

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD  
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2016 at 5:30 P.M.  
Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School Library**

**PRESENT**

Patrick Leduc, Julie Beatty, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Bridget Burkhardt

**ADMINISTRATION/STAFF**

David Young, John Stewart, Delina Gilroy, Stuart Weiss

**GUESTS**

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**REGULAR SESSION**

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were none.

**OTHER PAPER ARTICLES**

Board members discussed the upcoming articles for the Other Paper and suggested additional topics for discussion. They are as follows:

**April 28<sup>th</sup>** (will run in 5/5 issue) - ENDS Overview (Community Expectations) (*Martin*)

**May 26<sup>th</sup>** (will run in 6/2 issue) - Proficiency-Based Graduation Requirements/  
Alternative Pathways (*Bridget*)

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>** (will run in 7/7 issue) – Stewardship Update (*Patrick*)

**July 28<sup>th</sup>** (will run in 8/4 issue) – Hold for Possible Article (?)

**August 25<sup>th</sup>** (will run in 9/1 issue) - Welcome Back (*Elizabeth*)

**September 29<sup>th</sup>** (will run in 10/6 issue) – Master Planning and Visioning (*Julie*)

**October 27<sup>th</sup>** (will run in 11/3 issue) – Budget (*Martin*)

**November 17<sup>th</sup>** (will run in 12/1 issue) - ? (*Bridget*)

**December 29<sup>th</sup>** (will run in 1/5/17 issue) - ? (*Patrick*)

**COMMUNICATION – PLAN COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

The Board discussed a plan for community outreach regarding social media use.

- Mr. LaLonde will check with the Vermont School Boards Association regarding social media/blogs and open meeting laws.
- Should the Board have its own Facebook page, blog, and Twitter account to respond to the community? The Board decided this was not something they would do as a Board.
- When the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are prepared by Ms. Fitzgerald and Ms. Burkhardt, and reviewed by the Board, add to the district website.
- Mr. Leduc will create a communication guidelines document for the Board. The policy will include information about Facebook, Twitter, Front Porch Forum, etc... Mr. Leduc will send the model policy to Board members for review.
- Board members will be informed when the chair responds to emails from community members.

Master Planning and Visioning Feedback:

Ms. Burkhardt discussed the feedback questionnaires and the responses that have been received from community members that attended the March 22 community meeting.

The Board discussed how they would be answering and posting the frequently asked questions. What will the process be? Ms. Fitzgerald and Ms. Burkhardt agreed to come up with the list of frequently asked questions from the feedback forms and emails. Mr. LaLonde agreed to work with the Board and administration to assist in answering some of the questions.

The Board set a goal of having FAQ's available on the web before the next community meeting. The Board agreed to a deadline of Monday, April 18 to have some of the FAQs posted to the district web page.

The Board discussed a postcard mailing to all addresses/homes in South Burlington like the city does for the budget books. The administration will determine the cost and review with the Board at the April 13 Board meeting.

Possible Steering Committee Meeting date of April 28. Board members will let Mr. Young know if they are available at the April 13 Board meeting.

**MASTER PLANNING AND VISIONING**

The Board will hold additional community meetings as a follow up to the March 22 session. The three dates are listed below.

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

The Board discussed the specifics of the upcoming meetings.

1. Intro/Overview of 5 scenarios covered at March 22 meeting – 20 minutes
  - a. Summary of what was covered at the March 22 meeting
  - b. Answers to any questions to date (as available)
  - c. Detail about the High School/FHT Middle School upgrades
  - d. Expanded Educational values data including equity issue (i.e. money raised by the PTO on a per capita basis that goes towards educational materials such as computers, free and reduced lunch, test scores)
2. Breakout Tables—(Facilitated dialogue at each of the break out tables. Board members will facilitate each table. Round tables with no more than 10 at each table.)
  - a. Provide themes that prompt/thoughts for each of the questions
  - b. One facilitator at each table
  - c. One note taker at each table
  - d. Tradeoffs/facts for each of the options
3. Wrap ups/Closing/Feedback Forms

Board Needs to Decide:

1. Feedback Forms – Will they change?
2. Cards for Signups with buckets to put them in at the end of the meeting or signup sheets
3. Name Tags
4. Numbers for table assignments
5. Determine what the inequities are at each of the schools
6. Have a visual at each table

Financial Overview – White and Burke need to attend but will not make a presentation.

The Board needs to determine whether they need to schedule an additional meeting next week for planning the community meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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Patrick Leduc, Chair

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Julie Beatty, Clerk