

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2016
Executive Session at 6:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School Library**

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Bridget Burkhardt

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young

GUESTS

Steve Stitzel

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations with Teachers and Support Staff and student application for school board representative added that it would be significantly disadvantageous to the district not to do so in executive session. The board requested that Mr. Young and Attorney Stitzel attend executive session. The motion was approved.

Discussion Regarding Labor Negotiations with Teachers and Support Staff

In: 6:00 p.m.

Out: 6:50 p.m.

No Action

Attorney Stitzel left at 6:50 p.m.

Student Matter – Discussion of Student Application for School Board Representative

In: 6:50 p.m.

Out: 6:54 p.m.

No Action

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

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Bridget Burkhardt

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, John Stewart, Stuart Weiss, Meg Collins

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

Item #9 - Pay Structures will be moved to an upcoming meeting.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS/STUDENT VOICE.

- Mr. Young will be meeting with the Grand Isle Supervisory Union Act 46 Committee on April 14.
- Master Planning and Visioning Community Meetings at the elementary schools will be held on:
 - Tuesday, April 26, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Chamberlin School
 - Saturday, May 7, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Rick Marcotte Central School
 - Tuesday, May 24, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Orchard School
- April 7 & 8 - Elementary and FHT Middle School Spring Conferences
- April 9 at 6:00 p.m. is the SBHS Rebel Boosters Calcutta fundraiser

The Board is in receipt of one student application to serve on the board and anticipates receiving one other application and will have a report at the next meeting.

CITY AND SCHOOL COLLABORATION

Mr. Young and Mr. Leduc met on March 25 with Kevin Dorn, City Manager, and Helen Riehle, City Council Chair. They discussed the use of social media and Front Porch Forum. They also discussed scheduling another steering committee meeting, though the date has not been determined. Mr. Young and Mr. Leduc will continue to meet regularly with Mr. Dorn and Ms. Riehle.

MASTER PLANNING AND VISIONING

The Board will hold a work session on Monday, April 11. At this session they will define what will take place at the next community meetings. Community meetings have been scheduled and information can be found on the website and will be advertised in the Other Paper beginning with the Thursday, April 7 edition. Ms. Fitzgerald and Ms. Burkhardt have compiled the feedback received from the March 22 meeting. A spreadsheet with demographic data and comments was put together and will be updated as other feedback comes in. The first opportunity for the board to meet to make decisions about how to provide the feedback to the community will be at the April 11 work session. They will also discuss providing a Frequently Asked Question format that will be posted on the website as questions come in from the community.

Ms. Burkhardt reported there were approximately 180 in attendance at the March 22 meeting, of those 149 signed in. They received feedback from 110 attendees and are continuing to receive feedback. There were several questions from the audience.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**Welcome John Aubin, Business Manager**

Mr. Young introduced John Aubin to the board. Mr. Aubin thanked the board and is looking forward to his work with the district. The board welcomed Mr. Aubin to the district.

Policy Monitoring Update 2.4 – Financial Condition and Activities

Mr. Young informed the board of the following items that will be presented for Board consideration and/or action at the May 4 board meeting:

- The FY 2015 audit report and management letter update.
- Update of Retirement Investments as of March 31, 2016 and investment guidelines. Patrick Blizzard from SEI will attend the meeting.
- Update on pension actuarial report, including new arrangement with Future Planning and more detailed reporting requirements due to implementation of Government Accounting and Standards Board statements (GASB) 67/68.
- The business office will present recommendations for Board action about delinquent School's Out accounts.
- Report to the Board about unpaid School Choice bills from Burlington and CVU.
- Report on closeout of 2005 repurposed bond funds and arbitrage earnings.

May 4 Board Meeting – Other Items

Other items for the May 4 board meeting include:

- Monitoring report for Policy 2.7 – Asset Protection
- The need for Board discussion and/or action include the approval of the application to the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank for the \$2,500,000 bond approved in March.
- An update on the equipment to be included in the capital lease for approval in June.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**Personal Learning Plans (PLP)**

Mr. Weiss provided a report on PLP to the board. The board asked several questions. Mr. LaLonde asked to see a sample PLP. Mr. Weiss will provide a sample PLP to the board at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS POLICY MONITORING**2.10 Curriculum Development and Review**

Mr. Young and Mr. Weiss provided the update to policy monitoring report 2.10 Curriculum Development and Review. The board asked several questions. The board would like more frequent updates while this report is noncompliant. The report will be brought back to the April 13 board meeting.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Young and Mr. Stewart gave an update on the following bills:

H.853 Education Finance Bill, passed on March 30 by the House. The FY2017 state-wide rate for non-residential property is \$1.53. The dollar equivalent yield on homestead property is \$9,701. Mr. Stewart provided a spreadsheet showing the effects on the FY2017 budget. This rate bill also contains three finance proposals for further study. H.656 a bill introduced this year to move the education tax from a tax on property to an income tax for all payers. H.846 this proposed bill would make significant changes to the education funding formula, designed to incentivize less than average education spending per pupil and to create a higher tax burden in districts with greater than average education spending per pupil, and third a direction for the Agency of Education to write a plan for how to study the system of equalized pupil weights. H.853 will move

to the Senate for consideration. This bill directs the Agency of Education to report data on local budget surplus, reserve fund amounts, and the purpose and use of reserve funds.

H.859 approved by the full house, this bill makes changes to the rules governing special education funds disbursement and establishes a pilot study of special education delivery.

H.873 this bill includes an increase to the tax that employers pay on full time employees who are not provided with employer-sponsored health insurance. The tax bill would change the employer assessment from a flat rate to a tiered rate based on the number of uncovered FTEs.

Mr. Lalonde provided an updated on the bill to legalize marijuana.

SET AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2016

The board discussed the agenda for the regular board meeting on April 13, 2016.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The board discussed future agenda items.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF MARCH 16, 2016

Ms. Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the board to approve the minutes of March 16, 2016 as amended. There were no objections.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resignation/Retirement(s)

Rhiannon Kim, .40 FTE Speech Language Pathologist, District
Michelle Soules, .80 FTE Physical Education Teacher, Chamberlin

Bid(s)

Office, Toner & Paper Supplies
Rubbish & Recycling
Life, Long-term Disability & Accidental Death Insurance
High School Gym Roof Restoration

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

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #35, #36, and #37

The board reviewed accounts payable orders #35, #36, and #37.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.