

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2020
Executive Session at 6:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT (Participating Via Zoom)

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

AMINISTRATION/STAFF (Participating Via Zoom)

David Young

GUESTS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Elizabeth Fitzgerald called for a motion to enter executive session at 6:01 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 attend executive session.

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

In: 6:01 p.m.

Out: 6:52 p.m.

No Action

The executive session was closed at 6:52 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, Gary Marckres, Steve Walker (at FHT), Mike Martin

GUESTS

Approximately 15 guests via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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 no amendments to the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Delaney Rosner and Cole Patno provided the following announcements:

- The SBHS National Honor Society raised \$1,000 for the COTS walk. This year the walk and fundraising were almost 100% online.
- AP Exams begin next week.
- Taryn Turner was the Vermont All State Music Festival vocal performance scholarship recipient. Karen, with the help of Ms. Bushey and Frank Whitcomb, her accompanist, created a video of what would have been her performance if the annual music festival had happened. The video will be available on Ms. Bushey's Twitter Page.
- David Young said today is Teacher Appreciation Day and he would like to recognize and thank all of the teachers in the district for their hard work.
- Today is also National School Nurses Day and he would like to extend his gratitude to all of our school nurses.

CITY/SCHOOL COLLABORATION

The city and the school have not met since the last meeting.

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. Gary Marckres said that they have 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 corresponded recently with Nic Longo and Jones Payne regarding the grant for Chamberlin School Noise Mitigation. Jones Payne did contact Gary Marckres and he provided them the information requested.

COVID-19 Update

- Economic Information - David Young said we have not received any new updates about the 1.25 billion dollars which has come to the State of Vermont for the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund. A certain percentage of the funding is supposed to go to the education fund but it has not been determined what the percentage will be.
- Legislative Information – David Young shared a document from the House and Senate Education Committees. Bridget Burkhardt spoke about the 19 districts (including South Burlington) that do not yet have approved school budgets and the testimony that she and David Young provided to the Education Committee on May 24, including the level funded budget possibility.
- Elizabeth Fitzgerald said that she and Bridget Burkhardt have expressed to the Senate and House Education Committee the district's interest and intent to bring a budget to the community for a vote as well as the rationale of what a level-funded budget would mean to the district.
- Martin LaLonde said that the district wants to have a budget that is put before the community and voted on. If we are unable to have a vote at all due to COVID 19, what would happen? The latest draft bill from the Education Committee does not include an extension to the June 30 date to have a passed budget by the district.

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.

Enrollment Update

David Young shared the updated enrollment information. David Young said the new enrollment information will be posted to the web. Martin LaLonde noted that the district enrollment is up by 90 students which is a big reason why level-funding is not an option to providing an appropriate education to the community students.

Update on Voting

David Young said Donna Kinville has posted the voting information for the May 28 vote date on Front Porch Forum and it has also been posted to the district web page. Board members asked if we have a draft of an ad for the Other Paper. David Young said an ad has been placed in the Other Paper for the special meeting warning and the budget.

CONSIDER THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

The board reviewed the school board meeting schedule for the 2020-2021 school year. They discussed the possible need for a second meeting in July and agreed that it may be necessary to add additional meetings regarding the start of the 2020-21 school year.

Brian Minier moved and Martin LaLonde seconded the motion to approve the school board meeting schedule as presented. All were in favor. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passes.

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

Michael Martin presented monitoring report 2.10 Curriculum Development and Review including a section about the continuity of learning plan. The board members asked several questions.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald summarized the discussion as follows.

- How do we review current practices under our policy governance and when does that happen so that practices that do not support the policies are reviewed and reconsidered?
 - Review current practices under this policy.
 - What is the contribution to accelerating the review of or actually reviewing current practices as they relate to the current COVID 19 crisis?
 - What is the process to identify and/or close learning gaps when we are preparing for several pathways going forward?

The board thanked Michael Martin for his presentation. The monitoring report was approved as presented.

NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE

Elizabeth Fitzgerald reported that both parties have agreed to an in-person meeting on May 25 and the board has proposed an additional virtual meeting prior to the May 25 date as well as several other dates following the May 25 in-person meeting.

Martin LaLonde said that he and Brian Minier have met with the administrative group twice and have another meeting planned soon.

The board has not met with the support staff union.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald said the statewide health care award will go into effect on January of 2021. There was some discussion about the possible delay of this but at this point it does not appear that a delay is being discussed in the legislature.

OTHER PAPER ARTICLES

The board discussed topics for Other Paper articles.

SET AGENDA FOR THE MAY 20 MEETING

The board discussed the agenda for the May 20, 2020 school board meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The board discussed future agenda items.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 27, 2020

Bridget Burkhardt announced general consensus of the board to approve the minutes of April 27, 2020 as amended. There were no objections.

CONSENT AGENDA

Retirement/Resignation

Kathy Buley, 1.0 Elementary Teacher at Chamberlin School

Susie Ely, .40 FTE Art Teacher at Orchard School

Caliope Flickinger, .80 FTE Library/Media Specialist and Technology Integration Specialist at Chamberlin School

David Young said that we will miss both of these individuals and appreciate all they have done for the district during their many years of services with the district. We will miss them both immensely.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald said she has had both the personal and professional opportunity to work with Kathy Buley and she is a consummate professional.

Bridget Burkhardt announced general consensus of the board to approve the consent agenda as amended.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #39

The board reviewed accounts payable orders #39.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Chair

Bridget Burkhardt, Clerk