

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2016
Executive Session at 5:30 P.M.
Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School Library**

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Julie Beatty, Patrick Leduc

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, John Stewart, Stephanie Hainley

GUESTS

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered executive session at 5:30 p.m. to discuss a real estate proposal and legal advice on contractual matter and added that it would be significantly disadvantageous to the district not to do so in executive session. The board requested that Mr. Young and Mr. Stewart attend executive session. The motion was approved.

Legal Matter – Real Estate Proposal Discussion

In: 5:30 p.m. Mr. LaLonde arrived at 5:45 p.m.

Out: 6:30 p.m.

No Action

Legal Matter - Legal Advice on Contractual Matter

In: 6:31 p.m.

Out: 6:58 p.m.

No Action

The executive session was closed at 6:59 p.m.

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Julie Beatty, Patrick Leduc, Nirali Desai

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, John Stewart, Stewart Weiss, Meg Collins, Karsten Schlenter, Holly Rouelle, Joanne Godek

GUESTS

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REGULAR SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Item 7, Superintendent's Report and Item 10, FY 2017 Proposed Budget - Presentation of Budget Recommended by Administration will be combined.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The SBHS Speech and Debate teams are looking for individuals to judge at the Speech and Debate Tournament on Saturday, January 9, 2016. If you would like to judge, contact Carly Bennett (cbennett@cssu.org) or Veronica White (vwhite@sbschools.net). They will provide you with additional information.
- The FHT Middle School students will perform "A Midsummer Night's Dream" on Friday, January 8 and Saturday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m. Please contact the FHT Middle School Office at 652-7100 for tickets.
- Monday, January 18 is MLK Day - No School.
- **Pizza Night is Thursday, January 7, 5:30-7:00 p.m., SBHS Cafs. 1 and 2:** Please join us for FREE PIZZA to welcome back our alumni and enjoy a performance by our own award-winning SBHS Dance Team!
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration, Monday, January 18, 9:00-11:30 a.m. at SBHS; Service Opportunity 2:00-4:00 p.m.**
- **The 6th Annual South Burlington's Best Ever Community Blood Drive** - organized by the high school student group called the Bloodtastic Rebels – will take place from noon – 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at St. John Vianney Parish Center.
- **Legislative Breakfast** - Mr. LaLonde noted the Legislative Breakfast was held on Monday, January 4. City council, school board and legislatures were in attendance. Mr. LaLonde stated that the spending threshold under ACT 46 was discussed. Mr. Lalonde asked the board if they would like a consensus view provided on this topic. The consensus of the board is not to submit a formal opinion.

CITY AND SCHOOL COLLABORATION

Mr. Young and Ms. Fitzgerald meet regularly with Pat Nowak, City Council Chair, and Kevin Dorn, City Manager. City/School Legislative breakfast took place on Monday, January 4 and was well attended. There were conversations about Act 46 and other issues that may be affecting the city. There is a desire to hear differing opinions. Kevin Dorn would like to have other sides brought to a budget meeting. Mr. LaLonde will report out at the next meeting on legislative updates.

MASTER PLANNING AND VISIONING UPDATE

White and Burke continues to look at financial modeling options under master planning and visioning. There will be a public meeting in March for initial community feedback.

SOLAR ARRAY AT SOUTH BURLINGTON LANDFILL

This is a partnership program with the city to construct a solar array at the city owned landfill off Patchen Road. The school district would partner with the city for a

percentage of credits generated which will transfer into a savings to the school district over a period of 25 years. The board has been in discussion with the City and waiting on response to several questions before taking action. This will be brought to the next meeting for action.

FY 2017 PROPOSED BUDGET - PRESENTATION OF BUDGET RECOMMENDED BY ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Young provided a PowerPoint with updated budget information to the board. This update includes additional changes following the December 16 School Board meeting from feedback received by the school board as well as by members of the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee. The board discussed the budget proposal with Mr. Young and Mr. Stewart and provided feedback. The budget will come back to the January 13 meeting for action.

ANNOUNCED TUITION FY 2017

Mr. Young provided a FY 2017 tuition rate recommendation to the board. There was discussion. This will be brought back to the next meeting for action.

SCHOOL BOARD LINE ITEM PROGRAM BUDGET

The board discussed their line item budget. This budget will be brought back to the next meeting for action.

SCHOOL CHOICE CAPACITY – TITLE 16, SEC. 822 (a)

The board discussed school choice capacity. The recommendation is one student. This will be brought back to the next meeting for action.

SET AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2016

The board discussed the agenda for the regular board meeting on January 20, 2016.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The board discussed future agenda items.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 2015

Ms. Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the board to approve the minutes of December 16, 2015. There were no objections.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #24

The board reviewed accounts payable orders #24.

BOARD SELF-EVALUATION

The board discussed their self-evaluation.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.