

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017
Chamberlin Elementary School Cafeteria
262 White Street
South Burlington, VT**

PRESENT

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

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, John Aubin, Susie Merrick, Stuart Weiss, Mark Trifilio, Patrick Burke, Pat Phillips, Lissa McDonald, Joanne Godek, Karsten Schlenter, Mark Trifilio, Holly Rouelle, Cally Flickinger, Tina Brown, Nancy Hunter Rogers, Kathy Murphy

GUESTS

Chamberlin Kindergarten Students and Grade 5 Students.

Ms. Rouelle introduced the kindergarten students, the fifth-grade students, the kindergarten teachers, and also Ms. Flickinger, and Ms. Courcelle as technology educators. Robotics and coding are offered to students. Chamberlin recently received a \$10,000 grant to purchase robotics, and Ms. Courcelle donated the \$500 she received from the Ted Manazir Award to purchase more robotics equipment.

The kindergarten students presented their robotics and coding skills, followed by the fifth graders sharing their skills. Those in attendance were impressed by the students' skills.

REGULAR SESSION

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- April 5 was the last SBAC testing session.
- Tuesday, April 4, was the Career EXPO event at SBHS.
- April 4 was also the final session of the Diversity/Equity/Inclusion Community Series.
- Trans and Non-Binary Awareness Week was the last week of March, and the SBHS Gender Sexuality Alliance offered different activities to students and staff to raise awareness.
- Additional written announcements were provided.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent's Goals Update

Mr. Young provided an update on his three goals and said he would make a full presentation at the April 19 Board meeting.

MASTER PLANNING AND VISIONING

Committee Structure Update

Mr. Young gave updates on the Master Planning and Visioning work. The Board asked for further information on health and safety at Chamberlin School.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Ends Monitoring

Mr. Young provided an introduction to the Ends Monitoring work. Mr. Weiss gave an update of the Ends Matrix. The Board was encouraged to read the report thoroughly.

Next-step goals to be completed by the end of the school year included the following: (1) addition of an Executive Summary; (2) identification of areas where the Ends Matrix could be used in broader ways (i.e., by administrators).

Additional suggestions were the following: (1) investigate ways the data may be shared in more accessible ways visually (i.e., video vignettes); (2) identify where the SBSD is in compliance in certain sections and where, due to lack of data, the SBSD is not yet in compliance. These additional goals will be held until Infinite Campus is up and running in the new school year.

UPDATE ON NEGOTIATIONS

Ms. Burkhardt gave an update on dates of negotiations with the South Burlington Educators Association Educational Support Staff Professional Unit. The next meeting with the SBSD ESPU will be held on April 10. Mr. LaLonde reported that on March 17 an impasse was declared with the South Burlington Educators Association. A press release was issued by the Board and will be posted on the SBSD website.

REVIEW TOPICS FOR OTHER PAPER ARTICLES

The Board discussed the topic for the next Other Paper article. Mr. Hines is completing an article on the SBHS Frozen Schedule. Mr. McHenry will provide an article on Act 68 and Education Spending by April 27 for the May 4 edition of the Other Paper. Future topic suggestions included Ends Monitoring, Proficiency-Based Graduation Requirements, Personalized Learning Plans (including Big Picture's use of PLPs), Robotics and Other Learning Connected to Coding, The Role of SBSD School Board Student Representatives.

SET AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 19, 2017 MEETING

A suggestion was made to schedule an additional meeting before April 19, 2017.

The Board discussed the agenda for the Board meeting of April 19, 2017.

"TLC/Calendar Report" (from the Admin Team) will be added to the Superintendent's Report.

“Enrollment Update” will be added to the Superintendent’s Report.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board discussed future agenda items.

“Update on Ends Monitoring” and “Gender Neutral Restrooms” were removed.

A suggestion was made to move “SB Schools Foundation Update” to an upcoming agenda.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 15 AND MARCH 17, 2017 BOARD MEETING

A spelling correction was requested and made to Ms. Escaja-Heiss’s name. Ms. Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the Board to approve the minutes of March 15 and 17, 2017 as amended. There were no objections after the spelling correction was made. The minutes were approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

Retirement/Resignation

Terry Close, 1.0 FTE Speech Language Pathologist, District
Glenn Patterson, .20 FTE Special Education Teacher, Chamberlin School

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

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #35 AND #36

The Board reviewed accounts payable orders #35 and #36.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDER CHECK TO ESSEX COMMUNITY EDUCATIONAL CENTER IN THE AMOUNT \$63,131.31.

Mr. LaLonde moved that the Board approve the check to Essex Community Educational Center in the amount of \$63,131.31. Ms. Burkhardt seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Burkhardt moved that the Board adjourn. Mr. LaLonde seconded the motion. All were in favor. The Board adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McHenry moved that the Board enter Executive Session. Ms. Burkhardt seconded the motion. All were in favor. The Board entered executive session at 9:28 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.

Discussion Regarding Labor Negotiations with Teachers and Support Staff

In: 9:28 p.m.

Out: 10:02 p.m.

No Action

The executive session was closed at 10:02 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Chair

Martin LaLonde, Clerk