

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2014
Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
Rick Marcotte Central School Library**

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Julie Beatty, Diane Bugbee, Dan Fleming

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, John Stewart

GUESTS

No guests

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss a legal matter and collective bargaining and added that it would be significantly disadvantageous to the district not to do so in executive session. The motion was approved.

Legal Matter

In: 6:00 p.m.

Out: 6:10 p.m.

No Action

Collective Bargaining

In: 6:10 p.m.

Out: 6:55 p.m.

No Action

The executive session was closed at 6:56 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Julie Beatty, Diane Bugbee, Dan Fleming

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, John Stewart, Delina Gilroy, Patrick Burke

GUESTS

7 guests

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Agenda item #10 – Set Tuition Rate for FY 2015 was moved from a discussion item to an action item.

CITY/SCHOOL COLLABORATION

Mr. Young gave an update on meetings between the district and the city. Mr. Young said he and Mr. Dorn met with Frank Locker again and he has provided the city and district with ideas and options. Mr. Young said they expect a report about the cost from Mr. Locker in the next two weeks. The next Steering Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 22.

RESPONSE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COURT DECISION ON HOWARDCENTER'S METHADONE CLINIC ON DORSET STREET

Mr. Young said the Environmental Court denied the district's appeal of the HowardCenter's permit to open a methadone clinic on Dorset Street. Mr. Young said the District continues to oppose the granting of a permit to the Howard Center for the methadone clinic. We are seeking a determination from the Vermont Supreme Court that our legitimate concerns about student safety should be a consideration in analyzing whether a permit should have been granted. We will shortly file our legal brief with the Court. We remain hopeful that the legal system will recognize the importance of keeping our children safe.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

The students were not in attendance.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**Update on Request for Proposal (RFP) for Audit of Teacher Performance Evaluation Practice**

– Mr. Young said we will be receiving a proposal by January 17, 2014. Ms. Beatty said she does not feel a pool of one candidate is sufficient. Ms. Fitzgerald asked where the RFP was distributed? Mr. Young said he will get back to the board.

Private Paying Tuition Students – Mr. Young said he is meeting with individuals from other Districts for the purposes of discussing opportunities specific to resources following students.

20/20 Scope – Integration of Various Initiatives - Mr. Young had a first meeting with Frank Locker, Master Planning and Visioning Consultant, and Kevin Dorn, City Manager. The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- Project Scope
- Analysis of City and School Properties
- Formative Community Engagement process
- Final Report

Mr. Locker will be providing Mr. Dorn and Mr. Young with the costs associated with the services listed above.

PUBLIC HEARING ON FY2015 BUDGET

Mr. Young and Mr. Stewart gave an overview of the proposed FY 2015 budget scenarios. The board asked many questions and made several suggestions.

Mr. Young and Mr. Stewart also discussed the possibility of asking the voters to reactivate the 2006 bond to use the money for a new FHT Middle School elevator, high school elevator replacement and platform lift repair, upgrade of the high school bathrooms, replacement of High School and Chamberlin School roofs, replacement of windows at the high school (1st phase), and engineering, architectural, bond issue costs, etc.

The board asked several questions about timing of going to the voters to utilize the 2006 bond funds with estimates of some of the costs for the SBHS elevator replacement, bathroom improvements, and window replacement.

Ms. Fitzgerald summarized the budget by saying the total of additional reductions made by the administration are \$622,402 (see page 2 of budget presentation). This gets the tax rate increase down about 5 cents which is an increase of about 8.5% versus the 11.8% previously discussed. However, to set the tax rate so there would be no increase would require more reductions as well as a reduction of approximately an additional 30 staff members.

The board will adopt the budget at their January 15 meeting.

SET TUITION RATE FOR FY2015

Mr. Young discussed his recommendation for the FY2015 tuition rates.

Mr. LaLonde moved and Ms. Beatty seconded the motion that the FY2015 tuition rates be set at \$14,798 for secondary grades 7-12, \$12,746 for elementary grades K-6, and \$16,277 for Special Education (Progressive Program). The motion was approved.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

Ends Policy

Mr. Young presented the third reading of the Ends Policy. Ms. Bugbee moved and Ms. Beatty seconded the motion to approve the policy as presented. The motion was approved.

SET AGENDA FOR THE JANUARY 15 AND JANUARY 22, 2014 MEETINGS

The board reviewed and discussed the agendas for the January 15 and 22 meetings.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The board discussed future agenda items.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, DECEMBER 18 AND DECEMBER 30, 2013

Ms. Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the Board to approve the minutes of the December 16, December 18, and December 30, 2013 meetings as presented. There were no objections.

CONSENT AGENDA

Hire

Nicole Bauman, 1.0 FTE Elementary Teacher at Orchard Elementary School

Ms. Bugbee moved and Ms. Beatty seconded the motion that the consent agenda be approved as presented. There were no objections.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #24, #25, AND TP#75

The board reviewed Accounts Payable Order #24, #25, and TP#75.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CHECK

Ms. Bugbee moved and Mr. Fleming seconded the motion to approve the check to the HowardCenter in the amount of \$84,818.89. The motion was approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Come out this weekend and support our young FHT Middle School actors and see the finest theatre anywhere. The gripping play, 12 Angry Men has both movie and stage versions. Our version, adapted from the professional stage version, will be presented this Friday and Saturday evenings at 7pm at the South Burlington High School stage. There will also be a 2 pm matinee on Saturday – which is free for seniors. Tickets are \$8 and \$6 and are available at the door or online at www.firstlighttheatrevt.com.
- Petitions are available from the town clerk's office for the two school board positions, a 2-year term and a 3 year term. Petitions must be returned to the clerk's office by Monday, January 27 at 5:00 p.m. If you have questions, contact Donna Kinville, City Clerk at 846-4119.
- The SBHS Music Department will be picking up Christmas trees in your neighborhood (for a \$10 donation on Saturday, January 11).
- South Burlington Mentoring celebrates January 2014's National Mentoring Month with first-ever casual gala event on Saturday, January 11, 6:00-8:30 p.m. at FHT Middle School.
- January 20 Martin Luther King Holiday – No School. Activity at the high school 9-12 at high school.
- Orchard School students will perform The Hobbit on January 23, 24, and 25.
- February 5, 2014 - Early Dismissal at 11:30 a.m. at the elementary schools for teacher in-service - No lunch will be served.
- February 5 school board meeting location has been changed from Chamberlin School to FHT Middle School due to a Family Night/Book Fair at Chamberlin School.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Martin LaLonde, Clerk

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Chair