

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018
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, Bridget Burkhardt, Alex McHenry, Steve Wisloski

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, John Aubin

GUESTS

Attorney Sean Toohey, Attorney John Klesh

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations with administrators and to consider confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the school board concerning legal matters and added that it would be significantly disadvantageous to the district not to do so in executive session. The Board requested that Mr. Young, Mr. Aubin, Attorney Toohey, and Attorney Klesh attend executive session. The motion was approved.

Discussion Regarding Legal Matters

In: 6:06 p.m.

Out: 6:49 p.m.

No Action

Attorney Toohey and Attorney Klesh left the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Discussion Regarding Labor Negotiations with Administrators

In: 6:49 p.m.

Out: 6:53 p.m.

No Action

The executive session was closed at 6:53 p.m.

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Bridget Burkhardt, Alex McHenry, Steve Wisloski, Alex Escaja-Heiss and Arnel Husrefovic

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, John Aubin, Stuart Weiss, Meg Collins

GUESTS

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

Student representatives to the Board, Alex Escaja-Heiss and Arnel Husrefovic provided the following announcements:

- High School student, Pat O'Hare, was named the United Soccer Coaches Vermont Player of the Year
- This week was Gender, Sexuality Awareness Week
- The Penguin Plunge took place on February 3. This is a fundraiser for the Special Olympics. The Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School team raised \$13,000 and the South Burlington High School team raised \$6,000.
- The Student Diversity Union held a Black Out Day
- The Boys Track team placed third in the State tournament
- The SB Girls Track Team placed 4th in the State tournament
- All 35 members of the SBHS DECA team brought home a gold, silver or bronze medal in their category.
- The SB Speech team won the State Championship.
- The SB Cybersecurity Team won the Vermont State Championship
- The Neuroscience team placed 3rd at VT Brain Bee.
- Varsity and JV Dance teams came in first place at their competitions.
- Ms. Fitzgerald thanked Ms. Escaja-Heiss and Mr. Husrefovic for their part in presenting the budget on Channel 17 on February 8 and noted that this presentation was recorded and can be found on the district website.

CITY AND SCHOOL COLLABORATION

Mr. Young stated that he and Ms. Fitzgerald have not recently met with the city. Pre-Town Meeting will be the next time the city and school are together. Ms. Fitzgerald would like to get something scheduled before that. The city and school district each ran a separate ad in the Other Paper for their proposed bonds. There is a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on February 21 to discuss the proposed capital improvement bond issues.

UPDATE ON CRIMINAL MATTERS IMPACTING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ms. Fitzgerald provided an update to the community on criminal matters impacting the school district. Ms. Fitzgerald read the following statement:

"I wanted to provide the public with an update about the District's involvement in two criminal matters concerning former students. With regard to Josiah Leach, the U.S. Attorney's Office and Probation Officer reached out to the Superintendent to provide an impact statement concerning the effect of the threats resulting in the school lockdowns and cancellation on the school community. We provided a written statement detailing the significant practical,

emotional, and financial impact on students, staff, and parents, which will be shared with the judge and Josiah as part of the presentencing report. With regard to Tyler Austin, we were not contacted by the State's Attorney, but the Superintendent received a letter from Tyler as part of his guilty plea. In the letter, Tyler apologized for his actions, acknowledged that they were offensive and wrong, and explained how he has performed community service and repaid the volunteer who cleaned the graffiti from the field".

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

School Cancellation Process

Mr. Young provided the Board with a written process for school cancellation. He noted as a standard practice he utilizes multiple resources in making a decision about the cancellation or delay of school. Mr. Young went through his approach with the Board. He also noted at times the weather forecast may be different than what actually occurs. He stated that if a parent or guardian ever feels that the roads are unsafe for travel, they may always keep their children home from school. Several questions were asked by the Board. Mr. Young welcomes the opportunity to meet with anyone that would like more information about the process.

FY2019 BUDGET COMMUNICATION PLAN

An updated calendar with the dates for budget communication meetings and Other Paper article dates was provided. The Board discussed the dates.

Budget information can be found on the district website by clicking on the Budget tab at the top of the page. All board meeting recordings by RETN are also found on the district website by clicking on the Our District tab at the top of the page, then click on School Board, and then click on School Board Agenda and Minutes.

