or Peter Amons if they have questions. Now that the budget is ratified, the website will be updated and the entire budget will be posted. Representatives to talk about the budget will be at sporting events, school events, social clubs, PTC meetings and on PEGTV.

COMM.  
REPORTS

BUDGET  
BUDDIES  
UPDATE

Pension Committee update - Mr. Fingon said the committee is meeting next week and he asked all pension committee members to attend.

PENSION  
COMM.  
UPDATE

New Business - None

NEW  
BUSINESS

Old Business - The rescheduled board retreat is January 26, 2010. The agenda item is: "How we function as a board"

OLD  
BUSINESS

Board members should read *The Outliers* by the first Board meeting in February.

Motion by Cooke/Forshay to adjourn at 7:20 pm. Passed.

MOTION:  
ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted

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Janet Mondlak  
Recording Secretary

## RUTLAND CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

The Rutland City voters are hereby warned to meet on Monday, March 1, 2010 at 6:30 PM at the Longfellow Administration Building, 6 Church Street to transact the following business:

- Article 1 To hear the report of the Rutland City Board of School Commissioners
- Article 2 To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting
- Article 3 To create a Stafford Technical Center reserve fund for the purpose of accumulating funds for the future purchase of a tractor-trailer combination to replace the current vehicle used in the adult education CDL training program.

The meeting shall be recessed to reconvene on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 for the purpose of voting by Australian Ballot at the usual polling places between the hours of 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM on the following:

To elect the following School Board Commissioners:

- a. A City School Board Commissioner for a term of three (3) years
- b. A City School Board Commissioner for a term of three (3) years
- c. A City School Board Commissioner for a term of three (3) years
- d. A City School Board Commissioner for a term of three (3) years

- Article 1 Shall the voters of Rutland City School District appropriate the sum of \$45,009,704 necessary for the support of Rutland City Public Schools for the year beginning July 1, 2010?

Dated at Rutland, Vermont  
January 19, 2010

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Peter Mello, Chair  
Rutland City Board of School Commissioners

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Dick Courcelle, Clerk  
Rutland City Board of School Commissioners

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Christopher C. Louras, Mayor  
Rutland City

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Henry Heck, City Clerk  
Rutland City

RUTLAND CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

The voters are hereby warned to meet at the Rutland City Public Schools Longfellow Administration Building on Monday, March 1, 2010 at 7:00 PM. The business to be transacted as follows:

Article 1 To have presented by the Board of School Commissioners information on the proposed building improvements to the Stafford Technical Center and the financing thereof:

Article 2 To transact any other business proper to be done when met

The meeting will then be recessed to reconvene on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 for the purpose of voting by Australian ballot at the usual polling places between the hours of 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM on the following:

Article 2 Shall bonds of the City of Rutland in an amount not to exceed One Million Three Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$1,368,000) subject to reduction from available state construction grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of funding renovations and improvements to the Stafford Technical Center?

The Rutland City Board of School Commissioners proposes to incur bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding renovations and improvements to the Stafford Technical Center at the estimated total project cost of \$1,368,000. It is estimated that 100 percent of the project will not be eligible for state school construction aid. Therefore the 100 percent of the project that is estimated to be ineligible under the formula shall be built without state participation. The cost of the portion of construction which is ineligible under the formula is \$1,368,000, to be paid by all Stafford Technical Center sending towns.

Dated at Rutland, Vermont  
January 19, 2010

Received and Recorded  
January 19, 2010

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Peter Mello, Chairman  
Rutland City Board of School Commissioners

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Dick Courcelle, Clerk  
Rutland City Board of School Commissioners

RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the Rutland City School District Board operates public schools that provide education to Rutland students enrolled in grades Kindergarten through twelve, including the Stafford Technical Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rutland City School District Board of School Commissioners has determined that it needs to make renovations and improvements to the Stafford Technical Center to meet the educational needs of students attending the Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rutland City School District Board of School Commissioners has determined that the cost of making renovations and improvements to the Stafford Technical Center will be too great to be paid out of the ordinary annual income and revenue of the Stafford Technical Center budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has further determined that authority to incur bonded debt is required to pay for the construction of said renovations and improvements;

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Rutland City School District Board of School Commissioners that the proposition of incurring bonded debt be submitted to the qualified voters of the Rutland City School District in the following form:

Shall bonds of the City of Rutland in an amount not to exceed One Million Three Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$1,368,000) subject to reduction from available state construction grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of funding renovations and improvements to the Stafford Technical Center?

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**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a vote on said proposition shall be conducted by Australian Ballot at a Special Meeting to be held at the regular polling places of the Rutland City School District on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 7:00 in the forenoon, at which time the polls will open and remain open until 7:00 in the afternoon, at which time the polls will close.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board shall hold a public informational hearing on the foregoing article at the Longfellow Administrative Building in the City of Rutland, Vermont on March 1, 2010 at 7:00 P.M., and shall post warnings of said informational hearing by January 29, 2010 in the City Clerk's office and four other places in Rutland City.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Warning for the above mentioned Special Meeting shall be published in the Rutland Herald on February 9, 16 and 23, 2010 and that the Warning for said meeting shall be posted no later than January 29, 2010, in the City Clerk's office and eight other places in Rutland City.

**DATED** at Rutland, Vermont, this 19th day of January, 2010.

Rutland City School District  
Board of School Commissioners

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Peter Mello, Chair

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Dick Courcelle, Clerk

## **OFFICIAL BALLOT LANGUAGE**

### **City of Rutland**

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