

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2018  
Executive Session at 6:00 P.M.  
Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M.  
Rick Marcotte Central School Library**

**PRESENT**

Elizabeth Fitzgerald (via phone), Bridget Burkhardt, Martin LaLonde, Alex McHenry, Steve Wisloski

**ADMINISTRATION/STAFF**

David Young, John Aubin

**GUESTS**

Attorney David Rugh

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board entered executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations with administrators and to consider confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the school board concerning legal matters and added that it would be significantly disadvantageous to the district not to do so in executive session. The Board requested that David Young, John Aubin, and Attorney David Rugh attend executive session. The motion was approved.

**Discussion Regarding Legal Matters**

In: 6:00 p.m.

Out: 6:50 p.m.

No Action

Steve Wisloski arrived at 6:14 p.m.

**Discussion Regarding Labor Negotiations with Administrators**

In: 6:51 p.m.

Out: 6:55 p.m.

No Action

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

**PRESENT**

Elizabeth Fitzgerald (via phone), Bridget Burkhardt, Martin LaLonde, Alex McHenry, Steve Wisloski, Alex Escaja-Heiss and Arnel Husrefovic

**ADMINISTRATION/STAFF**

David Young, Delina Gilroy, John Aubin, Stuart Weiss, John Stewart

**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**

The presentation regarding condom availability at the high school was moved to the May 16 school board meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

Student representatives to the Board, Alex Escaja-Heiss and Arnel Husrefovic provided the following announcements:

- **Chamberlin:** Chamberlin will hold their Family Math Night on May 7, a fun hour of engaging math games and activities. May 9 will be Walk and Bike to School Day for Chamberlin, followed by the annual Fun Run on May 11, an event that emphasizes fun for all runners!
- **Orchard:** A group of Orchard fifth graders met with Amy Kolb Noyes from Vermont Public Radio to share their impressions of *It Ain't So Awful, Falafel* by author Firoozeh Dumas. They were recently featured on VPR's *On Point* program.
- **RMCS:** Rick Marcotte Central School will hold their much-loved tradition of the Kindergarten Sing and Sign on Thursday, May 24. [Kindergarten Sing-and-Sign Performance](#)
- **FHTMS:** The middle school's musical *The Sound of Music* will be Friday and Saturday, May 11 and 12, at 7:00 p.m., with an additional matinee performance on Saturday, May 12, at 2:00 p.m.
- **SBHS:** This Friday, May 4, will be the annual Grade 9 SLAM Community Service Day with grade 9 advisories and their 12<sup>th</sup>-grade SLAM leaders working on service projects all over the community. DECA students and Advisor Lynn Amey represented SBHS in Atlanta, GA recently at the International Future Business Leaders Conference. Student Vera Escaja-Heiss, sister of Student Representative, Alex Escaja-Heiss, competed in the *Poetry Out Loud* national finals in Washington, D.C. Vera won a \$1,000 gift card for the South Burlington High School Library.
- **Other Paper:** Last week's *Other Paper* featured on its cover three SBSD staff members (Erin Bahrenburg, Barb Gill, and Kristine Harootunian) who had been awarded 2018 Project IGNITE Awards: "Project IGNITE is a Vita Learn sponsored program that recognizes transforming and innovative Vermont educators [who are] transforming Vermont schools in a digital age." Congratulations to these educators.

**CITY AND SCHOOL COLLABORATION****City/School Subcommittee – City Request for Land at Rick Marcotte Central School**

David Young, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, and Bridget Burkhardt met with the subcommittee for the city Kevin Dorn and Helen Riehle. Tom Chittenden is also on the subcommittee for the city but was not available. David said the group discussed specifics on the property requested by the city for land at Rick Marcotte Central School and evaluated next steps. They will meet again soon. A member of the audience asked how much land the city is requesting from the school. They are asking for .7 acres at the South end of the Allard Square property and an additional .1 at the far corner of the property.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT****South Burlington Schools – Community Safety Summit on May 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School Cafeteria**

David Young and Elizabeth Fitzgerald met with Alex Escaja-Heiss and Arnel Husrefovic, along with Rob Evans (via phone), Vermont School Safety Liaison and Christa Chambers, District Emergency Response and Crisis Planning Coordinator, to talk about the plan for a safety summit.

The summit is planned for May 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the FHT Middle School cafeteria. Arnel Husrefovic said students at the high school are very interested in the event and plan to attend.

**Update on the Status of Sound Proofing at Chamberlin School**

David Young said he received a note from ATC Group indicating that the testing was completed on April 19 and the report of the measurements and analysis will be available approximately May 11.

David received correspondence from Gene Richards and Nicholas Longo from the airport indicating that the FAA is currently reviewing the BTV Airport grant application they submitted regarding funding for Sound Proofing at Chamberlin School.

