

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2015  
Executive Session at 6:00 P.M.  
Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M.  
Orchard School Cafeteria**

**PRESENT**

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Julie Beatty, Dan Fleming, Patrick Leduc

**ADMINISTRATION/STAFF**

David Young, John Stewart

**GUESTS**

There were none.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board entered executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss a potential legal claim and the district's investigation of the matter and labor negotiations 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.

**Legal Matter – Discussion of Potential Legal Claim and District's Investigation**

In: 6:00 p.m.

Out: 6:05 p.m.

No Action

**Collective Bargaining – Discussion Regarding Labor Negotiations**

In: 6:06 p.m.

Out: 6:54 p.m.

No Action

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

**PRESENT**

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Julie Beatty, Dan Fleming, Patrick Leduc

**ADMINISTRATION/STAFF**

David Young, John Stewart, Stuart Weiss, Mark Trifilio, Rhonda Ketner, Donna Sullivan McDonald, Meg Collins

**GUESTS**

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**REGULAR SESSION**

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

**ORGANIZATION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD—SUPERINTENDENT**

Mr. Young called the meeting to order. Martin LaLonde moved that Elizabeth Fitzgerald be chair of the school board, Mr. Fleming seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was approved.

Ms. Beatty moved that Mr. LaLonde continue as clerk of the board. Mr. Fleming seconded the motion, all were in favor. The motion was approved.

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

Mr. LaLonde moved that the board designate Ms. Beatty as the school board member to sign contracts on behalf of the board, Mr. Fleming seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was approved.

### **SUMMARY OF ELECTION RESULTS**

Mr. Young provided the election results to the board. Ms. Fitzgerald made some observations about voter turnout and stated the board is grateful to the community for coming out to vote. Patrick Leduc was introduced as the newest board member. He provided a brief background.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were none.

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Mr. Young took off #11- Ends Monitoring Progress Update and moved #12 Administrative Report – Nutrition Services Program to take place before #9.

### **ENDS CELEBRATION**

Mr. Trifilio, Orchard School Principal, introduced Donna Sullivan McDonald, Library Media Specialist at Orchard School and four students; Nora and Patrick Clear and Sana and Rama Al Namee. Ms. Sullivan McDonald and her students provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Board, featuring projects from throughout the year including World Read Aloud. Ms. McDonald stated that this work is empowering young people to have a global voice. The board thanked Ms. McDonald and her students for presenting and stated that they were very impressed with their work.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

#### **Nutrition Services Program**

Mr. Stewart provided a Nutritional Services status report to the board. Ms. Ketner provided an overview of what is happening this year in nutritional services. The board asked several questions and thanked Mr. Stewart and Ms. Ketner for their report.

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

Mr. Young stated the next master planning meeting is on March 9 at 5:00 p.m. at the city offices. The Community Meeting is taking place March 31 to discuss the opportunities and options. A community survey will follow. After receiving feedback from the community, more work from the task force will take place before sharing options with the school board and city council.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**Trends in Substitute Use** – This report will be brought to a future meeting.

**Principal Search at Rick Marcotte Central School** – Mr. Young provided the board with the timeline for the principal search. There will be three committees; a selection committee, looking at the candidate pool; interview committee, and a forum committee. Mr. Young met with the staff at Rick Marcotte Central School to provide them with the timeline.

**Elevator Update** – Mr. Stewart reported receiving 3 proposals for the high school elevator. Mr. Stewart would like to have the board members hear from Dore and Whittier to get an overview of the project. A subcommittee of the board, Mr. Leduc and Ms. Beatty, will meet for the overview. The full board will be given a 20 minute abbreviated version at a future board meeting.

## **EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS POLICY MONITORING**

### **2.10 Curriculum Development and Review**

Mr. LaLonde and Ms. Fitzgerald formed a subgroup to review 2.10 Curriculum Development and Review with Mr. Weiss. Mr. Weiss provided an updated report to the board. The board made several suggestions. The report will be brought back to the next meeting.

## **SET AGENDA FOR THE MARCH 18, 2015 MEETING**

The Board discussed the March 18, 2015 meeting agenda.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Board discussed future agenda items.

## **CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF February 18, 2015**

Ms. Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the board to approve the minutes of the February 18 meeting as amended. There were no objections.

## **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #30 and #31.**

The Board reviewed accounts payable orders #30 and #31. The board asked several questions.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Orchard School Science Fair is March 11, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Orchard School.
- Upcoming PACT Events:
  - March 17: PACT Dialogue Night 2 at SBHS, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
  - March 24: PACT Neighborhood Learning Conversations Community Dinner, SBHS, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
  - April 9: PACT F.H. Tuttle Middle School Community Dinner at FHTMS, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
  - May 13: PACT Thank You Community Dinner, SBHS, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Congratulations F.H.T. Middle School eighth grader Sean Carlson who qualified for the Vermont State Geo Bee. Sean will compete on March 27 at Middlebury College.
- March 9 is the SB Boys Hockey Championship
- The Airport Planning Committee had their first meeting today. Demolition of homes bought by the airport begins on April 17 and continues through September.

## **BOARD SELF EVALUATION**

The Board took their self-evaluation and was provided the feedback.

**REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Chair

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Martin LaLonde, Clerk