

APPROVED ON FEBRUARY 17, 2016

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2016
Executive Session at 6:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School Library**

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Julie Beatty, Dan Fleming, Patrick Leduc

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, Steve Stitzel, Tim Ford, Seena Mueller, Christine Oliver

GUESTS

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss a real estate proposal and labor negotiations with 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 Mr. Young, Steve Stitzel, Tim Ford, and Seena Mueller of NFP, attend executive session. The motion was approved.

Discussion Regarding Labor Negotiations with Teachers and Support Staff

In: 6:00 p.m.

Out: 6:58 p.m.

No Action

Mr. Ford, Ms. Mueller and Mr. Stitzel left the executive session at 6:45 p.m.

The executive session was closed at 6:59 p.m.

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Julie Beatty, Dan Fleming, Patrick Leduc

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, John Stewart, Stewart Weiss, Meg Collins, Rhonda Ketner

GUESTS

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REGULAR SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

An executive session will be added to the end of the meeting to discuss a real estate proposal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mid-winter break is February 22 – March 1, 2016.
- Congratulations go out to Cally Flickinger, Chamberlin School Library Media Specialist, and Karen Bohmann, High School English Teacher, who have been selected as two of Vermont's transformative and innovative educators by Vita-Learn and ASCD.
- Fine Arts Dessert Concert is February 5 at the Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
- Penguin Plunge is Saturday, February 6 at Burlington Waterfront. Many students and staff members will participate.

CITY AND SCHOOL COLLABORATION

Mr. Young and Ms. Fitzgerald meet regularly with Pat Nowak, City Council Chair, and Kevin Dorn, City Manager. The topics of discussion at their Tuesday meeting were the city/school budget, the proposed homeless shelter, and master planning and visioning. Mr. Dorn will provide some ideas and dates for a follow-up conversation on the legalization of marijuana.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Homeless Shelter Update – The South Burlington Development Review Board (DRB) met with Jon Svitavsky at their meeting last night. Mr. Young and Ms. Beatty were in attendance to get a thorough understanding of the site plan and associated risks. Mr. Young and Ms. Beatty did not provide a response from the district, however, they did share their concerns with Mr. Svitavsky in a post meeting. There are a list of requests in front of Mr. Svitavsky and another DRB meeting will take place on March 1.

Open Meeting Law – Mr. Young provided the board with a pamphlet provided by the Vermont School Board's Association which included information about the Open Meeting Law. Mr. LaLonde has emailed Emily Simmons, Attorney for Vermont School Boards Association, as he questions the answer to question 11 and also a statement made in the brochure. The board will discuss the open meeting law further during a summer board retreat.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Nutrition Services – Rhonda Ketner, Director of Nutritional Services, provided a status report to the board. This report included a financial report, highlights to date, and strategies that will be implemented to help increase productivity and sales. The board asked several questions and thanked Ms. Ketner for her report.

Ends Monitoring (Education Quality Reviews) – Mr. Weiss, Director of Learning, provided a report on Education Quality Reviews and Ends Monitoring. The board asked several questions and thanked Mr. Weiss for his report.

BUDGET – COMMUNICATION PLAN

Mr. Young provided the communication calendar to the Board. Budget books are available and can be found on the district website at www.sbschools.net. Mr. Stewart showed where to find the budget information on our district webpage. He also walked through the ballot and provided an Act 46 update. The Board has an article in this week's Other Paper regarding budget and other budget information will be in the Other Paper next week.

MASTER PLANNING AND VISIONING UPDATE

White and Burke continues to look at financial modeling options under master planning and visioning. There will be a public meeting in March for initial community feedback. Financial analysis is still underway. Ms. Fitzgerald stated that the comprehensive plan was accepted by the council on Monday.

SET AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 17, 2016

The board discussed the agenda for the regular board meeting on February 17, 2016.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The board discussed future agenda items.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF JANUARY 18 AND JANUARY 20, 2016

Ms. Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the board to approve the minutes of January 18 and January 20, 2016. There were no objections.

CONSENT AGENDA**Recommendation for Data Backup Solution**

Ms. Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the board to approve the bid recommendation for Data Backup Solution. There were no objections.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #28

The board reviewed accounts payable orders #28.

BOARD SELF-EVALUATION

The board discussed their self-evaluation.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m. and the board went back into executive session and requested that Mr. Young and Mr. Stewart attend.

Legal Matter – Real Estate Proposal Discussion

In: 8:32 p.m.

Out: 8:56 p.m.

No Action

The executive session was closed at 8:56 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Chair

Martin LaLonde, Clerk