

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2020
Executive Session at 6:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School**

PRESENT (Participating Via Zoom)

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Bridget Burkhardt, Martin LaLonde, Alex McHenry, Brian Minier

AMINISTRATION/STAFF (Participating Via Zoom)

David Young, Gary Marckres

GUESTS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Elizabeth Fitzgerald called for a motion to enter executive session at 6:02 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations with Administrators, Teachers, and Support Staff and legal services and added that it would be significantly disadvantageous to the district not to do so in executive session. Alex McHenry motioned to enter executive session and Brian Minier seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion passes. The board requested that David Young and Gary Marckres attend executive session.

Discussion Regarding Labor Negotiations with Administrators, Teachers, and Support Staff

In: 6:02 p.m.

Out: 6:35 p.m.

No Action

Legal Services

In: 6:35 p.m.

Out: 6:52 p.m.

No Action

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

PRESENT (Participating Via Zoom)

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Bridget Burkhardt, Martin LaLonde, Alex McHenry, Brian Minier, Cole Patno, Delaney Rosner

AMINISTRATION/STAFF (Participating Via Zoom)

David Young (at FHT), Delina Gilroy (at FHT), Gary Marckres, Amadee Denton, Steve Walker (at FHT), Mark Trifilio, Patrick Burke, John Craig, Holly Rouelle, Brent Coon, Karsten Schlenter, David Hyatt, Michael Martin, Joanne Godek

GUESTS

Approximately 51 guests via Zoom including many staff members.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Bridget Burkhardt reviewed the Zoom guidelines for school board meetings including how to ask or submit questions.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Delaney Rosner and Cole Patno provided the following announcements:

- A pass/fail option has been provided for high school students to receive grades for second semester. The semester one grades will remain the same for high school students.
- Spring break just ended.
- SBHS students are holding a remote coffee house on Friday, May 1.

CITY/SCHOOL COLLABORATION

The city and the school have not met recently. The biggest update from the previous meeting was related to the timing and logistics of the budget vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Rick Marcotte Central School/180 Market Street

David Young said that the construction at 180 Market Street began again on a limited basis with the site divided into two worksites with a total of five workers on each site. The city building site and the east parking lot site.

Chamberlin School Noise Mitigation/Airport

David Young said he and Gary Marckres have corresponded recently with Nic Longo and Jones Payne regarding the grant for Chamberlin School Noise Mitigation. The FAA and airport will move forward with the project with a new company, C3 out of Boston, and they should provide the district with a full cost estimate by mid-May.

COVID-19 Update

David Young gave an update on the services provided by the district including the Continuity of Learning Plan, food delivery for PreK-12, and childcare for parents and guardians designated as essential workers.

The district has been following through on all updates provided by the Governor and the Agency of Education.

End of School Year

David Young said that the district is waiting to hear back about end of the school year activities including graduation and celebrations.

Several questions were asked by board members about the financial aspects including possible funding from the Federal Government and the Agency of Education.

Patrick Burke spoke about the importance of the end of school activities and said he had a meeting with senior class families this week.

CONSIDER FY 2021 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Board discussed the proposed May 28 voting date. David Young said Donna Kinville city clerk, has joined the board meeting this evening to discuss the voting plan. Donna Kinville provided the following information about agenda items #8 and #9 with regard to voting.

Donna Kinville said the Board of Civil Authority met to discuss how to move forward with the vote and how to do this safely. They spoke about a drive-up option, a mail-in only option, and the three voting locations. The Board of Civil Authority, by a vote of 11-4, decided to hold the election as close to normal as possible at the three polling locations. David Young said that the Board of Civil Authority asked that the city clerk's office advertise early voting as soon as possible.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald asked about the Secretary of State's Office 2020 election procedures regarding the 7-day prior notice of a change in location or method of voting. Donna Kinville said the special meeting warning would just need to be changed and reposted again seven (7) days prior to the May 28 voting date.

Brian Minier asked about the availability of workers for the May 28 vote at the polling locations. Donna Kinville said she will be speaking with poll workers as soon as the voting date is finalized.

David Young provided an overview of the FY 2021 budget which is available for review on the school district website.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald said the administration has done a good job with the budget and the administration and the board have revisited the budget items many times. The administration will be looking at some of the suggestions provided by the community regarding current and future budgeting.

Members of the board and members of the public asked questions and made comments.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald said that if there is any budget savings this year, FY 2020, it would be rolled forward to a future budget.

Brian Minier motioned to approve the FY 2021 proposed budget in the amount of \$53,715,472.00. Martin LaLonde seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

CONSIDER SPECIAL MEETING WARNING FOR FY 2021 BUDGET WITH A MAY 28 VOTE DATE

Martin LaLonde said he has concerns about the voting but is deferring to the Board of Civil Authority, the Secretary of State's Office, and Donna Kinville and if they think we can proceed with a safe vote we should move forward with the May 28 voting date. Board members made several comments about the voting date.

Bridget Burkhardt read the meeting warning.

Brian Minier motioned to approve the special meeting warning for the May 28 vote as presented with a budget of \$53,715,472.00 and a net "ed spending" per equalized pupil of \$16,614.42. This is a projected spending, per equalized pupil is 4.35% more than spending for the current year. Alex McHenry seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion passes unanimously.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURE REVIEW

Second Reading Guidelines on Social Media Communication

Brian Minier made a motion to approve the Guidelines on Social Media Communications. Alex McHenry seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion passes.

NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE

Elizabeth Fitzgerald reported that the board is in negotiations with all three collective bargaining units and is working hard to complete the negotiations process as soon as possible.

OTHER PAPER ARTICLES

The board discussed topics for Other Paper articles.

SET AGENDA FOR THE MAY 6 MEETING

The board discussed the agenda for the May 6, 2020 school board meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The board discussed future agenda items.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF MARCH 25, APRIL 1, APRIL 6, APRIL 9, AND APRIL 13, 2020

Bridget Burkhardt announced general consensus of the board to approve the minutes of March 25, April 1, April 6, April 9, and April 13, 2020 as presented. There were no objections.

CONSENT AGENDA

Retirement/Resignation

Deborah Bennett, 1.0 Special Education Teacher at the High School

Leave of Absence (Not Recommended)

Megan Downing, 1.0 FTE Elementary Teacher at Rick Marcotte Central School, request for a second year leave of absence

Bridget Burkhardt announced general consensus of the board to accept Deborah Bennett's retirement/resignation and deny Megan Downing's second year leave of absence request.

The Board thanked Deborah Bennett for her many years of service to the district.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #36, #37, and #38

The board reviewed accounts payable orders #36, #37, and #38.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDER CHECK TO HOWARD CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73,070.22

Martin LaLonde moved that the board approve accounts payable order check to Howard Center in the amount of \$73,070.22. Brian Minier seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion passes.

ADJOURNMENT

Martin LaLonde motioned to adjourn the regular meeting and Brian Minier seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion passes.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Chair

Bridget Burkhardt, Clerk