

APPROVED ON APRIL 5, 2017

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017
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, Bridget Burkhardt, Alex McHenry, Steve Wisloski

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young

GUESTS

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board entered executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss 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 attend executive session. The motion was approved.

Regarding Labor Negotiations with Teachers and Support Staff

In: 6:00 p.m.

Out: 6:54 p.m.

No Action

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

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Bridget Burkhardt, Alex McHenry, Steve Wisloski, Isaiah Hines, Alex Escaja-Heiss

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, Delina Gilroy, John Stewart, Stuart Weiss, Mark Trifilio, Pat Phillips, Lissa McDonald, Jim Abrams, Karsten Schlenter, Mark Trifilio, Holly Rouelle, Brent Coon,

GUESTS

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REGULAR SESSION

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

A member of the public spoke about the turmoil in the last year and said process, involvement, and consistency matters in decision making. Money is going out of state and out of county to private schools.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

The board discussed a legal matter in Executive Session.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Fitzgerald introduced new student representative Alex Escaja-Heiss and asked her to say a few words. The board welcomed Ms. Escaja-Heiss.

Mr. Hines and Ms. Escaja-Heiss provided the following announcements:

- Spring sports begin on March 20
- Talent night this Friday and Saturday.
- TIE students who went to Germany and Spain just returned.
- DECA hosting a fundraiser.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Young made mention of the snow days and asked that parents, staff, and administrators work to keep children safe particularly while playing on the tall snow banks next to driveways.

Orchard School Fourth Grade Class Size

Mr. Young provided an update on the fourth grade class size at Orchard School and the need to provide support to the fourth grade teachers and students. Mr. Trifilio spoke to the board about the need for the additional support. Mr. Young let the board know he would be advertising to hire a .25 FTE teacher/long-term substitute as additional classroom support at Orchard School.

CONSIDER THE REVISED SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET FOR FY 2018

Mr. Young presented an overview of the revised budget materials for FY 2018. Board members asked several questions. Board members asked that the following items be added/removed from the proposed FY 2018 budget presented by the administration.

Additions

- HS Art Room Air Conditioning \$8,500

Reductions

- \$50,000 Reduction in Health Insurance line budget due to savings for new plans beginning January 2018
- \$34,028 District Communications Coordinator
- \$72,000 Savings of Three teacher retirements at \$24,000 each
- \$5,000 Robotics and Maker Spaces at Elementary School

Mr. Wisloski moved that the School Board approve the revised FY 2018 Budget in the amount of \$49,754,590.00. Mr. LaLonde seconded the motion. Ms. Burkhardt voted against the budget. The motion was approved.

Mr. Young said the district has 30 days to hold a special meeting on a revote of the proposed budget. The revote date is scheduled for Thursday, April 6.

UPDATE ON NEGOTIATIONS

Mr. LaLonde said the board negotiations subcommittee held their ninth meeting with the Educators Association and noted that on the agenda for this Friday, the board has an agenda item for action on the declaration of impasse with the SBEA. The next meeting

with the South Burlington Educators Association Educational Support Staff Professional Unit (SBSD ESPU) will be held on Tuesday, March 21.

REVIEW TOPICS FOR OTHER PAPER ARTICLES

The board discussed the topic for the next Other Paper article. Mr. Hines will provide an article on the Frozen Schedule in the April 6 edition of the Other Paper. The board will discuss a budget insert for the Other Paper at their March 17 meeting. Mr. Young will provide the board with the working list of suggested topics.

SET AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 5, 2017 MEETING

The board discussed the agenda for the board meeting of April 5, 2017.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The board discussed future agenda items.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 6 AND MARCH 8, 2017 BOARD MEETING

Ms. Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the board to approve the minutes of March 6 and 8, 2017 as amended. There were no objections.

CONSENT AGENDA

Retirement

Carol McQuillen, 1.0 FTE Elementary Teacher at Orchard School

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

CONSIDER SPECIAL MEETING WARNING

Mr. Wisloski moved that the Annual School District Warning be approved to include the approved budget amount of \$49,754,590.00, an equalized per pupil spending of \$15,575.76, and a projected spending per equalized pupil of 3.48% higher than spending for the current year. Ms. Burkhardt seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was approved.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #34

The board reviewed accounts payable orders #34.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDER CHECK TO HOWARD CENTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT \$91,343.95.

Mr. Wisloski moved that the board approve the check to Howard Center for Human Services in the Amount of \$91,343.95. Ms. Burkhardt seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.