

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2014
Executive Session at 6:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
South Burlington High School, Cafeteria I**

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Julie Beatty, Diane Bugbee, Dan Fleming

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, John Stewart

GUESTS

No guests

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter and collective bargaining and added that it would be significantly disadvantageous to the district not to do so in executive session. The motion was approved.

Collective Bargaining

In: 6:01 p.m.

Out: 6:23 p.m.

No Action

Personnel Matter

In: 6:23 p.m.

Out: 6:52 p.m.

No Action

The executive session was closed at 6:52 p.m.

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Julie Beatty, Diane Bugbee, Dan Fleming

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, John Stewart, Stuart Weiss, Meg Collins

GUESTS

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Added H.889 discussion to the superintendent's report, which specifically talks about statewide education property tax rates. The Bill was introduced by the House Ways and Means Committee.

CITY/SCHOOL COLLABORATION

Mr. Young and Ms. Fitzgerald met with the city to discuss the April 9 Steering Committee Meeting agenda.

UPDATE ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE HOWARDCENTER'S PERMIT TO OPEN A METHADONE CLINIC ON DORSET STREET

Attorney Pietro Lynn provided oral arguments in front of the Vermont Supreme Court on Monday, March 18 at 10:00 a.m. at the Vermont Law School. The timeframe for the Supreme Court to render its decision is unknown. The school board continues to look at ways to secure safety zones around our schools.

UPDATE ON PROPOSED GRADE 5 TRANSITION

The Steering Committee will be meeting tomorrow. They have been working on answering the Frequently Asked Questions and will post them as they are answered. The committees are gathering information. Mr. Young has asked the Steering Committee to acknowledge receipt of questions as it comes in. There were several questions and comments from parents and Board members. Mr. Young will be attending the Orchard PTO meeting next week to answer questions about the proposed grade 5 transition.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Summary of H.889 – Mr. Young presented the summary of H.889 and the implications for South Burlington.

Request for Proposal (RFP) for Audit of Teacher Performance Evaluation Practice Update – Mr. Young provided the Board with some background on the evaluation process along with history, by school, around compliance on evaluations. He has been in touch with individuals that expressed interest and willingness to give feedback on the RFP. Ms. Bugbee and Mr. LaLonde are on the subcommittee and will meet with those individuals. Pay for performance data will be provided at the next board meeting on April 9. The Board asked several questions and made several comments about the process.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Nutritional Services Update – Ms. Ketner presented a PowerPoint presentation and update on Nutritional Services. Ms. Ketner introduced the new guidelines required by the National School Lunch Program and what this means for the district. Mr. Young would like to work with the Vermont Superintendents Association and the Vermont Principals Association to find out what other districts are doing to comply with the new guidelines as there are financial implications. The Board asked several questions and thanked Ms. Ketner for the update.

School's Out Update - Mr. Stewart provided an update on the School's Out program.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS POLICY MONITORING

2.4 Financial Condition and Activities – Mr. Stewart presented the audit report to the board and identified several key items from the report. The Board asked several questions. Bill Hall, our district auditor from RHR Smith and Company, discussed the management letter and reviewed the findings. Mr. Hall stated that he holds our

business office staff in high regard and refers to our district when talking to school personnel throughout the state.

Ms. Beatty motioned to accept the audit dated June 30, 2013, as presented, Ms. Bugbee seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Ms. Bugbee motioned to accept the management letter dated February 26, 2014 as presented, Mr. LaLonde seconded that motion. The motion was approved.

Mr. Stewart thanked Mr. Hall for attending the meeting.

2.7 Asset Protection

The board reviewed 2.7 Asset Protection. The board made several comments and changes. The report was approved as amended.

2.1 Treatment of Parents and Guardians

Ms. Bugbee and Ms. Beatty reviewed 2.1 Treatment of Parents and Guardians and recommended several language changes. They asked Mr. Young several clarifying questions and made several recommendations. The report will be brought back to the next board meeting.

SET AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 9, 2014 MEETING

The board discussed the April 9 meeting agenda.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The board discussed future agenda items.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF MARCH 19, MARCH 24, AND MARCH 26, 2014

Ms. Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the board to approve the minutes of the March 19, March 24, and March 26, 2014 meetings as amended. There were no objections.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resignation

Molly Bumpas, .60 FTE Speech and Language Pathologist, District

Mr. LaLonde motioned to approve the resignation of Molly Bumpas and Mr. Fleming seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Ms. Fitzgerald asked Mr. Young to pass on the District and Board's thanks to Ms. Bumpas for her work in the district.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #34, #35, #36 and TP#79

The board reviewed accounts payable order #34, #35, #36 and TP#79.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- April 3 and 4 are half days for PreK-8 students for parent/teacher conferences
- Kindergarten Registration
 - April 7 and 9 – Chamberlin School
 - April 9 – Orchard School
 - April 9 and 10 – Rick Marcotte Central School

- Congratulations to the FHT Middle School Mathcounts team of Helen Wang, Liam Lustberg, Kailey Yang, and Raulan Sivakumar for winning the State Championship on Saturday. In addition, Liam and Ragulan as well as South Burlington resident Carleton Plourde will be representing the State team in Orlando in early May.
- The VT Science Fair this past weekend had a very strong showing by our students.
- The SBHS Career/Job EXPO took place yesterday and had a successful turnout.
- Creative Reuse Showcase – Congratulations to the South Burlington High School artists who received special awards in the 2014 Creative Reuse Showcase.
- Kudos to the SBHS students Lip Dub.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

Martin LaLonde, Clerk

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Chair