

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2015  
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, Diane Bugbee, Dan Fleming

**ADMINISTRATION/STAFF**

David Young, John Stewart

**GUESTS**

No guests

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board entered executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations and potential legal claim and added that it would be significantly disadvantageous to the district not to do so in executive session. The board requested that Mr. Young and Mr. Stewart attend executive session. The motion was approved.

**Collective Bargaining – Discussion Regarding Labor Negotiations**

In: 6:00 p.m.

Out: 6:38 p.m.

No Action

**Legal Claim and the District's Investigation**

In: 6:39 p.m.

Out: 6:50 p.m.

No Action

The executive session was closed at 6:50 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Julie Beatty, Diane Bugbee, Dan Fleming, Nirali Desai

**ADMINISTRATION/STAFF**

David Young, John Stewart, Delina Gilroy, Stuart Weiss, Karsten Schlenter, Paul Yoon

**GUESTS**

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**REGULAR SESSION**

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

**RECOGNITION OF DIANE BUGBEE'S SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL BOARD**

Mr. Young, Nirali Desai, and Ms. Fitzgerald presented Ms. Bugbee with a plaque, flowers, and compass and thanked her for her dedication and service as a Board member.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were none.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

There were none.

**ENDS CELEBRATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Mr. Young introduced staff members Karola Troidl and Lori Centerbar to share some of the work they have been doing with their FHT Middle School students. Students Sean Carlson, Ann Wong, and Kailei Eustis shared the projects they worked on and showed how the projects related to the District Ends Policy. Ms. Fitzgerald thanked the students and staff for the presentation and amazing work.

**Announcements**

- 44 SBHS DECA students competed at the 2015 VT State Career Development Competition at the Sheraton on Monday, February 9. Of those 44 students, 40 of them took first, second, or third place in their team or individual business competition event. Also, 5 of them will be VT State DECA officers for next year.
- Channel 17/Town Meeting TV aired the South Burlington School Budget Presentation on several occasions. The program can be watched at <https://www.cctv.org/watch-tv/programs/south-burlington-school-budget-presentation-O>
- Vermont's 2014 ENERGY STAR Schools Celebration is taking place on Friday, February 20 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at U-32 High School in Montpelier.
- 2015 VSBIT Spring Conference is taking place April 8 and 9 at the Stoweflake Resort.
- Mid-winter break is next week.
- The boys and girls track teams competed in the indoor track championship recently. The boys placed first and girls placed third.
- Dance Team and Cheerleading competitions were held recently.
- Chamberlin School will hold its 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration at Chamberlin on March 8.
- The Chamberlin School community will be informed of upcoming activity around the airport. The city will begin to deconstruct homes between April and September of this year.

**RETIREMENT PLAN AND INVESTMENT STATUS**

Mr. Stewart presented a PowerPoint presentation about the Retirement Plan. The board thanked Mr. Stewart for the presentation.

**SOUTH BURLINGTON 2015-2016 ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

Mr. Young presented the suggested changes to the 2015-2016 academic calendar. The board asked several questions. The board noted their concern over having 16 late start days and stated that this change should be for one-year only for the purpose of transitioning to the Common Core, Personal Learning Plan's, and Project Based Graduation Requirements. The addition of the late start days at the high school/middle school will be reviewed and evaluated before they are considered for the 2016-2017 school year. The board asked that the middle school and high school principal communicate the increased number of late start days to parents.

Mr. LaLonde moved and Ms. Bugbee seconded the motion to approve the 2015-2016 academic calendar as presented. Ms. Beatty abstained. The motion passed.

### **MASTER PLANNING/FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP AND CITY/SCHOOL COLLABORATION**

Mr. Young provided the possible dates to be held for a legislative breakfast. They are March 2 or March 5.

Mr. Young provided a brief overview of the most recent Task Force meeting. He said the Task Force has again reviewed their charge in order to refocus/regroup. March 31 is the date set for the community meeting. Options will be provided with a perspective of both the city and the school. Mr. Young encouraged the board to provide feedback to the Task Force.

### **PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE**

Mr. LaLonde moved and Ms. Bugbee seconded the motion to approve the recommendation of the administration and set the South Burlington School District Public School Choice Cap, 16 VSA 822a (c), at one (1) for the 2015-2016 school year. The board agreed that the 2015-2016 is the last year siblings will be provided the opportunity to attend South Burlington Schools under the current system where funds do not follow the student. Mr. Fleming and Ms. Beatty abstained from voting. The chair voted in favor and the motion passed.

### **ELEVATOR PROJECT UPDATE**

Mr. Young provided an update on the elevator project as well as other projects at the high school including windows and restrooms.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**Military Compact Commission Appointment** – Rebecca Holcombe, Secretary, Agency of Education, has submitted the superintendent's name to the State Board of Education as Vermont's compact commissioner to serve on the Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, for a term of three years, effective January 1, 2015, and expiring February 17, 2018. The Compact provides for the uniform treatment of military children transferring between school districts and states. The State Board of Education will review the proposed appointment at their February 17 meeting at Capitol Plaza in Montpelier.

**Budget Communication Update** –The District website's main page has the link to the budget as well as the vote button. The vote button is active and when clicked will take individuals to the absentee ballot information on the city website. Information sessions have occurred for staff at all five schools and during PTO meetings. Mr. Stewart and Mr. Young met with a group of citizens during their senior lunch event at City Hall. Copies of the 2015-2016 proposed City and School District Budget book have been provided to The Pines, Allenwood, and The Meridian. The board will be available voting days to answer questions on the budget.

**Legislative Activity and Board/Administration Response** – Some board members have shared questions with me concerning various legislative initiatives currently being discussed. This has prompted the need for the board to discuss providing advocacy and support to the various initiatives, when appropriate.

**Transportation** – A letter has gone home to families at each of our elementary schools informing them of a change to the school arrival schedule. This change is necessary for some buses due to a shortage in drivers and to ensure middle and high school students arrive to school on time. Please see the attached letter that was sent out to families on Friday, February 13, 2014.

### **EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS POLICY MONITORING**

**2.5 Financial Planning and Budgeting** – Mr. Stewart and Mr. Young presented Monitoring Report 2.5 – Financial Planning and Budget. The board asked several questions and suggested a change. The monitoring report was approved with the suggested change.

### **SET AGENDA FOR THE MARCH 4, 2015 MEETING**

The Board discussed the March 4, 2015 meeting agenda.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Board discussed future agenda items.

### **CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 4, 2015**

Ms. Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the board to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2015 meetings as presented. There were no objections.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **Resignation/Retirement**

Roberta Pennington, 1.0 FTE Elementary Teacher at Rick Marcotte Central School  
Jane Potash, 1.0 FTE Elementary Teacher at Rick Marcotte Central School

Mr. Young thanked Ms. Pennington and Ms. Potash for their service to the district. Ms. Beatty read a letter provided by Ms. Pennington to the board.

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

### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDER #29**

The Board reviewed accounts payable orders #29.

### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDER CHECK TO NEAGLEY AND CHASE CONSTRUCTION**

Ms. Beatty moved and Mr. Fleming seconded the motion to approve the check to Neagley and Chase Construction Company in the amount of \$94,389.00. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

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Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Chair

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Martin LaLonde, Clerk