

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018  
Executive Session at 6:00 P.M.  
Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M.  
Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School Library**

**PRESENT**

Elizabeth Fitzgerald (via phone), Martin LaLonde, Bridget Burkhardt, Alex McHenry, Steve Wisloski

**ADMINISTRATION/STAFF**

David Young

**GUESTS**

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board entered executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations with administrators and a legal 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 attend executive session. The motion was approved.

**Discussion Regarding Labor Negotiations with Administrators**

In: 6:01 p.m.

Out: 6:11 p.m.

No Action

**Discussion Regarding a Legal Matters**

In: 6:11 p.m.

Out: 6:50 p.m.

No Action

The executive session was closed at 6:51 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Elizabeth Fitzgerald (via phone), Martin LaLonde, Bridget Burkhardt, Alex McHenry, Steve Wisloski, Alex Escaja-Heiss, Arnel Husrefovic

**ADMINISTRATION/STAFF**

David Young, John Aubin, Delina Gilroy, Patrick Burke, Karsten Schlenter

**GUESTS**

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**REGULAR SESSION**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were none.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no amendments

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

- No School on January 15 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. PACT held an event at the high school.
- Last Friday the High School Student Diversity Union went to Chamberlin Elementary School and spoke to students.
- This morning the Student Diversity Union and Key Club presented to the high school staff.
- Winter Ball and the end of the semester are this Friday.
- Big Picture Fall term exhibitions were last week.
- This week Alex Escaja-Heiss had her film, “Looking Back at Me,” which was her Big Picture Project, screened at Agency of Human Services.
- The FHT Middle School held its play this weekend and it was very well done.
- January 24 is the Steering Committee Meeting between the City Council and the School Board.
- The pre-town meeting public information session is scheduled for March 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School cafeteria. The City Council and School Board will hold a public hearing on budget, bond, and other ballot items.

**CITY AND SCHOOL COLLABORATION**

Mr. Young stated that the school has not met with the city since the last meeting. Mr. Young noted that there is a Steering Committee meeting scheduled for January 24 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall to discuss the city and school budgets.

Tomorrow evening there is a community meeting re: Imagining the library and city hall to kick-off the new South Burlington Community Library and City Center facility. The meeting will be held at City Hall from 7-9 p.m. Ms. Burkhardt will be attending.

**PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL CHOICE CAPACITY – Title 16, Section 822(a)**

Mr. Wisloski moved and Ms. Burkhardt seconded the motion to set the school choice cap at one (1) student for the 2018-2019 school year. Mr. LaLonde took a roll call for the action taken by each board member. All were in favor. The motion passed.

**SET ANNOUNCED TUITION FOR FY 2019**

Ms. Burkhardt moved and Mr. McHenry seconded the motion to set the Announced Tuition at \$14,363 for Secondary Grades 7-12, \$14,437 for Elementary Grades K-6, and \$14,747 for Special Education (Progressive Program) students. Mr. LaLonde took a roll call for the action taken by each board member. All were in favor. The motion passed.

**SCHOOL BOARD LINE ITEM PROGRAM BUDGET FOR FY 2019**

Ms. Burkhardt moved and Mr. McHenry seconded the motion to approve the School

Board line item budget as presented. Mr. LaLonde took a roll call for the action taken by each board member. All were in favor. The motion passed.

### **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FY 2019 BUDGET**

Mr. Young provide an abbreviated overview of the recommended budget for FY 2019. Members of the public asked several questions regarding class sizes, staffing, and the contingency teacher.

Mr. Young provided an overview of Student Outcomes for the District. The list is posted on the District website

After some discussion, Mr. Wisloski made a motion to add an additional contingency teacher at \$80,000.00 to the administrative proposed budget. Ms. Burkhardt seconded the motion. Mr. LaLonde took a roll call for the action taken by each board member. Ms. Fitzgerald voted no. The motion was approved.

