

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2016  
Executive Session at 6:00 P.M.  
Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M.  
Orchard School Cafeteria**

**PRESENT**

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Julie Beatty, Patrick Leduc, Bridget Burkhardt

**ADMINISTRATION/STAFF**

David Young, John Stewart

**GUESTS**

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board entered executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss a real estate proposal and labor negotiations with 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 Mr. Young, and Mr. Stewart attend executive session. The motion was approved.

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

In: 6:00 p.m.

Out: 6:12 p.m.

No Action

**Legal Matter – Discussion of Real Estate Proposal**

In: 6:12 p.m.

Out: 6:57 p.m.

No Action

The executive session was closed at 6:58 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Julie Beatty, Patrick Leduc, Bridget Burkhardt

**ADMINISTRATION/STAFF**

David Young, John Stewart, Mark Trifilio, Meg Collins

**GUESTS**

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**REGULAR SESSION**

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

**ORGANIZATION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD-SUPERINTENDENT****Election of the Chairperson**

Mr. Young called the meeting to order. Ms. Fitzgerald moved and Mr. LaLonde seconded the motion to nominate Mr. Leduc as chair of the school board. The motion was approved.

**Election of the Clerk**

Mr. LaLonde moved and Ms. Fitzgerald seconded the motion to nominate Ms. Beatty as clerk of the board. The motion was approved.

**DESIGNATE A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER TO SIGN CONTRACTS ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD**

Mr. LaLonde moved and Ms. Fitzgerald seconded the motion to nominate Ms. Beatty to sign contracts on behalf of the board. The motion was approved.

Mr. Young thanked Ms. Fitzgerald for her time as chair of the board.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Monica Ostby thanked Ms. Burkhardt for getting involved and serving on the board. She also asked if there was a way that the board could keep the public more informed through social media. Ms. Burkhardt stated that she would be willing to keep the public informed by use of social media to the extent that is allowed. Mr. Young gave the board a packet of information that will help them to understand communication from the board. Mr. Lalonde would like to meet with Ms. Burkhardt and the legal experts from the Vermont School Board's Association to see how restrictive the board may or may not be with board communication.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

There were none.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS/STUDENT VOICE.**

Ms. Beatty stated concern that it was getting late in the year and would like to complete the process for placing a member from the Junior class to serve as student representative. Mr. Young said that Nirali came up with a process and he understands there are two students interested in serving. He will provide their applications to the board at the next meeting.

**CITY AND SCHOOL COLLABORATION**

Mr. Young and Ms. Fitzgerald have been meeting regularly with Pat Nowak, City Council Chair, and Kevin Dorn, City Manager. Mr. Leduc will now attend these meetings as school board chair.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT****Nutritional Services-Preliminary Forecast of Year-end Financial Position**

Mr. Stewart provided a preliminary forecast of the year-end financial position of Nutritional Services. Sue Spear, district accountant, will continue to keep this report up-to-date monthly. The board asked several questions. Mr. Leduc thanked Mr. Stewart for this report.

**CONSIDER SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR FOR 2016-2017**

Mr. Young presented the draft 2016-17 school calendar. He stated that the district follows the Chittenden County Regional Calendar. Late starts will remain on the calendar in order to provide continued professional development to teachers. Ms. Beatty would like to know when school testing will take place at the high school in May. This will be added to the calendar as it becomes available. Ms. Beatty wanted to be sure we take into consideration all major religious holidays when planning school activities. Mr. Leduc questioned why we would list any holidays as we could not have room on the calendar to be all inclusive. Mr. Young stated that we would remove the holidays from the calendar with the understanding that all major holidays will be considered when scheduling activities. Ms. Fitzgerald moved to approve the 2016-17 school calendar with modifications, Ms. Beatty seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

**CONSIDER RESOLUTION FOR THE BOND**

Mr. Stewart explained the need for the resolution for the bond. He explained that this allows the district to get the Request for Proposals out now so that when the bond is issued in July, we can hit the ground running. Ms. Burkhardt suggested a slight change to the wording in the second paragraph. Mr. LaLonde moved that the board approve the resolution for the bond as amended, Ms. Beatty seconded the motion. All were in favor. The resolution passed.

**BUDGET/VOTING REVIEW**

Mr. Young provided a spreadsheet of voter information provided by the city along with a voter information overview that was put together by data manager, Ray Mann. The board discussed improvement in the way we present information to the community. Mr. Young will work with data manager, Ray Mann to provide further, detailed information to the board.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Mr. LaLonde provided a brief legislative update.

- The Ways and Means Committee and Education Committee are working on a bill regarding what the yield will be and stated that will ultimately affect our tax rate.
- Looking at ways of reporting unfunded mandates.
- Marijuana legalization has made its way from the Senate and will go to the House Judiciary Committee.

Mr. LaLonde asked about an additional informational meeting that had been discussed. Mr. Young stated that this was a meeting that Mr. Zuckerman was interested in, to provide differing perspectives. Mr. Young will follow up with Mr. Dorn to see if this meeting will be taking place. The Vermont School Boards Association did provide to legislators talking points of what they thought needed to be reviewed. Mr. Leduc would like the board to take time individually to consider whether a position statement should be provided by the board if the city will not be holding another informational meeting on the legalization of marijuana. The board will make that decision at the next meeting.

**MASTER PLANNING AND VISIONING UPDATE**

White + Burke continues to look at financial modeling options under master planning and visioning. There will be a public meeting on March 22 for initial community feedback. Financial analysis will be provided by White + Burke. The board discussed what the community meeting might look like and will continue to plan at the special

board meeting on March 7.

### **EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS POLICY MONITORING**

#### **2.5-Financial Planning and Budgeting**

Mr. Young and Mr. Stewart provided updated policy monitoring report 2.5-Financial Planning and Budgeting to the board. The board discussed the updates and provided feedback. The monitoring report will be amended and brought back to the next meeting for another reading.

### **CONSIDER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2016-2017**

The board discussed the 2016-2017 School Board meeting schedule. Ms. Beatty moved that the board approve the schedule as presented, Ms. Burkhardt seconded the motion. All were in favor. The 2016-2017 School Board meeting schedule was approved.

### **CONSIDER BOARD AGENDA AND WORK PLAN FOR 2016-2017**

The board discussed the board agenda and work plan for 2016-2017.

### **SET AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 16, 2016**

The board discussed the agenda for the regular board meeting on March 16, 2016.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The board discussed future agenda items.

### **CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF FEBRUARY 16 AND FEBRUARY 17, 2016**

Mr. Leduc announced general consensus of the board to approve the minutes of February 16 and February 17, 2016. There were no objections.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **Leave Request**

Kimberly Audette, .20 FTE Mathematics Coach, District

#### **Bid**

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

### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #31, #32**

The board reviewed accounts payable orders #31 and #32.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.