Mr. Aubin noted that Mr. Brad James and Mr. Jeff Francis gave a presentation on the FY19 school budgets and noted they are coming in lower than expected. The yield number could go up which would reduce the tax rate proportionately.

Mr. Young asked Mr. Aubin to give a brief summary of the House Committee on Ways and Means proposal to address the state's education funding formula. There was discussion about the proposal. Mr. LaLonde suggested that Mr. Young and Ms. Fitzgerald contact our three other representatives to provide them with their message of concern.

MASTER PLANNING AND VISIONING

Forecast of Enrollment and Demographics for South Burlington Schools

Mr. Young provided the Board with the South Burlington School District Demographic Study prepared by McKibben Demographics. His summary noted that the administration worked closely with Dr. McKibben over the summer months and are using the enrollment projections by grade level as the basis for budgeting core teaching staff in the FY19 Administration Recommended Budget. The Board discussed the enrollment forecast.

Committee Work Update

Mr. Young noted that a number of tasks are underway (see bulleted items) that will

inform the Board with data to provide the best information available on decision making to satisfy the four areas that were determined back in December 2016.

- An architectural study of the high school and middle school has taken place. The report will soon be available to the Board and public.
- Enrollment forecasts have been utilized in planning class sizes in FY19.
- Noise testing at Chamberlin School will take place during the first two weeks of April.
- Steve Wisloski serves on the Airport Noise Compatibility Program Technical Advisory Committee. Mr. Young is also in attendance at these meetings. Updated details regarding communications with the FAA and Burlington International Airport will be provided by Mr. Young at an upcoming meeting.
- Threshold Analysis of the 3 elementary schools as a tool to analyze configuration or reconfiguration of the programs and services provided there. Specifics of this plan and rating system used are being refined and will be discussed.

Input on Threshold Analysis

A threshold tool to analyze the elementary schools in areas of service delivery over time to ensure that it matches best practice and is consistent between the various schools and meets the District's Ends goals is being refined by the subcommittee. Ms. Fitzgerald would like the subcommittee to write a summary page of this analysis. The subcommittee will meet on Monday, February 19. Mr. Young will provide an update on enrollments, staffing, and costs and will go over the rating system with the subcommittee.

Ends Monitoring – Academic Proficiency

Mr. Young provided 1.2 Academic Proficiency monitoring report to the Board. Mr. Weiss reviewed the monitoring report with the Board and answered several questions. This monitoring report will be brought back with suggested changes to the next Board meeting.

LEGISLATIVE DISCUSSION

Proposed Tobacco Legislation

Mr. McHenry has been researching underage smoking and the impact on children. Mr. McHenry has a few articles he will share with the Board. He would like to discuss the proposed tobacco legislation at the next Board meeting. This discussion will be on the February 21 agenda.

SET AGENDA FOR THE FEBRUARY 21, 2018 MEETING

The Board discussed the agenda for the February 21, 2018 school board meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board discussed future agenda items.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 17, 2018

Ms. Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the Board to approve the minutes of January 17, 2018. There were no objections.

CONSENT AGENDA**Hire**

Noah Detzer, 1.0 FTE English Teacher at South Burlington High School for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year

Resignation

Paul Yoon, 1.0 Assistant Principal at Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School effective February 23, 2018.

On behalf of the Board, Ms. Fitzgerald expressed her congratulations to Mr. Yoon and expressed gratitude for his work in the district.

Leave of Absence

Alison Treston, .10 FTE Technology Education Teacher at Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year

Bid**Fiber and Internet**

Mr. Aubin provided a recommendation for Internet and Fiber lease to the Board. He noted the request for bids for Internet and Fiber was submitted to companies as part of the application and certification process for E-rate funding for schools. Four companies responded to this request. Mr. Aubin is recommending the Board award the bid to the low bidder, First Light for Internet and Fiber and to Level 3 for our Internet back up. He noted that both have been our providers over the years and have provided the district with quality service.

Ms. Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the Board to approve the consent agenda as presented. There were no objections

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #26, #27, #28, and #29

The Board reviewed accounts payable order #26, #27, #28, and #29.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDER CHECK TO HOWARD CENTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$68,760.64

Mr. Wisloski moved that the Board approve accounts payable order check to Howard Center for Human Services in the amount of \$68,760.64, Mr. McHenry seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Lalonde motioned to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Burkhardt seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.