

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2020
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), Bridget Burkhardt, Martin LaLonde, Alex McHenry, Brian Minier

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young

GUESTS

No guests

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bridget Burkhardt made a motion to enter executive session at 6:03 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. Brian Minier seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion passed.

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

In: 6:04 p.m.

Out: 6:46 p.m.

No Action

The executive session was closed at 6:46 p.m.

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald (via phone), Bridget Burkhardt, Martin LaLonde, Alex McHenry, Brian Minier, Cole Patno, Delaney Rosner

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, Delina Gilroy, Michael Martin, Christine Lundie

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 board members about the ad in the *Other Paper*. Is it the position of the board that the high school and middle school are at the end of their useable lives?

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

David Young added a weather update and a water testing update under superintendent's report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Student representatives to the board, Cole Patno and Delaney Rosner, provided the following announcements:

- The District Choral festival is this Friday and Saturday. Cole Patno said he was one of two individuals selected to do a solo performance. This year a SBHS student will receive the choral scholarship and it will be announced at the festival.
- The SBHS Blood Drive is February 18. Donors will receive a coupon for a free pint of Ben and Jerry's ice cream.
- Orchard School received the Berlin City Drive for Education grant in the amount of \$800. The funds will be used for reading materials for literacy.
- TLC days are this Friday and next Friday at the high school and the middle school. PreK-5 students have an early dismissal next Friday.
- The SBHS mid-winter play "Nothing Really Matters" is February 13, 14, and 15.

CITY AND SCHOOL COLLABORATION

David Young said that he and Elizabeth Fitzgerald met with the city leadership last Friday and discussed the airport and the Chamberlin School sound mitigation. David Young said he has another meeting set with Kevin Dorn this Friday regarding impact fees. Elizabeth Fitzgerald said the board received a request from a community member asking when the next steering committee meeting would be. David Young said he will discuss the next meeting date with Kevin Dorn.

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

David Young reported that the project around Rick Marcotte Central School (RMCS) is going very well. The project is slightly ahead of schedule. The entrance road condition is good and contractors remain responsive to road maintenance requests. All parking lot and school entrance lighting is operational. During the February vacation the contractor will install a stormwater pipe underneath the entrance road and one-way access to RMCS will be maintained at all times during the two-day project.

Chamberlin School Noise Mitigation/Airport

David Young said that he and Gary Marckres met with Gene Richards and Nick Longo from the airport. The following is a summary of next steps.

Next steps-

1. Discuss recommended positive ventilation options with LN Consulting engineers. This was done today.
2. LN Consulting will provide a written recommendation within the next few days.
3. Meeting with VT Gas and Nic Longo (BTV) on Friday, February 7 to discuss VT Gas assistance in project funding.

4. Positive ventilation option selection will be provided to BTV and LN Consulting to enable design and pricing to begin.

Weather for Tomorrow

David Young said we have inclement weather forecasted for tomorrow and Friday and a lot of snow is expected.

Lead Testing of the Water in the Schools

Recently in the *Burlington Free Press* there was an article about the Champlain Water District and lead testing. David Young would like to make sure that the board and community know that this article does not refer to the South Burlington Schools but to the Champlain Water District which is located in South Burlington.

ENDS IN ACTION FEATURING SOUTH BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

High School Career Development Center Coordinator, Christine Lundie and high school students, Elsa Althof, Mia Harton, Julie Johnston, Sebastian Roose, and Molly Allen presented on the Personal Development Ends. The course they discussed is an internship course where they learn how to create a resume, apply for an internship, as well as learning from experts in the field.

This information will be incorporated into the Monitoring Report on the Ends in the spring. Board members asked several questions.

The Board thanked the students and the advisor for the presentation.

MASTER PLANNING AND VISIONING UPDATE

Bridget Burkhardt provided an update on the proposed plan and costs to construct a new middle school, high school, and physical education and athletic center.

Drop in tours will be provided by Patrick Burke at South Burlington High School and by Karsten Schlenter at FHT Middle School on Tuesdays and Fridays from 7:30-8:30 a.m. and during February vacation (February 24-March 3) at 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. daily. There will be another community meeting on February 12 at the High School in Cafeteria II from 7-9 p.m.

The Master Planning and Visioning work group is trying to schedule another community meeting on Saturday, February 15 from 10 a.m.-noon, with childcare included, as it is hard for families to attend meetings during the school and work week.

Members of the audience asked several questions and provided feedback about the community meetings. All of the information presented, as well as a video link, is available on the following website <https://www.southburlingtonvtschools.com/>

BUDGET COMMUNICATION PLAN

David Young provided an update on the budget communication plan. He said there is a budget meeting with the city on Monday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School cafeteria.

NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE

Bridget Burkhardt said the board and the SBEA held a negotiations session on Monday, February 3 and they exchanged proposals. They have three more meetings scheduled. The support staff union meeting is Monday, February 10 and the administrator's association meetings will be scheduled soon.

OTHER PAPER ARTICLES

The Board discussed topics for the *Other Paper*.

SET AGENDA FOR THE FEBRUARY 19, 2020 MEETING

The Board discussed the agenda for the February 19 school board meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The board discussed future agenda items.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF JANUARY 15, JANUARY 20, JANUARY 22, AND JANUARY 27, 2020

Bridget Burkhardt announced general consensus of the Board to approve the minutes of January 15, January 20, January 22, and January 27, 2020. The minutes were approved as presented.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDER #27 and #28

The Board reviewed accounts payable order #27 and #28.

ADJOURNMENT

Martin LaLonde motioned to adjourn the meeting. Alex McHenry seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion passed.

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Bridget Burkhardt, Acting Chair

Martin LaLonde, Acting Clerk