

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 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, Gary Marckres

**GUESTS**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The board entered executive session at 6:00 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 and Gary Marckres attend executive session. All were in favor. The motion was approved.

**Discussion Regarding Labor Negotiations with Administrators, Teachers, and Support Staff**

In: 6:02 p.m.

Out: 6:54 p.m.

No Action

The executive session was closed at 6:54 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Bridget Burkhardt, Martin LaLonde, Alex McHenry, Brian Minier, Cole Patno, Delaney Rosner

**ADMINISTRATION/STAFF**

David Young, Gary Marckres, Meg Collins

**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**

Student Representatives to the Board, Cole Patno and Delaney Rosner provided the following announcements:

- February break begins next week.
- SBHS TIE students left for France today.
- A Community Dinner and Dialogue Night on Equity will take place tomorrow night from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm in the FHTMS Cafeteria and Library.
- The SB Student Justice Union is hosting a movie night screening “Harriett” at 6:00 pm.
- The Youth Cheerleading Team took first place in the cheerleading competition last weekend.
- The High School Voter Registration Drive was a success - 57 students registered to vote.
- The Annual Student Council Blood Drive, “A Pint for a Pint”, collected 31 pints of blood. Everyone who donated a pint received a coupon for a free pint of Ben and Jerry’s ice cream.
- Grand Isle/Georgia Family Information Night is tonight at 7:00 pm at the High School.
- SBHS Varsity Pom Dance Team are state champions defending their fourth year with the title.
- The following South Burlington Students are Indoor State Track Champions: Ryan Steele, Mike North, Parker Main, and Quinn Pidgeon are State Champions in the 4x400 meter, Sierra Fisher is the State Champion in the 1000 meter, Minelle Sarfo-Adu and Ryan Steele are State Champions in the triple jump.
- Cole Patno was chosen to be part of the All Choir Directors Association, Eastern Regional High School Honor Choir – Only 5 students from Vermont were accepted.

**CITY AND SCHOOL COLLABORATION**

David Young and Elizabeth Fitzgerald are scheduled to meet with Kevin Dorn and Helen Riehle this Friday and noted the next scheduled city and school meeting is March 2. David noted that he is trying to get meetings scheduled with Kevin Dorn and Helen Riehle to look at long-range planning for the city. Elizabeth Fitzgerald noted she and David Young received an email from Helen Riehle looking for potential representation from the school board or district on the Domestic Violence Group that is working within the community and supported by the city. David Young will respond to the email.

**SUPERINTEDENT’S REPORT****Rick Marcotte Central School/180 Market Street**

Gary Marckres noted the Market Street project is ahead of schedule. Two sides of foundation were poured this week. The entrance road has been improved. There will be one lane traffic during the school break. Some storm water drainage will be put in.

**Chamberlin School Noise Mitigation/Airport**

Gary Marckres met with representatives from Vermont Gas, Green Mountain Power and Efficiency Vermont on Thursday. They validated LN's existing conditions and recommendations for a heating and cooling system to be part of a potential FAA grant funded project. They validated the districts preferred choice of a water sourced heat pump system that utilizes an on-site cooling tower for the cooling. They made that recommendation to the airport, and to request the design work with final cost so we know what the 10% match would be. About \$100,000 of incentive money from Vermont Gas, Green Mountain Power and Efficiency Vermont will go towards the 10% match.

**Bus Drivers and Staffing**

Gary Marckres provided a transportation update to the board noting current staffing levels and current equipment along with an improvement strategy that will be taking place over the next several months. He noted the difficulties with resourcing very busy days and having enough resources to adjust for absenteeism. On many days routes are combined, and buses are late, and it has been difficult to communicate last minute changes to families. The improvement strategies should help improve the difficulties the district has been experiencing.

David Young noted this has been a problem throughout districts in the area. Bridget Burkhardt asked if providing busing to Winooski students was a factor in not having enough drivers. Gary Marckres noted that buses to Winooski took place only in the morning and that both drivers are also sub drivers.

**MASTER PLANNING AND VISIONING UPDATE**

Bridget Burkhardt reported that community information sessions took place. The Pre-Town Meeting is March 2. Questions should be emailed to the board or reach out by phone. Gary Marckres and David Young have been responding to public records requests.

The City/School Pre-Town Meeting Public Hearing on March 2 is in FHTMS Cafeteria. The city budget will be presented at 7:00 pm and the school budget and master planning and visioning begin at 7:30-8:15. At 8:15 pm City Council Candidate Forum will take place followed by the school board candidate forum at 8:30 pm. There are links available on the district website. The Ch. 17 meetings were videotaped and links are also found on the district website.

Several community members provided feedback to the board regarding the proposed new middle school and high school building and bond.

**BUDGET COMMUNICATION PLAN**

David Young noted that he with the board will be presenting the school budget and will be available to answer questions at the pre-town meeting on March 2.

**NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE**

Bridget Burkhardt reported that the board met with the SBEA on Monday night. This was their 3rd meeting. They are continuing to have talks to work through the issues on proposals from both sides. The next meetings are scheduled for March 16, March 30 and April 16.

Martin LaLonde and Brian Minier noted that they had their first staff negotiations meeting and discussed ground rules. The next staff negotiations meeting will be held on March 16.

### **OTHER PAPER ARTICLES**

The board discussed topics for Other Paper articles.

### **SET AGENDA FOR THE MARCH 4, 2020 MEETING**

The board discussed the agenda for the March 4, 2020 school board meeting.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The board discussed future agenda items.

### **CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF JANUARY 30, FEBRUARY 3 (9 AM AND 4 PM), FEBRUARY 5, FEBRUARY 10, AND FEBRUARY 12, 2020**

Bridget Burkhardt announced general consensus of the board to approve the minutes of January 30, February 3 (9 AM and 4 PM) February 5, February 10, and February 12, 2020. There were no objections.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### Resignation

Elizabeth Salois, .50 FTE Elementary Teacher at Rick Marcotte Central School, effective 6/30/2020

Kelly Mahl, .50 FTE Elementary Teacher at Rick Marcotte Central School, effective 6/30/2020

#### Hire

Chris Johnstone, .10 FTE Information Technology Educator at Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

Bridget Burkhardt announced general consensus of the board to approve the consent agenda as presented.

### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #29 and #30**

The board reviewed accounts payable orders #29 and #30.

### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDER CHECK TO HOWARD CENTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,560.35.**

Martin LaLonde moved that the board approve accounts payable order check to the Howard Center for Human Services in the amount of \$67,560.35. Alex McHenry seconded the motion. A roll call count was taken. All were in favor. The motion passes.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

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Bridget Burkhardt, Acting Chair

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Martin LaLonde, Acting Clerk