

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2020
Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
Executive Session to follow Regular Meeting
Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School Library**

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Bridget Burkhardt, Alex McHenry, Brian Minier, Delany Rosner

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, Gary Marckres, Amadee Denton, Meg Collins, Mike Martin, Holly Rouelle, Lissa McDonald, Karsten Schlenter

GUESTS

Attorney Bob Fletcher and 6 community members.

REGULAR SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY FOR CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Attorney Bob Fletcher provided an explanation of the changes that were made to the Resolution of Necessity for Capital Construction Project.

Bridget Burkhardt moved to approve the resolution of necessity for capital construction project, Alex McHenry seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passes.

AUTHORIZATION FOR ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

Elizabeth Fitzgerald read the changes made to the authorization for issuance of general obligation debt for school construction. Bob Fletcher responded to questions.

Bridget Burkhardt moved that the board accept the changes and language as read in the red line version of the authorization for issuance of general obligation debt for school construction and Alex McHenry seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passes.

CONSIDER ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING WARNING

Elizabeth Fitzgerald read the changes that were made to the annual school district meeting warning. Bridget Burkhardt moved to approve the changes as red lined in Article II, Alex McHenry seconded the motion. All were in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student Representative to the Board, Delaney Rosner provided the following announcements:

- Last Friday, the Student Justice Union visited the elementary schools to talk about race and injustice
- This past weekend the SBHS Speech Team placed 2nd at the Essex Competition
- January 23 - 8th grade Academic Information Night at the high school
- January 23 - Community Dinner and Equity Dialogue at the Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
- January 23, 24 and 25 - Orchard School will be performing Peter Pan
- January 31 - District Chorus Festival for Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School
- February 3 – SBHS will have a Black History assembly at 10:00 am

CITY AND SCHOOL COLLABORATION

David Young noted that he and Elizabeth Fitzgerald will meet with Kevin Dorn and Helen Riehle on Friday. They will be talking about more clarity on the noise mitigation program and will re-visit Master Planning, lead testing, school construction, budgets, city appraisal and impact fee.

SUPERINTEDENT'S REPORT**Rick Marcotte Central School/180 Market Street**

Gary Marckres noted that the project is on schedule. The foundation is being poured. Lighting is operational, including the two lights attached to the building.

Enrollment/Staffing Update

David Young provided current enrollment numbers and anticipated numbers. Immediate support has been added to Rick Marcotte Central School. An anticipated teacher and paraeducator have been posted and will be brought before the board in February.

Chamberlin School Noise Mitigation/Airport

David Young noted that sound testing was done a couple years ago by ATC when the F16s were flying and Gary Marckres has acquired a quote from ATC for another sound testing now that the F35's have arrived. This testing will give a continued baseline.

The district is working with the Airport, FAA and Jones Payne Group to get a quote on the HVAC/air treatment for Chamberlin School. The district received the report from L & N Construction. The construction firm picked their recommendation but did not provide the cost to the district. David Young noted that Kevin Dorn, through VT Gas, is looking to see if the 10% match can be picked up through an energy fee that is collected. He is asking the airport officials if that money can satisfy the FAA grant 10% match. If it can't, then the district will need to reevaluate. There were several questions from the board.

Professional Development Days

Mike Martin, Karsten Schlenter, Holly Rouelle and Lissa McDonald presented a PowerPoint on the Teacher Learning Communities (TLC) Impact and ongoing need for embedded professional learning. The district request is to continue at the current

number of days districtwide in order to have continuous professional learning, collaboration, and successful implementation of the many educational reforms currently underway.

The board asked several questions and provided some direction for going forward with planning the calendar. The board thanked the administrators for their presentation.

MASTER PLANNING AND VISIONING UPDATE

David Young noted that there are a series of community meetings that have either happened or will be happening. Bridget Burkhardt noted on January 30 there will be a Community Information Meeting on Master Planning and Visioning at the high school in Cafeteria 2 at 7 pm and a second Community Information Meeting will be held on February 12 at the high school in Cafeteria 2 at 7 pm, this is a repeat of the community information meeting held on January 30.

Karsten Schlenter and Patrick Burke are providing tours on a drop-in basis. Patrick Burke will also provide tours during February break at the high school at 1 pm and 5 pm.

There is also a website dedicated to the project at www.southburlintonvtschools.com.

On February 12 absentee ballots are available and early voting begins at City Hall.

A forum on public access, Channel 17, will take place on January 29 with a budget overview and master planning and visioning presentation.

Town Meeting Information Night is on Monday, March 2 at 7 pm in the Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School Cafeteria.

CONSIDER REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR LEGAL SERVICES

Elizabeth Fitzgerald noted that an RFP was issued and five legal firms responded to cover a number of legal services the district may engage in including student matters, personnel matters and collective bargaining. Four firms were interviewed and rated by depth, breadth of their bench, experiences, skill sets, and work with school districts. There is a recommendation to take action in inviting McNeil Leddy and Sheahan to provide legal services to the district and board on an ongoing basis.

Brian Minier moved that the board approve McNeil, Leddy and Sheahan to provide legal services to the district and board, Bridget Burkhardt seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passes.

BUDGET/MPV BOND COMMUNICATION PLAN

David Young introduced Jess Cover and Nicole Junas Ravlin of Junapr who provided the proposed master planning and visioning communication plan to the board. Jess Cover and Nicole Junas Ravlin walked through the communication plan with the board and were provided feedback from the board and also answered many questions.

Amadee Denton and Gary Marckres provided a two-page budget ad and also a 4-page insert for the board to review. The board decided on the two-page ad for the Other Paper. The board has been asked to provide feedback on the content.

NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE

Elizabeth Fitzgerald noted they have had one meeting with the SBEA and will be exchanging initial proposals on February 3. Brian Minier noted that an initial meeting with SBEA ESPU (support staff) is scheduled for Monday, February 10 at 4 pm.

OTHER PAPER ARTICLES

The board discussed topics for Other Paper articles.

SET AGENDA FOR THE FEBRUARY 5, 2020 MEETING

The board discussed the agenda for the February 5, 2020 school board meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The board discussed future agenda items.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF JANUARY 6, JANUARY 8, JANUARY 9 AND JANUARY 13, 2020

Elizabeth Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the board to approve the minutes of January 6, January 8, January 9 and January 13, 2020 as amended. There were no objections.

CONSENT AGENDA

Hire

Maura Lynch, 1.0 FTE Special Educator at Rick Marcotte Central School for the remainder of the school year

Elizabeth Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the board to approve the consent agenda as presented.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #25 and #26

The board reviewed accounts payable orders #25 and #26.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDER CHECK TO HOWARD CENTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$82,264.88

Alex McHenry moved that the board approve the accounts payable order check to the Howard Center for Human Services in the amount of \$82,264.88. Bridget Burkhardt seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passes.

REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Bridget Burkhardt motioned to adjourn the regular meeting. Brian Minier seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passes.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board entered executive session at 9:15 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations with Administrators, Teachers, 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. All were in favor. The motion passes.

Discussion Regarding Labor Negotiations with Administrators, Teachers, and Support Staff

In: 9:15 p.m.

Out: 9:43 p.m.

No Action

Alex McHenry motioned to adjourn executive session, Bridget Burkhardt seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passes.

The executive session was closed at 9:44 p.m.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Chair

Bridget Burkhardt, Clerk