

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2014
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 a legal matter, personnel matter, collective bargaining, and student matter and added that it would be significantly disadvantageous to the district not to do so in executive session. The motion was approved.

Legal Matter

In: 6:01 p.m.

Out: 6:10 p.m.

No Action

Personnel Matter

In: 6:10 p.m.

Out: 6:14 p.m.

No Action

Collective Bargaining

In: 6:14 p.m.

Out: 6:42 p.m.

No Action

Student Matter

In: 6:42 p.m.

Out: 6:50 p.m.

No Action

The executive session was closed at 6:51 p.m.

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Julie Beatty, Diane Bugbee, Dan Fleming, Neerja Patel

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, John Stewart, Delina Gilroy, Stuart Weiss, Patrick Burke

GUESTS

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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.

CITY/SCHOOL COLLABORATION

Mr. Young stated that he and Ms. Fitzgerald met with Mr. Dorn and Ms. Mckenzie today along with Lisa Ventriss, from the Vermont Business Roundtable. They discussed budget, education, and a plan to look at education as the most significant investment the state can make. Master visioning/planning work is also taking place.

UPDATE ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE HOWARDCENTER'S PERMIT TO OPEN A METHADONE CLINIC ON DORSET STREET

The appeal continues to be in front of the Vermont Supreme Court. Oral arguments will be heard on March 17 at 10:00 a.m. at the Vermont Law School. The school board continues to look at ways to secure safety zones around our schools.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Neerja Patel gave the following update:

- Sabina left for France today with the TIE program.
- South Burlington students won many of the events at the recently held VT DECA competition.
- The performance of the *Great Gatsby* last weekend was very successful.
- Students are beginning to prepare for talent night.
- The student council is starting to plan spirit week for the end of March.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Social Networking – Acceptable Use Policy – Mr. Young provided an overview of a recent meeting with the School Resource Officers (SRO's), District Network Services, and administrators regarding Acceptable Use Policy, access to buildings, cameras, SRO job descriptions, and general safety protocols. The group will meet in March to continue discussions.

Proposed Fifth Grade Transition Update - Mr. Young said the Fifth Grade Transition Steering Committee held their first meeting on February 6 and outlined the process to move forward. The remaining committee members (Infrastructure, Community Outreach, and Curriculum) were named earlier this week and will meet for the first time on Thursday, February 20. Mr. Young said he connected with the three PTO's last week and was very appreciative to the PTO representatives that helped to set up these meetings.

Members of the audience asked several questions. Mr. Young and the board responded.

TELL SURVEY

Mr. Darren Allen from the Vermont National Educators' Association and Ms. Kathy Buley presented on the results of the TELL Survey that was conducted in 2013. The board and audience asked several questions. Ms. Fitzgerald thanked Mr. Allen and Ms. Buley for the presentation.

Administrative Reports

Rowland Foundation Fellowship – Mr. Patrick Burke and Mr. Jason Cushner gave an update/overview on the Rowland Foundation Fellowship and some of the activities in which the Big Picture students have been participating.

Mr. Burke also provided the board with an update on the Vermont Educational Quality Standards (ESQ) and Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements. Mr. Burke announced that high school teacher John Painter was granted a Rowland Foundation Fellowship for 2014-2015.

Ms. Fitzgerald thanked Mr. Burke and Mr. Cushner for attending and presenting.

Nutrition Services Update – Ms. Ketner and Mr. Stewart presented the Nutritional Services update. The board asked several questions. Ms. Fitzgerald thanked Ms. Ketner and Mr. Stewart for the presentation.

VERMONT SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (VSBA) LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Lalonde gave an update on the VSBA Legislative happenings. He said the VSBA's focus this legislative session is to be involved in the legislature's consideration of changes to the school governance system with fewer supervisory unions and more K-12 systems.

SET AGENDA FOR THE MARCH 5, 2014 MEETING

The board discussed the March 5 meeting agenda.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The board discussed future agenda items.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF FEBRUARY 5 AND FEBRUARY 10, 2014

Ms. Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the board to approve the minutes of the February 5 and February 10, 2014 meetings as amended. There were no objections.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Fitzgerald announced a general consensus of the board to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ms. Beatty moved and Mr. LaLonde seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #30

The board reviewed accounts payable order #30.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CHECK

The board reviewed the check payable to HowardCenter in the amount of \$56,630.75.

Ms. Bugbee moved and Mr. Fleming seconded the motion to approve the check as presented. The motion was approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Congratulations to the FHT Middle School Mathcounts Team of Ragu Sivakumar, Kailey Yang, Helen Wang and Liam Lustberg for finishing 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th respectively and for winning the overall championship in the Northwest Section. There were a total of twelve teams.
- The FHT Middle School Penguin Plunge team "SB REBELS" raised more than \$6,000 for Special Olympics of VT—more than double from last year!!
- February 20 – Channel 17 School Budget Presentation at 5:25 p.m. followed by the candidate forum for school board members up for reelection.
- Pre-town meeting is Monday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the FHT Middle School Cafeteria.
- Orchard School Skate Night is Friday, March 28 at Carins Arena.
- Neighborhood Learning Communities - These conversations provide a chance for students and adults to weigh in on what they consider important for a student to know by high school graduation. SBHS, PACT, and Rowland Fellow Jason Cushner are working together to organize them. Information gathered at these meetings will be compiled and used to inform the district as they revise our graduation requirements by 2017. If you are interested in hosting a NLC in your neighborhood (you will be provided with a trained facilitator and a note-taker) or if you would like more information, please email sblearningconversations@gmail.com. NLCs will culminate with a PACT dinner at SBHS on March 20, 5:30-7:00 p.m. (free and open to the public) where we will share and celebrate all the information gathered.
- Orchard School Science Fair is Wednesday, March 12.
- Mr. Young spoke about the proposed trail system at the high school that John Painter is proposing.

BOARD SELF EVALUATION

The board reviewed and discussed the board self-evaluation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Martin LaLonde, Clerk

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Chair