

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2014  
Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M.  
Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School Library**

**PRESENT**

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

**ADMINISTRATION/STAFF**

David Young, John Stewart, Delina Gilroy, Stuart Weiss

**GUESTS**

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The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were none.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Mr. Young added a student matter to executive session and removed agenda item #10 - Public School Choice Cap and said it will be added to the January 27 special meeting agenda for approval.

**CITY/SCHOOL COLLABORATION**

Mr. Young stated that the Steering Committee held a public hearing on the budget earlier this evening. He said they discussed the budgets, Master Planning and Visioning, the planning grant status, RETN and Channel 17 budget show dates, the legislative process, and form based codes.

**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 Vermont 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.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Sabina Latifovic and Neerja Patel gave the following update:

- Mid-terms were held last week
- Winter Ball was Sunday
- Monday was MLK, Jr. Day and over 60 students and 40 adults attended the event at SB High School
- Neerja presented on Rebels for Lives Fourth Annual SB Community Blood Drive. She said the blood drive will be held Tuesday, January 28 from Noon to 6:00 p.m. at St.

John Vianney Parish. Neerja distributed flyers to board members and encouraged them to attend.

### **RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE USE OF UNEXPENDED PROCEEDS FROM THE 2005 SERIES I GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ISSUED FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

Mr. Stewart introduced Attorney Bob Fletcher, District Attorney for the Bond, as he is certified to do work for the Bond Bank. The board asked him several questions.

Ms. Beatty moved and Mr. LaLonde seconded the motion to sign the resolution to authorize the use of unexpended proceeds from the 2005 Series I General Obligation Bond issued for school improvement projects by adding to the ballot in March. The motion was approved.

The board thanked Attorney Fletcher for attending.

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

Ms. Bugbee moved and Mr. Fleming seconded the motion to approve the Annual School District Meeting Warning. The motion was approved.

### **BUDGET COMMUNICATION PLAN**

The board reviewed the budget communication dates and discussed how to communicate the proposed budget to the voters. The board discussed targeting neighborhoods with low voter turnout with leaflets or cards to encourage voter participation at the March election. The board would like to see an increase of 5-10 percent in voter participation in areas that have previously had low voter turnout.

Board members made suggestions for budget communication. Mr. LaLonde said it should be mentioned in our budget publications that last year we kept our budget at 2.09% and other districts had much higher budgets. This year the district is being affected by other districts' decisions (from last year) to have a higher percentage rate budget increase.

### **PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE CAP**

This will be discussed at the January 27 special school board meeting.

### **SET AGENDA FOR THE FEBRUARY 5, 2014 MEETING**

The board discussed the February 5 meeting agenda.

The board asked that the Social Networking – Acceptable Use Policy be added to the second meeting in February or the first meeting in March for discussion. They suggested having the School Resource Officers attend.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The board discussed future agenda items.

### **CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF JANUARY 15 AND JANUARY 16, 2014**

Ms. Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the board to approve the minutes of the January 15 and January 16 meetings as amended. There were no objections.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #26, #27, AND TP#76**

The board reviewed accounts payable orders #26, #27, and TP#76.

**BOARD SELF EVALUATION**

The board reviewed the evaluation.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- SBPD Officer Building Tours - South Burlington Police Department will be going for a brief tour of each school building in the next few weeks. The tours will be led by one of the School Resource Officers and will be of the main areas and entry and exit points of the building.
- February 2—DARE Graduation for Grade 5 at Chamberlin School, 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the gym.
- February 5 – Chamberlin Family Night: Book Fair and Spaghetti Dinner, 5:00-7:30 p.m.
- 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.
- February 20 – Channel 17 School Budget Presentation at 5:25 p.m. followed by the candidate forum for school board members up for reelection.
- Chamberlin School has a school newspaper, the *Chamberlin School News*. The paper was started due to the interest of one student and quickly found others who wanted to join. The school voted last year to choose the name for the paper. The paper started at the end of the 2012-2013 school year. This year they hope to produce four issues.
- The board asked Mr. Young to find a date for a board retreat shortly after town meeting in March.

The regular meeting was closed at 8:19 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The board entered executive session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss a student matter, 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.

**Student Matter**

In: 8:21 p.m.

Out: 8:49 p.m.

No Action

**Legal Matter**

In: 8:49 p.m.

Out: 9:06 p.m.

No Action

**Collective Bargaining**

In: 9:10 p.m.

Out: 9:30 p.m.

No Action

The executive session was closed at 9:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

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Martin LaLonde, Clerk

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Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Chair