

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2014
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, Diane Bugbee, Dan Fleming

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, John Stewart, Joanne Godek, Attorney Steve Stitzel

GUESTS

There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board entered executive session at 5:30 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: 5:30

Out: 6:10

No Action

Collective Bargaining

In: 6:15

Out: 6:51

No Action

The executive session was closed at 6:52 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT

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

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, John Stewart, Stuart Weiss, Meg Collins, Sue Luck, Patrick Burke, Karsten Schlenter, Holly Rouelle, Mark Trifilio, Paul Yoon, Joanne Godek

GUESTS

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Several Orchard School parents asked questions and voiced concerns about the fifth grade move to the middle school. Mr. Young assured them that he would be presenting

information about the move at upcoming PTO meetings and will be establishing a steering committee to oversee the various aspects of the transition. He stated that there would be representation from all three elementary schools and the middle school including teachers, staff, parents, and community members.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

The Annual School District Meeting Warning will be discussed. Action will be taken at the January 22 meeting.

CITY/SCHOOL COLLABORATION

Mr. Young stated that he and Ms. Fitzgerald have not met with Mr. Dorn and Ms. McKenzie since their last meeting; however, there is a master planning and visioning meeting scheduled for Friday, January 17.

UPDATE ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE HOWARDCENTER'S PERMIT TO OPEN A METHADONE CLINIC ON DORSET STREET

The appeal continues to be in front of the Supreme Court. We are waiting for a scheduling response. The school board continues to look at ways to secure safety zones around our schools. Mr. LaLonde met with the Planning Commission regarding the zoning regulations. He would like to see the Planning Commission include the school safety overlay as form based codes are discussed. The planning commission has put this on hold, awaiting the Supreme Court decision on the Methadone Clinic. Mr. LaLonde disagrees with this decision saying that without the school safety overlay in place the methadone clinic could expand to other space not zoned for medical use.

USE OF REMAINING 2005 BOND FUNDS FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

The board will ask the voters to authorize the use unexpended proceeds from the 2005 Series I General obligation bond issue for school improvement projects at the FHT Middle School, South Burlington High School, and Chamberlin School. The following projects would be completed:

1. High School Elevator – replacement and platform lift repair
2. New Middle School Elevator
3. Upgrade High School bathrooms on first floor
4. Replace High School roof on south section
5. Replace Chamberlin School roof
6. Replacement of windows at High School - Phase 1
7. Engineering, architectural, bond issue costs

The authorization of these funds would not increase net expenses in the FY 2015 proposed budget. The board will take this up for action at the January 22 board meeting.

CONSIDER AND APPROVE SCHOOL DIRECTORS LINE ITEM BUDGET

The board reviewed their line item budget and asked several questions. Ms. Beatty moved and Mr. LaLonde seconded the motion to approve the school directors' line item budget of \$30,456. The motion was approved.

DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION OF SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT FY 2015 BUDGET

Mr. Stewart presented an overview of the budget for FY 2015. Ms. Fitzgerald thanked the administrators for all the work they have done on the budget. The board and audience asked several questions. Mr. Stewart showed a model of the impact of reducing the Nutritional Services deficit reduction line of \$125,000 and then again by \$50,000. Mr. Fleming motioned and Mr. LaLonde seconded the motion to adjust the Nutritional Services deficit reduction line from \$125,000 to \$50,000. The motion was approved.

Following discussion, Mr. LaLonde motioned and Ms. Bugbee seconded the motion to approve the budget of \$44,297,297 as presented to the board with the amendment of Nutritional Services line. The motion was approved.

CONSIDER AND APPROVE ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING WARNING

The board discussed the annual school district meeting warning and will take action at the January 22 meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- South Burlington School District Student Art Show at Barnes and Noble celebrating National Mentoring Month. The artwork will be up for the entire month of January, and an Artists' Reception will be held on Friday, January 24, from 5:00-6:00 p.m.
- January 20 Martin Luther King Holiday – No School.
- Orchard School students will perform The Hobbit on January 23, 24, and 25.
- February 5 – 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.
- Channel 17 School Budget Presentation is February 20 at 5:25 p.m. followed by the candidate forum for school board members up for reelection.
- The Steering Committee meeting will be held on January 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the FHT Middle School Library.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Martin LaLonde, Clerk

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Chair