

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2015
Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School Library**

PRESENT

Martin LaLonde, Julie Beatty, Dan Fleming, Neerja Patel

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

John Stewart, Delina Gilroy, Stuart Weiss

GUESTS

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REGULAR SESSION

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

The agenda was amended to add a legislative update.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Announcements

- Mark your calendars, The CDC Career/Job Expo is Tuesday, April 7, 2015 from Noon-2:00 p.m. in the High School gymnasium.
- Chamberlin Neighborhood Community Meeting, March 26, 6:30 p.m. at Chamberlin School. Topics include demolition of Airport acquired properties beginning in mid-April, the Chamberlin Neighborhood Planning Project, and updates on City Center and the Garden Street Project. (See attached)
- South Burlington City and School Task Force Committee invites you to a meeting on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Frederick Tuttle Middle School Cafeteria. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss options related to the number of schools, grade configurations, and community wants and needs related to city services. Some school board members will attend and participate as members of the community.
- Talent Night was held this weekend and the sophomores won. The seniors were awarded the people's choice award.
- Spring Fling is next week.
- Neerja Patel is the new Distinguished Young Woman of Vermont 2015. Neerja competed with other student leaders in the state competition this past weekend, at the Vergennes Opera House, and will now represent Vermont at the National program in Mobile, Alabama at the end of June. This competition provides scholarships to high school seniors.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. LaLonde gave an update on House Bill 361 regarding caps on per pupil education spending. He discussed all of the details of the bill. The board agreed that Mr. LaLonde and Ms. Beatty will draft a letter putting forth the board's position for submission to the Ways and Means Committee. The letter will be sent to board members for review and comment.

H76 was recently voted out of the Education Committee and will be heard this week. This version of the bill, which would ban teacher strikes and imposition, does not include binding arbitration but would require mediation if the parties do not reach an agreement. There are penalties if no agreement is reached after the contract expires. Mr. LaLonde would like to provide the board's viewpoint verbally, later this week, during discussion on the House floor if the board agrees. The board agreed to have Mr. LaLonde present their point of view during discussion on the House floor.

CONSENT AGENDA**Leave**

Nissa Kauppila, 1.0 FTE Technology Education Teacher at South Burlington High School

Ms. Kauppila gave a brief overview of her request for a leave of absence. The board thanked Ms. Kauppila for attending.

Resignation/Retirement

Curtis Belton, 1.0 FTE Science Teacher at South Burlington High School

Ellen Lascelle, 1.0 FTE Speech Language Pathologist at Rick Marcotte Central School

Michelle Price, .60 FTE Art Teacher at Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School

Mr. LaLonde thanked Mr. Belton, Ms. Lascelle, and Ms. Price for their many years of service to the district.

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

MASTER PLANNING/FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP AND CITY/SCHOOL COLLABORATION

Mr. Stewart said the district is working collaboratively with the city on an RFP for audit services which will be sent out on March 26. The current auditors were selected by a committee appointed by the city council and school board. The committee of four looked at the responses and made a recommendation to the city council for approval in early May. This is the process that the city and school will follow again. The board will decide on a board representative at the next meeting.

Mr. Stewart gave a brief update on the Task Force work and upcoming meeting, including the meeting scheduled for tomorrow evening and the community meeting on March 31 at 6:30 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS—ELEVATOR, BATHROOMS, AND WINDOWS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Stewart provided an update on the elevator project as well as other projects at the high school including windows and restrooms. The architects will attend the April 1 meeting and provide the full board with a 20-minute overview of the projects. The construction manager proposals will be opened at the April 6 board work session.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS POLICY MONITORING

2.10 Curriculum Development and Review – Mr. Weiss provided an updated version of Monitoring Report 2.10. The board asked several questions and suggested a change. The monitoring report will be brought back to the next meeting for review.

SET AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 1 AND APRIL 6, 2015 MEETINGS

The Board discussed the April 1 and April 6, 2015 meeting agendas.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board discussed future agenda items.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 4, 2015

The March 4, 2015 minutes will be considered at the April 1 meeting.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDER #32 and #33

The Board reviewed accounts payable orders #32 and #33.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDER CHECK TO THE HOWARD CENTER

Ms. Beatty moved and Mr. Fleming seconded the motion to approve the check to Howard Center in the amount of \$92,733.01. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Martin LaLonde, Acting Chair

Julie Beatty, Acting Clerk