

APPROVED ON FEBRUARY 6, 2019

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019
Executive Session at 6:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School Library**

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Bridget Burkhardt, Alex McHenry, Steve Wisloski

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young

GUESTS

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered executive session at 6:04 p.m. to discuss a real estate matter and negotiations with teachers, administrators, and support staff and added that it would be significantly disadvantageous to the district not to do so in executive session. The Board requested that David Young attend executive session. The motion was approved.

Discussion of a Real Estate Matter

In: 6:04 p.m.

Out: 6:21 p.m.

No Action

Discussion Regarding Labor Negotiations with Teachers, Administrators and Support Staff

In: 6:22 p.m.

Out: 6:53 p.m.

No Action

The executive session was closed at 6:53 p.m.

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Bridget Burkhardt, Alex McHenry, Steve Wisloski, Arnel Husrefovic, W. Cole Patno

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, Delina Gilroy, Amadee Denton, Susie Merrick, Patrick Burke, Karsten Schlenter Mark Trifilio, Holly Rouelle, Joanne Godek, Mike Jabour, Deirdre Donovan, Christine Nold, Noah Everitt

GUESTS

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REGULAR SESSION

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

A member of the audience asked about the state teachers retirement unfunded liability, specifically the long-term impact on the district of the unfunded liability of the retirement pension fund.

High School Student and Boys Basketball Captain, Brendan Bridge, spoke briefly about Wellness Week at SBHS and the Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Awareness scheduled for the upcoming basketball game against Burlington High School on Friday, January 25.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Young amended the agenda to include a real estate matter in Executive Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- Martin Luther King Day activities were discussed.
- Second semester at the high school started yesterday.
- Music student spent time recently at to Hartford High School.
- Healthy Living is providing Rick Marcotte 2% back on purchases made if you mention RM Central School.
- The FHT Middle School Why Not Team will hold a Panera fundraiser.
- Orchard Schools Production of Beauty and the Beast is next week.

CITY SCHOOL COLLABORATION

City Manager Kevin Dorn and City Council Chair Helen Riehle will meet with David Young and Elizabeth Fitzgerald on Friday.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**Soundproofing at Chamberlin School**

The Noise Exposure Map (NEM) process has been delayed; however, this should have no impact on the school. The FAA approved the acoustical testing based on the current NEM map as well as the current Noise Compatibility Program (NCP) (versus the new map and NCP). The acoustical testing performed already took into account future aircraft noise inclusive of the F-35. David Young is working with airport officials to determine the next steps so that the soundproofing processes can begin.

Black Lives Matter Flag Raising

Mr. Young provided the following update on the Black Lives Matter Flag Raising by SBHS Students.

Statement of Intent from the Students, Staff and Community Members on the Black Lives Matter Flag Raising Committee

- On February 1, South Burlington students, with the support of the South Burlington School District, are raising the Black Lives Matter flag as a symbol of inclusion, especially for our students of color.
- The flag will fly for the month of February this year and in the years to come. February is Black History Month.

- This student-led initiative ties to the larger educational work of the school district including, but not limited to 1) Our Ends Policy and 2) Staff work on equity and anti-bias education.
- The event details will be shared on the school district website.

City Center Building Design

The City and School District are meeting regularly and working collaboratively on the design of the access, parking area, landscaping and other associated improvements within the easement that the District is conveying to the City on the Marcotte property and on the redesign of the Marcotte School access and parking lots. Discussions are on-going and the parties are still working towards a final design.

PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL CHOICE CAPACITY – TITLE 16, SECTION 822(a)

Bridget Burkhardt motioned to approve the Public High School Choice Capacity of one (1) student for the 2019-2020 school year. Alex McHenry seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

SCHOOL BOARD LINE ITEM PROGRAM BUDGET FOR FY 2020

Bridget Burkhardt motioned to approve the School Board line item budget as presented. Steve Wisloski seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

MASTER PLANNING AND VISIONING

Phase II Work Plan Update – Dore and Whittier Presentation

Roberto Fitzgerald from Dore and Whittier provided the Board with an update on the status of the Master Planning and Visioning work. The district work group has been meeting about the project for the last year. Additional information will be posted to the district web page under Master Planning and Visioning next week.

CONSIDER SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET FOR FY 2020

David Young provided an update on the recommended budget for FY 2020. He responded to several questions asked by the School Board and community members.

The Board discussed adding \$100,000 into the budget for a contingency teacher, but decided not to do so at this time.

Bridget Burkhardt motioned to approve the budget in the amount of \$51,746,533.00 with an equalized pupil amount of \$15,944.38 which is 6.45% more than the current fiscal year. Alex McHenry seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

CONSIDER ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING WARNING

David Young presented the Annual Meeting Warning for consideration.

Steve Wisloski motioned to approve the Annual School District Meeting Warning including a budget in the amount of \$51,746,533.00 with an equalized pupil amount of \$15,944.38 which is 6.45% more than the current fiscal year. Alex McHenry seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

FY 2020 BUDGET COMMUNICATION PLAN

David Young provided a calendar of the upcoming dates for meetings in which Board members, the student representatives, and administrators have an opportunity to discuss the FY 2020 budget with the staff and community members.

OTHER PAPER ARTICLES

The Board discussed upcoming Other Paper articles.

NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE

Bridget Burkhardt provided an update on negotiations with the SBEA. She said the next session is scheduled for January 24. Bridget Burkhardt provided an update on negotiations with the SBEA ESPU (support staff) group. They met this week for the second time and have additional meetings scheduled on February 11 and March 11.

SET AGENDA FOR THE FEBRUARY 6, 2019 MEETING

The Board discussed the agenda for the February 6 School Board meeting. David Young will not be at the meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF JANUARY 2, JANUARY 4, AND JANUARY 7, 2019

Elizabeth Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the Board to approve the minutes of the January 2, January 4, and January 7, 2019 (9 a.m. and 5 p.m.) meetings. There were no objections.

CONSENT AGENDARetirement/Resignation

Janet Hayden, 1.0 FTE English Teacher at Orchard School

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Autonomous Hard Floor Scrubbers

David Young acknowledged Janet Hayden's 30 plus years of service with the district. Elizabeth Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the Board to approve the consent agenda as presented. There were no objections.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #24 AND #25

The Board reviewed accounts payable order #24 and #25.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDER CHECKS TO HOWARD CENTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES, BURLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND ESSEX WESTFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bridget Burkhardt moved to approve Accounts Payable Order Checks to Howard Center for Human Services in the amount of \$81,633.57, Burlington School District in the amount of \$115,431.61, and Essex Westford Community Educational Center in the amount of \$76,422.78. Steve Wisloski seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Steve Wisloski motioned to adjourn. Alex McHenry seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Chair

Bridget Burkhardt, Clerk