**North Hero, Isle La Monte, and Grand Isle Seventh and Eighth Grade Tuition Students**

David Young provided an update to the Board on his discussions with Grand Isle Supervisory Union regarding the possibility of sending seventh and eighth grade students from Grand Isle Supervisory Union to Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School for the 2018-2019 school year. For the 2019-2020 school year the students from the Grand Isle Supervisory Union will have open choice for seventh and eighth grade. Grand Isle is requesting a modified tuition agreement for seventh and eighth grade students to attend either Colchester, Essex, or South Burlington. Our attorney is looking into a possible agreement between Grand Isle and area districts that will be presented to the Board at the next meeting on May 16 if the draft is received from our attorney.

**MASTER PLANNING AND VISIONING****Update on the Status of Four Action Items Identified by the School Board on December 7, 2016**

David Young reviewed the binders provided on the Master Planning and Visioning documents.

David and John Stewart provided an extensive overview of the elementary school capacities as compared to the 1998 elementary school capacity report, an analysis of the K-5 classrooms currently available at each of the elementary schools, and the current utilization of each of the classrooms.

The Board and audience asked several questions. The Board asked for additional information:

- Pay rates of teachers at each of the elementary schools. What is the average salary of the teacher cohorts at each of the elementary schools?
- Are each of the developments targeted to the appropriate school in the population projections. Example -- Does O'Brien Development go to Chamberlin School?

The reports discussed this evening will be posted on the Master Planning and Visioning page found on the District's main web page.

**POLICY REVIEW****Executive Limitations Policy 2.4, Detail Policy #8**

This is the third reading of detail policy #8. The Board reviewed the policy. There were no comments. Martin LaLonde moved and Alex McHenry seconded the motion to approve the policy change as presented. A roll call vote was taken. All five members were in favor. The motion passes.

**Policy B1 – Board Member Conflict of Interest**

This is the second reading of Policy B1. David Young said the district is waiting to hear from the Vermont School Boards Association regarding the question by the board at the last meeting regarding a remedy for conflict of interest which this policy does not have. This policy will be updated and brought back to the May 16 meeting for a second reading.

**Policy B2 – Board Member Code of Conduct**

This is the second reading of Policy B2. David Young said the district is waiting to hear from the Vermont School Boards Association regarding the question by the board at the last meeting regarding a remedy for conflict of interest which this policy does not have. This policy will be updated and brought back to the May 16 meeting for a second reading.

**Guidelines on Social Media Communications**

The Board reviewed guidelines on social media communications. Bridget Burkhardt provided an update which includes wording about the School Board maintaining a Facebook page. Board members will review the changes and the guidelines will be brought back to the next meeting for consideration.

**EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS POLICY MONITORING****Ends Monitoring – Academic Proficiency**

David Young and Stuart Weiss provided an update to the Superintendent's interpretation to the Ends Monitoring. There was discussion. The compliance plan was approved.

**SET AGENDA FOR THE MAY 16 AND 17, 2018 MEETING**

The Board discussed and made changes to the draft agendas for the May 16 and 17, 2018 meetings.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

**CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2018**

Bridget Burkhardt announced general consensus of the Board to approve the minutes of April 18, 2018 as amended. There were no objections.

**CONSENT AGENDA**Resignation

Kim Audette, 1.0 FTE Mathematics Coach, District

Hires

Dennis Akey, 1.0 FTE Mathematics Teacher at South Burlington High School

Carly Bennett, 1.0 FTE English Teacher at South Burlington High School

John Calcagni, 1.0 FTE Mathematics Teacher at South Burlington High School

Kathryn Carver, 1.0 FTE Speech Language Pathologist at Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School

Daniel Diamond, 1.0 FTE Elementary Teacher at Chamberlin School

Alexandra Dionne, 1.0 FTE Elementary Teacher at Chamberlin School

Kristopher Perkins, 1.0 FTE Intensive Special Education Teacher at Chamberlin School

Stephen Rizner, 1.0 FTE Science Teacher at South Burlington High School

Bonnie Sullivan, 1.0 FTE Intensive Special Education Teacher at Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School

Bids

Bus Bid

Snow Plow/Removal

Roof Restoration for Rick Marcotte Central and Orchard School

Power Flame Burner

Carpet for Orchard and High School

Tile Floors for F.H. Tuttle Middle School & Asbestos Removal

Unitrend's Recovery 926S Backup

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

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #42**

The Board reviewed accounts payable order #42.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDER CHECK TO BURLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$56,482.50**

Martin LaLonde moved that the Board approve accounts payable order check to Burlington School District in the amount of \$56,482.50. Steve Wisloski seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All five members were in favor. The motion passes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Martin LaLonde motioned to adjourn the meeting, Steve Wisloski seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All five members were in favor. The motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

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Bridget Burkhardt, Acting Chair

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Martin LaLonde, Acting Clerk