

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2016
Executive Session at 6:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School Library**

PRESENT

Patrick Leduc, Julie Beatty, Martin LaLonde, Bridget Burkhardt

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young

GUESTS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations with Teachers and Support Staff, Evaluation of the Superintendent, and potential legal proceedings regarding a personnel matter 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: 6:00 p.m.

Out: 6:33 p.m.

No Action

Mr. Young left at 6:33 p.m.

Personnel Matter – Evaluation of the Superintendent

In: 6:33 p.m.

Out: 6:40 p.m.

No Action

Potential Legal Proceedings Regarding a Personnel Matter

In: 6:40 p.m.

Out: 6:55 p.m.

No Action

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

PRESENT

Patrick Leduc, Julie Beatty, Martin LaLonde, Bridget Burkhardt, Nirali Desai

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, John Stewart, Delina Gilroy, Stuart Weiss

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

There were no amendments to the agenda.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS/STUDENT VOICE.

- Master Planning and Visioning Community Meetings at the elementary schools are:
 - 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
- FHT Middle School Spring Musical Oliver is this weekend. Please contact the FHT Middle School office for tickets.
- The spring celebration for mentoring is Thursday, 3-5:00 p.m.
- Ms. Desai said she is excited to be back as she has been out for surgery and travel to Singapore and California visiting colleges.

Ms. Beatty and Ms. Fitzgerald recommended that Isaiah Hines be recommended as the new School Board representative. Mr. LaLonde made a motion and Ms. Burkhardt seconded the motion that Mr. Hines be appointed as the new School Board representative. The motion was approved.

CITY AND SCHOOL COLLABORATION

Mr. Young and Mr. Leduc met with Kevin Dorn, City Manager, and Helen Riehle, City Council Chair and have another meeting scheduled for next month. Mr. Leduc said that there will be construction on Market Street this summer. At the steering committee meeting held on Monday the group discussed Financing of City Center and related projects and Master Planning and Visioning.

UPDATE ON PENSION ACTUARIAL REPORT, INCLUDING NEW ARRANGEMENTS WITH FUTURE PLANNING

Mr. Stewart discussed the District's Retirement Income Plan and required Financial Reporting and Disclosures under GASB 67 and 68. Mr. Stewart said the District's net pension liability is 77.82% or \$2,321,722.00. Mr. Stewart said the district has a contingent line in the budget to cover the additional cost of the GASB 67 and 68 reporting requirements.

RETIREMENT INVESTMENTS AS OF MARCH 31, 2016 – PRESENTATION BY SEI MANAGER PAT BLIZZARD

Mr. Stewart introduced Mr. Pat Blizzard from SEI Investments. Mr. Blizzard made a brief presentation on the retirement investments. He reviewed the indexes, assets, global growth estimates, plan portfolio performance, etc. and provided suggestions for changes. Mr. Blizzard suggested that investment changes be made at least once per year by a District Retirement Investment Committee. Mr. Stewart will bring this back to the board for action at an upcoming meeting. The board thanked Mr. Blizzard for his presentation.

AUDIT REPORT AND MANAGEMENT LETTER FOR FY 2015 – PRESENTATION BY AUDIT MANAGER BILL HALL

Mr. Stewart provided a brief overview of the audit management letter. Mr. Stewart introduced Mr. Bill Hall, RHR Smith and Company, to provide an overview and answer questions about the management letter suggestions and the audit. The Board thanked Mr. Hall for his attendance and presentation.

UPDATE ON DELINQUENT SCHOOL'S OUT ACCOUNTS

Mr. Stewart said there are four accounts that total \$16,614.79 that he recommends the Board write off. Mr. LaLonde moved and Ms. Beatty seconded the motion that the accounts be written off as uncollectable. The motion was approved.

UPDATE ON UNPAID SCHOOL CHOICE INVOICES FROM BURLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CHITTENDEN SOUTH SUPERVISORY UNION

Mr. Stewart said there are two unpaid school choice accounts that total \$108,778.50 which the board needs to decide what to do with. Mr. Leduc asked that the superintendent have a personal conversation with the superintendents from Burlington School District and Chittenden South Supervisory to determine what their plan is for payment. The superintendent will report back to the board at a future meeting.

UPDATE ON CLOSEOUT OF REPURPOSED BOND FUNDS AND ARBITRAGE EARNINGS

Mr. Stewart provided an update on the repurposed bond funds. He said that the bond bank had another arbitrage earning completed and the District does not owe any additional funds to the IRS.

APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION TO THE VERMONT MUNICIPAL BOND BANK FOR THE VOTER APPROVED \$2,500,000 BOND

Mr. Stewart said there is a bond bank application that is 90% complete, which will be submitted by May 6. The results of the bond sale will be brought back to a meeting in mid-June. At that time, the Board to be given the proposed rates and will make final approval on the sale of these bonds.

UPDATE ON EQUIPMENT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CAPITAL LEASE FOR APPROVAL IN JUNE

Mr. Stewart provided an update on the lease items including a bus, utility work vehicle, Chrome Books, Lap Tops, Projection System, and Student Information System which will be brought to the Board in June for approval.

MASTER PLANNING AND VISIONING

The Board held a community meeting on Tuesday, April 26 at Chamberlin School. Ms. Burkhardt asked for the feedback from the library meeting and the Chamberlin School Community Meeting notes taken by the administrators.

Mr. Young met with the airport manager regarding soundproofing funds available, etc. The consulting firm will be contacting Mr. Young regarding funding for replacement windows, soundproofing, air conditioning the school, etc. at Chamberlin School.

Mr. LaLonde has an issue with the Measurement/Scoring chart provided. He would like to see an explanation and sufficient evidence to support the numbers provided on the chart. Mr. LaLonde recommended that the board and administration make a subcommittee to clarify the opportunities, cost estimates, and educational opportunities for communication purposes to the public. Mr. LaLonde and Mr. Leduc will serve on the committee with Mr. Young.

Ms. Sandy Dooley presented a sixth option to the Board for consideration. The Board thanked Ms. Dooley for her presentation.

Additional community meetings have been scheduled, including this Saturday, May 7 from 9-11 a.m. at Rick Marcotte Central School. Information can be found on the website. Frequently Asked Questions from the March 22 meeting as well as questions from emails and calls from community members have been posted to the district website. A spreadsheet with demographic data and comments was put together and will be updated as other feedback becomes available.

An Act 46 group from Grand Isle Supervisory Union has asked if South Burlington would be interested in a side by side merger. Mr. Leduc asked if the district has the physical space in our buildings to consider this consolidation. Mr. Young is reviewing the data and will bring this information back to the Board at a future meeting.

SET AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 18, 2016

The board discussed the agenda for the regular board meeting on May 18, 2016.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The board discussed future agenda items.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF APRIL 11 AND 13, 2016

Mr. Leduc announced general consensus of the board to approve the minutes of April 11 and April 13, 2016 as amended. There were no objections.

CONSENT AGENDA

Hire(s)

Kevin Murakami, 1.0 FTE Technology Education Teacher at Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School

Alison Parisi, .80 FTE Art Teacher at Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School

Barbara Yerrick, .50 FTE Mathematics Coach at Rick Marcotte Central School

Bid(s)

Asbestos Abatement Summer 2016 Projects for the high school and middle school

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

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #39 and #40

The board reviewed accounts payable orders #39 and #40.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Patrick Leduc, Chair

Julie Beatty, Clerk