

APPROVED ON MARCH 6, 2019

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
WEDNESDAY, February 20, 2019
Executive Session at 6:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School Library**

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Bridget Burkhardt, Alex McHenry, Steve Wisloski

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young

GUESTS

Attorney Pietro Lynn, Attorney David Rugh

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter, a real estate 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 David Young, Attorney Pietro Lynn, and Attorney David Rugh attend executive session. The motion was approved.

Discussion Regarding Potential Legal Proceedings Regarding a Personnel Matter

In: 6:00 p.m.

Out: 6:23 p.m.

Attorney Pietro Lynn left the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

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

In: 6:24 p.m.

Out: 6:42 p.m.

No Action

Attorney David Rugh entered the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Attorney David Rugh left the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Discussion Regarding Labor Negotiations with Teachers, Administrators and Support Staff

In: 6:43 p.m.

Out: 6:55 p.m.

No Action

The executive session was closed at 6:55 p.m.

PRESENT

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

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

Delina Gilroy, Amadee Denton, Noah Everitt

GUESTS

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REGULAR SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Sheldon Katz spoke about the South Burlington High School PIWA class and the documentary the *Thirteenth*.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

RECOGNITION OF STEVE WISLOSKI'S SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL BOARD

Elizabeth Fitzgerald said that this would be Steve Wisloski's last regular School Board meeting.

Elizabeth presented a plaque for Steve Wisloski and thanked him for his service to the School Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- In support of Black History month, the boys and girls' hockey teams have been playing games to promote the fight against racism and they have had great turnouts.
- Students from the Student Justice Union visited the Vermont State Board of Education in Montpelier and talked about racism.
- Congratulations to Diana Gregoire who is the Vermont State Gymnastic champion.
- Student participating in The International Experience (TIE) Spain and Germany trips left today.
- Next week through March 5 is vacation week.
- Talent night will be held in mid-March. Rehearsals will begin after vacation.
- Early voting for Town Meeting is available now at City Hall.
- On Friday, the Budget Presentation and Candidate Forum will be held on Channel 17. The budget presentation begins at 5:25 p.m. and the candidate forum begins at 6:00 p.m.
- The music recruitment tour was held yesterday. SBHS Chamber Singers and Wind Ensemble went to all three elementary schools to talk about the choral and instrumental music program.
- High school students took the 2019 Youth Risk Behavior Survey this week.
- The SBHS student to represent the District at the Poetry Out Loud Competition is Vera Escaja-Heiss who went all the way to nationals last year.
- Student-directed one act play will be "The Whole Shebang" and will take place the week we get back from vacation.
- The Young Republicans Club and the Young Democrats Club went to the statehouse to meet with Governor Scott.

- The Agency of Education(AOE) is conducting an Integrated Field Review tomorrow. A team of educators from surrounding districts and Agency of Education staff will be in the buildings. They will be meeting with groups of students, parents, support staff and teachers, having a tour, and visiting classrooms and learning spaces. The Integrated Field Review is part of how the AOE monitors implementation of the Vermont Education Quality Standards (EQS) and is based on a continuous improvement model. The data collection focuses on five EQS domains: Academic Proficiency, Personalization, Safe Healthy Schools, High Quality Staffing, and Investment Priorities.
- David Young welcomed Corey Burdick who has been hired as the new District Communications Coordinator.
- David Young distributed a letter from Senator Bernie Sanders thanking the District for his recent visit to Chamberlin School's Out Program.

CITY AND SCHOOL COLLABORATION

David Young reported that there has not been a meeting with Helen Riehle, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, David Young, and Kevin Dorn recently, however there is a meeting scheduled next week to receive some additional information about the city's proposed concept for storm water treatment on Central School's property.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

180 Market Street Update

As requested by the School Board, David Young has met with the district attorneys and has hired a storm water treatment expert to help the district understand what the Rick Marcotte Central School property would need to comply with storm water mitigation rules and regulations. Specifically, Rick Marcotte Central School's current and future needs for storm water treatment with the existing configuration as well as if improvements are made to the parking lot and bus route.

MASTER PLANNING AND VISIONING

Phase II Work Plan Update – Dore and Whittier Presentation

David Young noted that Dore and Whittier have completed all eight options for presentation at the Master Planning and Visioning Advisory Group meeting that was held earlier today. This meeting included the participants who attended the school visits. At the meeting they looked at the options and will provide feedback and changes to Dore and Whittier for each option through an evaluation process.

Dore and Whitter will take all the options and begin to work on rough cost estimates by square footage based on each individual option. Another meeting with the community visioning group will be held and then a larger presentation will be provided to the general public.

BALLOT ITEMS

David Young provided an overview of the School District items included on the ballot. He also reviewed the city ballot items.

Alex McHenry spoke about Article 5 on the ballot. He said the question reads: "Shall the voters of South Burlington advise the Governor and the Vermont General Assembly to support raising the age for the purchase of tobacco products in Vermont from 18 to

21 years of age?" He encouraged fellow Board members and community members to support Article 5.

BUDGET COMMUNICATION PLAN

David Young said he attend the Young at Heart group today at city hall. The Board discussed the upcoming budget presentation and candidate forum on Channel 17 this Friday beginning at 5:25 p.m. The candidate forum will take place at 6:00 p.m.

POLICY WORK

Policy F1 – Education Records (First Reading)

The Board will bring the Education Records Policy back to the next meeting for a second reading.

NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE

Bridget Burkhardt noted that the next meeting with support staff is on March 11 and there are several other meetings scheduled.

Bridget Burkhardt said that they met with the South Burlington Educators Association on Monday of this week. They have the next three collective bargaining meetings scheduled.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald said that the Board has an outstanding request to start the South Burlington Administrator Association contract negotiations but do not have an initial meeting set at this time.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

David Young provided the Education Legislative Report which includes some of the bills proposed in the legislature. David Young will provide a more comprehensive report at the next Board meeting.

OTHER PAPER ARTICLES

The Board reviewed the list and assignments of upcoming Other Paper articles.

SET AGENDA FOR THE MARCH 6, 2019 MEETING

The Board discussed the agenda for the March 6 School Board meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF FEBRUARY 4 (9 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.), FEBRUARY 6, AND FEBRUARY 11, 2019

Elizabeth Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the Board to approve the minutes of the February 4 at 9:00 a.m., February 6, and February 11, 2019 meetings as amended. The minutes of February 4 at 5:00 p.m. will be brought back to the next meeting for consideration. There were no objections.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #29 AND #30

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Chair

Bridget Burkhardt, Clerk