

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
WEDNESDAY, February 6, 2019
Executive Session at 6:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
Rick Marcotte Central School Library**

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Bridget Burkhardt, Alex McHenry, Steve Wisloski

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

Gary Marckres, Attorney David Rugh

GUESTS

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss a legal matter, a personnel matter and negotiations with teachers, administrators, 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 Gary Marckres and Attorney David Rugh attend executive session. The motion was approved.

Consider Confidential Attorney-Client Communications Made for the Purpose of Providing Professional Legal Services to the School Board Concerning a Real Estate Matter

In: 6:00 p.m.

Out: 6:38 p.m.

No Action

David Rugh left the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Discussion Regarding Potential Legal Proceedings Regarding a Personnel Matter

In: 6:39 p.m.

Out: 6:44 p.m.

Discussion Regarding Labor Negotiations with Teachers, Administrators and Support Staff

In: 6:45 p.m.

Out: 6:58 p.m.

No Action

The executive session was closed at 6:58 p.m.

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Bridget Burkhardt, Alex McHenry, Steve Wisloski, Arnel Husrefovic, W. Cole Patno

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

Gary Marckres, Meg Collins, Noah Everitt

GUESTS

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REGULAR SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- SBHS are going to the District chorus festival on Saturday, February 9.
- Winter Play INSCO Deconstructed taking place February 15 and 16 tickets can be purchased on the high school website.
- SBHS Student Council is sponsoring a blood drive on Friday, February 15.
- The following Tuttle Middle School vocal music students were selected, by audition, to represent Tuttle at the District Music Festival held at Essex Middle School on February 1: Sophia Bouffard, Maeve Collins, Jenaya Flanders, Beatrice Fogarty, Amelie Ingadottir-May, Braden Paquin, Kayla Tashiro.
- Early voting for annual town meeting on March 5:
 - Mailing ballots: Ballots will be in the city clerk's office on approximately February 13. There is a shorter turnaround time this election so if you would like a ballot mailed to you, please contact the clerk's office at 846-4105 stating your name and address and where you would like the ballot mailed.
 - Voting at City Clerk's Office: The ballots will not be available until approximately February 13 for walk in voters. The City Clerk's Office will post on Front Porch Forum when ballots are available.
- Elementary Schools have an early release this Friday.
- The automatic lunch payment system has changed. See the District Nutritional Service webpage for more information.
- February is Black History Month. Many events are taking place at the high school including the raising of the BLM flag ceremony and assembly. A Student Justice Union sponsored movie is taking place tomorrow in the high school auditorium, many lobby activities and inspirational events are taking place this month.
- Congratulations to Senior, Sophia Thomas, for winning the Prudential Spirit of Community Award for the State of Vermont. Only one student from each state is selected. She will be heading to D.C. to meet with the other State winners.
- Senior Cam Angwin won a Presidential Scholar award.

- The Penguin Plunge was last Saturday. SBHS students and staff raised over \$8,000 and the FHTMS students and staff raised over \$14,000.
- The SBHS Boys Basketball Team continues to be models in our community. They sponsored mental health awareness week a couple weeks ago and also attended a breakfast of champions yesterday, sponsored by Vermont Works by Women and had dialogue about equality.
- Senator Bernie Sanders visited Chamberlin's School's Out Program last Friday to learn about their program.
- Per Alex McHenry's request, the City Council has put on the Town Meeting Ballot a referendum question that asks, "Shall the voters of South Burlington advise the legislature and governor to raise the age to buy tobacco products from the age of 18 to 21?" Alex McHenry gave the Board a copy of a letter sent to Vermont Digger from Dr. John Hughes a professor at the UVM Medical Center, referring to the epidemic of vaping that is taking place at high schools across the country.

CITY AND SCHOOL COLLABORATION

Elizabeth Fitzgerald reported that there has not been a meeting with Helen Riehle, David Young, Kevin Dorn, and herself recently, however there was a Steering Committee meeting last week where they received some additional information about the city's proposed concept for storm water treatment on Central School's property inclusive of the easement for the new city hall, library and senior center property. The Board was surprised by the city's proposal for approximately .4 acres of land for storm water treatment in addition to the easement that was granted through the definitive agreement that was signed last September.

At this point the Board is directing David Young to look at engaging an expert on storm water treatment to understand what this property and potentially the district's exposure would be. Specifically, Central School's current and future needs for storm water treatment with the existing configuration and if improvements are made to the parking lot and bus route what the current and future needs for storm water treatment would be for the enhanced property. The Board would like to know the cost of the study and where that might be funded given the Board already proposed a budget to the voters and what the options are to the district which may or may not include the treatment of the city water on a temporary basis.

Bridget Burkhardt noted that the ask from the city is to revise the definitive agreement as this was not foreseen in the original agreement.

MASTER PLANNING AND VISIONING

Phase II Work Plan Update – Dore and Whittier Presentation

Gary Marckres noted that Dore and Whittier have completed all eight options for presentation on February 13, which is the next Master Planning and Visioning Advisory Group meeting. This meeting will include the participants who attended the school visits. Dore and Whittier will present each of the eight options at this meeting. Bridget Burkhardt noted that these options are floor plan type options and a rough outline of square footage. Later in the process there will be cost estimates. This meeting will be to look at the options and provide feedback and changes to Dore and Whittier for each option. There will also be potential site planning proposed for each of the options.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald asked if there has been any consideration in incorporating this project with the city's plan for a recreation center and performing arts center or are they distinctive projects right now. Bridget Burkhardt said right now they are distinctive projects. Right now they are focused on understanding what is needed for the district. The conversation of how they may intercept with the city's plans is something they will need to take into consideration later in the process.

BUDGET COMMUNICATION PLAN

The Board discussed the budget communication plan and suggested a few more opportunities to present the budget. Cole Patno and Arnel Husrefovic will talk with Mr. Burke to encourage senior class 18 year olds to vote.

NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE

Bridget Burkhardt noted that there was a support staff meeting on Monday and there are a couple more meetings scheduled. They are still exchanging proposals.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald noted that they met with the South Burlington Educators Association earlier this week. They have the next three collective bargaining meetings set up into the April timeframe. She also noted that they have an outstanding request to start the South Burlington Administrator Association contract negotiations but do not have an initial meeting set up at this time.

SET AGENDA FOR THE FEBRUARY 20, 2019 MEETING

The Board discussed the agenda for the February 20 School Board meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF JANUARY 9, JANUARY 14, JANUARY 16, JANUARY 21, JANUARY 24, AND JANUARY 29, 2019

Elizabeth Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the Board to approve the minutes of the January 9, January 14, January 16, January 21, January 24, and January 29, 2019 as amended. There were no objections.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #26, #27 and #28

The Board reviewed accounts payable orders #26, #27 and #28.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDER CHECK TO HOWARD CENTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$69,322.36

Alex McHenry moved to approve Accounts Payable Order Checks to Howard Center for Human Services in the amount of \$69,322.36, Bridget Burkhardt seconded the motion. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Steve Wisloski motioned to adjourn. Bridget Burkhardt seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Chair

Bridget Burkhardt, Clerk