Ms. Burkhardt moved that the School Board approve the FY 2019 Budget in the amount of \$49,686,166.00 with an equalized per pupil spending of \$14,977.68, and a projected spending per equalized pupil of 2.75% lower than spending for the current year. Mr. Wisloski seconded the motion. Mr. LaLonde took a roll call for the action taken by each board member. All were in favor. The motion was approved.

### **CONSIDER BOND BORROWING FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS**

Mr. LaLonde explained the reason why the Board and administration have chosen to go to the community for bond borrowing in the amount of \$950,000.00. The first reason is that in the past all items have been put in the operational budget when we should have considered bonding because of the intergenerational equity that bonding provides the community that is paying for the facilities that we build, such as the bathrooms and the field. Another reason is that it is a good time to go for a bond in that the interest rate is very low and the third reason is that the overall bonded debt we are carrying is very low as compared to other Chittenden County schools.

Ms. Burkhardt moved that the School Board approve the Resolution for Bond Borrowing in the amount of \$950,500.00 for Capital Improvements to the Constituent Schools and Facilities of South Burlington School District and the Declaration of Official Intent of the City of South Burlington School District to Reimburse Certain Expenditures from Proceeds of Indebtedness. Mr. McHenry seconded the motion. Mr. LaLonde took a roll call for the action taken by each board member. All were in favor. The motion passed.

A member of the audience asked what would happen to the budget if the bond fails. Mr. LaLonde said that the District would not build the facilities on the field and have to review other projects in the bond based on priority. The Board and the administration would need to discuss the use of the money in the capital reserve fund.

### **CONSIDER ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING WARNING**

Mr. Wisloski moved that the Annual School District Warning be approved to include election of officers, a budget amount of \$49,686,166.00, an equalized per pupil spending of \$14,977.68, a projected spending per equalized pupil of 2.75% lower than spending for the current year, and a bonding article in the amount of \$950,500.00. Ms.

Burkhardt seconded the motion. Mr. LaLonde took a roll call for the action taken by each board member. All were in favor. The motion passed.

### **FY 2019 BUDGET COMMUNICATION PLAN**

A calendar with the dates for budget communication meetings and Other Paper article dates was provided. The Board discussed the dates.

Budget information can be found on the district website by clicking on the Budget tab at the top of the page. All board meeting recordings by RETN are also found on the district website by clicking on the Our District tab at the top of the page, then click on School Board, and then click on School Board Agenda and Minutes.

Ms. Burkhardt and Mr. LaLonde will be updating the School Board Facebook page with budget information.

Mr. Burke will work with the student representatives and the City Clerk on student voting/registration at the high school.

### **OTHER PAPER ARTICLES**

The board discussed the upcoming Other Paper articles.

### **UPDATED WINOOSKI SCHOOL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT**

Mr. Wisloski moved that the updated Winooski School District Transportation Agreement be approved as presented. Ms. Burkhardt seconded the motion. Mr. LaLonde took a roll call for the action taken by each board member. All were in favor. The motion passed.

### **MASTER PLANNING AND VISIONING**

Mr. Young provided the Board with an update on the Master Planning and Visioning Subcommittee work. Mr. Young informed the members of the audience that the McKibben Demographics Report will be discussed at the February 7 School Board meeting.

### **SET AGENDA FOR THE FEBRUARY 7, 2018 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

The Board discussed the agenda for the February 7, 2018 school board meeting.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Board discussed future agenda items.

### **CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 3 AND JANUARY 10, 2018**

Mr. LaLonde announced general consensus of the Board to approve the minutes of January 3 and January 10, 2018 as presented. There were no objections.

### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #24 AND #25**

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

### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDER CHECKS TO HOWARD CENTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,788.34 AND ESSEX WESTFORD ECUUSD #15 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$71,254.50**

Mr. Wisloski motioned that the Board approve accounts payable order checks to Howard Center for Human Services in the amount of \$80,788.34 and Essex Westford ECUUSD #15 in the amount of \$71,254.50. Mr. McHenry seconded the motion. Mr. LaLonde took a roll call for the action taken by each board member. All were in favor. The motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Martin LaLonde, Acting Chair

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Bridget Burkhardt, Acting Clerk