

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2016
Frederick Tuttle Middle School Library**

PRESENT

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

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

John Stewart

GUESTS

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss a real estate matter and labor negotiations with teachers and support staff and a real estate discussion and added that it would be significantly disadvantageous to the district not to do so in executive session. The board requested that Mr. John Stewart, Annette Harton, and Ms. Stephanie Hainley attend executive session.

Legal Matter – Real Estate Proposal Discussion

In: 6:00 p.m.

Out: 6:45 p.m.

No Action

Labor Negotiations with Teachers and Support Staff

In: 6:46 p.m.

Out: 6:52 p.m.

No Action

The executive session was closed at 6:53 p.m.

PRESENT

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

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

John Stewart, Delina Gilroy

GUESTS

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REGULAR SESSION

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Tom Bailey asked if anyone has considered the use of the University Mall as a school space. The board said it is not one of the options currently under consideration.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

The board added a continuation of Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

District

- Master Planning and Visioning Community Meeting is March 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Childcare is available for the evening and it will be videotaped.
- 3/8-24 is the K-12 Art Show at the University Mall.
- April 6 School Board meeting location has been changed to Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School Library
- 4/7 and 4/8 – Elementary School Spring Conferences
- 4/18-4/22 – Spring Break – No School

High School

- SBHS Career/Job Expo 2016 is Tuesday, April 5, Noon-2:00 p.m. in the high school gym.

Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School

- Congratulations to the Mathcounts team of Victoria Chang, Ragulan Sivakumar, Kelly Xu and Cindy Yang for winning the State championship held this past weekend at VTC. Ragulan also won the individual championship and the countdown round while Cindy made the final four in the countdown round and received the presenter's award. This is the sixth time in the last eight years that Tuttle has won the State championship.
- Thursday, March 17 @ 6:15-7:30 p.m. – Fifth Grade Orientation Night
- The 6th, 7th and 8th grade chorus will be presenting their annual Pops Concert next Wednesday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the SBHS Auditorium. Since it is a "Pops Concert," students have been learning about and preparing various styles of music from Latin Jazz to 1940's swing to Contemporary a cappella. Hope to see you all there.
- Tuesday, 3/29 @ 6:30 p.m. – FHTMS Meet the Coaches Night, FHTMS Cafeteria
- Wednesday, 4/6 @ 4-8 p.m. – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Thursday, 4/7 – Half day for students
- Thursday, 4/7 @ 1:30-5 p.m. – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Friday, 4/8 – Half day for students
- Saturday, 4/9 @ 6 p.m. -- SBHS Rebel Boosters Calcutta fundraiser, Sunset Ballroom
- Friday, 4/29 @ 8:30-3:30 -- Tuttlefest 2016 (5/13 rain date). The Second Annual TuttleFest will take place. Tuttle is in need of community service projects for students. Please share with neighbors and relatives that are in need. Tuttle has created a sign up genius to collect a list of requested projects. Forward this link to anyone you think is in need of some spring clean-up. Ideal jobs would be yard work and outdoor cleanup. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094da5af23a2f49-tuttlefest>

Rick Marcotte Central School

- 4/1 – 44th Annual Spring Fair & Silent Auction, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Chamberlin

- 4/4 – Family Math Night
- 4/4-4/8 – Scholastic Book Fair
- The board asked that Mr. Young provide the board with the student representative applications prior to the next board meeting.

CITY AND SCHOOL COLLABORATION

Mr. Young and Mr. Leduc have scheduled their next meeting with Helen Riehle, new city council chair, and Kevin Dorn, city manager for March 25.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Voter Update – The City has indicated that the voter information requested by our data manager would not be available until May.

Marijuana Meeting Update – Mr. Young spoke with Kevin Dorn on Thursday, March 9 and he indicated that the city would not be holding an information meeting on the legalization of marijuana. The board discussed the possibility of providing a position statement to the legislature. After a lengthy discussion, the board agreed to table the position statement at this time. Mr. LaLonde agreed to communicate to the legislature that the board is not in favor of the legalization of marijuana.

APPROVAL OF PRE-QUALIFICATION CRITERIA FOR GENERAL CONTRACTORS FOR THE MUNSON FIELD PROJECT

Ms. Fitzgerald moved that the board approve the Pre-qualification Criteria for General Contractors for the Munson Field Project. Ms. Burkhardt seconded the motion, all were in favor. The motion was approved with one date change.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. LaLonde provided a brief update on the legislative work over the last few weeks including:

- H.529 Construction Fund—no payback required from schools for five years.
- Special Education Bill
- Yield Bill – Amount of money we will get from the state per child.
- School Choice – Might possibly be an amendment to one of the bills above.

REVIEW TOPIC FOR OTHER PAPER ARTICLE

Mr. Leduc said the next article will be on Master Planning and Visioning. Ms. Beatty will draft the article and provide to Mr. Young to send to board members for feedback.

MASTER PLANNING AND VISIONING UPDATE

The board discussed the agenda and timeline for the March 22 community meeting. The goal is to hold three additional meetings, one for each elementary school, one being a weekend date. Publish the dates of these three meetings by March 29.

When we communicate the three meeting dates, include a link to RETN of the March 22 meeting. The follow-up meetings are for an exchange of opinions. Have feedback available on the web. The board discussed feedback forms and the possibility of conducting a survey.

The board agreed to add a discussion of Master Planning and Visioning to their April 11 work session which will be held in the FHT Middle School library.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS POLICY MONITORING

2.5 Financial Planning and Budgeting

Mr. Stewart presented Monitoring Report 2.5 Financial Planning and Budgeting to the board. The report was approved with changes.

SET AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 6, 2016

The Board discussed the agenda for the regular board meeting on April 6, 2016.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board discussed future agenda items.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 2 AND MARCH 7, 2016

Mr. Leduc announced general consensus of the board to approve the minutes of the March 2 and March 7, 2016 meeting as presented. There were no objections.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #33 and #34

The Board reviewed accounts payable orders #33 and #34.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDER CHECK TO THE HOWARD CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$79,878.78 AND BELCATE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,710.20

Ms. Burkhardt moved that the board approve the accounts payable order check to the Howard Center in the amount of \$79,878.78 and Belcate in the amount of \$70,710.20. Ms. Fitzgerald seconded the motion, all were in favor. The motion was approved.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board reentered executive session at 8:38 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. John Stewart attend executive session.

Labor Negotiations with Teachers and Support Staff

In: 8:38 p.m.

Out: 8:48 p.m.

No Action

The executive session was closed at 8:49 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Acting Chair

Martin LaLonde, Acting Clerk