

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
WEDNESDAY, May 7, 2014
Executive Session at 6:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
Rick Marcotte Central School Library**

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Julie Beatty, Diane Bugbee, Dan Fleming

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, John Stewart

GUESTS

No guests

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter and collective bargaining and added that it would be significantly disadvantageous to the district not to do so in executive session. The motion was approved.

Personnel Matter

In: 6:01 p.m.

Out: 6:10 p.m.

No Action

Legal Matter

In: 6:10 p.m.

Out: 6:15 p.m.

No Action

Collective Bargaining

In: 6:15 p.m.

Out: 6:55 p.m.

No Action

The executive session was closed at 6:56 p.m.

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Julie Beatty, Diane Bugbee, Dan Fleming

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, John Stewart, Stuart Weiss, Meg Collins

GUESTS

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- FHTMS Drama is presenting “Guys and Dolls” on Friday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 10 at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m.
- Orchard School Spring Concert for grades 2-5 is scheduled for Tuesday, May 27 at 6:30 p.m.
- Big Picture South Burlington Students – Service Learning Term Presentations – The event, entitled “Are the Kids Alright?” is being held on Monday, May 19, 12:00-1:30 p.m. (lunch included) in the South Burlington City Hall Community Room – 575 Dorset Street, South Burlington.
- Dedication of the South Burlington Veterans Memorial at Dorset Park on Saturday, May 17, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.
- Composting at Orchard – WCAX
- Math Night at Chamberlin – WCAX
- SBHS received a letter from the International Exchange Programs office expressing gratitude for the strong cultural exchange program for their Japanese students and SBHS students.
- PACT will be hosting a Thank You Community Dinner on Wednesday, May 14, 5:30-7:00 p.m. at SBHS where they will honor PACT volunteers and community partners.

CITY/SCHOOL COLLABORATION

Mr. Young and Ms. Fitzgerald did not meet with the City this week. They will be meeting next week.

SCHOOL PROPERTY REGULATIONS

Mr. LaLonde outlined the language forwarded from Paul Connor, Director of Planning and Zoning, that talks of civic sites. Rick Marcotte Central School will be within City Center and within the area that the form based codes will be implemented within the next few months. This regulation addresses how development can be done in the future for any civic site, including the school. Mr. LaLonde recommended that Paul Conner attend our next meeting to further explain what this provision means and also suggested we forward the language to our District’s attorney. The Planning Commission is still looking at form based codes regarding prohibited uses. Three of the ten prohibited uses recommended by the Board have been added to the draft form based code. The Board will also ask Mr. Conner to provide status of the seven outstanding prohibited uses that have not been included in the safety zones. Mr. LaLonde will draft a letter to the City Planning Commission regarding the outstanding prohibited uses that the Board recommended.

UPDATE ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE HOWARDCENTER’S PERMIT TO OPEN A METHADONE CLINIC ON DORSET STREET

Attorney Pietro Lynn provided oral arguments in front of the Vermont Supreme Court on Monday, March 18 at 10:00 a.m. at the Vermont Law School. The timeframe for the Supreme Court to render its decision is unknown. The school board continues to look at ways to secure safety zones around our schools.

UPDATE ON PROPOSED GRADE 5 TRANSITION

Committee meetings have been ongoing and they will meet again tomorrow. There has been clear direction by the Steering Committee. They have asked each committee to provide an update on what has been accomplished and what next steps need to be taken to explore the possibility of a grade 5 transition to the middle school. A facilitator from Champlain College has been helping the Steering Committee.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**High School Enrollment Decisions – Big Picture Program**

Mr. Young has not yet received all the information needed to inform the Board about enrollment and the desired new cap for the Big Picture Program. Mr. Young will put this back on the May 20 agenda as an action item.

New England Secondary School Consortium's NextGen Personalized Learning Initiative

The New England Secondary School Consortium is a five-state partnership (Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont) working to promote forward thinking innovations in secondary education. The Consortium's ultimate goal is to ensure that every public high school student receives an education that prepares them for success in the colleges, careers, and communities of the 21st century. Mr. Young, with the leadership team at SBHS, would like to apply for the League of Innovative Schools NextGen Grant for coaching and guidance around creating personalized learning plans for all students.

Request for Proposal (RFP) for Audit of Teacher Performance Evaluation Practice Update

As a result of reaching out to individuals, Mr. Young has received one proposal and expects that others will respond. Mr. Young will bring the proposals that he has available to the May 20 board meeting. Mr. LaLonde and Ms. Bugbee will participate in this process.

Update on H.883 and H.889

Mr. Young provided updates on H.883 and H.889 legislation.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**School Action Plans**

Mr. Weiss provided an update on the school action plans and school improvement plans. A continuous improvement plan will be required by the schools next year. Board and community participation will be required when creating the improvement plan.

Ms. Beatty asked Mr. Weiss to clarify for the public why Chamberlin and Orchard are schools in need of improvement and Rick Marcotte Central School is not. Mr. Weiss explained that it is due to the subgroups of poverty, special education, and ELL students. If a school does not have 40 or more students in a subgroup, then the school would not have enough students to count. Rick Marcotte Central School has less than 40 students in these subgroups. Under No Child Left Behind, all students are supposed to be proficient in 2014. Mr. Weiss expects that Rick Marcotte will receive a check mark this year because not all students are proficient.

Ends Monitoring

Mr. Weiss answered Board questions about required Personal Learning Plans for all students.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS POLICY MONITORING**2.1 Treatment of Parents and Guardians**

The board reviewed 2.1 and approved the policy with changes.

3.2 Accountability of the Superintendent

This will be brought back to the May 20 board meeting.

2.10 Curriculum Development and Review

The board reviewed 2.10 Curriculum Development and Review. Mr. Weiss answered several questions from the Board. The report will be brought back to the May 20 meeting with a plan for compliance. In January 2015, the report will be rewritten and brought back to the board to reflect the revised Ends.

CONSIDER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATES FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

The Board reviewed the 2014-2015 school board meeting dates and approved the calendar with one change.

SET AGENDA FOR THE MAY 20, 2014 MEETING

The board discussed the May 20 meeting agenda.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The board discussed future agenda items.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF APRIL 2, APRIL 7, APRIL 9, AND APRIL 17, 2014

Ms. Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the board to approve the minutes of the April 2, April 7, April 9, and April 17, 2014 meetings. There were no objections.

CONSENT AGENDA**Hires**

Greg Englelken, 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher at High School

Leave of Absence

Steve Webster, .20 FTE Technology Integration Specialist, District

Resignation(s)/Retirement(s)

Joanne Casey, 1.0 FTE Mathematics Teacher at FHT Middle School

Patricia Mainer, 1.0 FTE English Teacher at FHT Middle School

Bill Minard, .20 FTE Peer Leadership Teacher at High School

Pamela Padgett, 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher at FGT Middle School

John Radimer, 1.0 FTE Mathematics Teacher at FHT Middle School

Kelly Thieret, 1.0 FTE Elementary Teacher at Rick Marcotte Central School

Mary Lou Wasko, 1.0 FTE Family and Consumer Science Teacher at FHT Middle School

Mr. Young recognized the many years of service by those teachers retiring and he, along with the Board, wanted to express their thanks for their many years of service. It has been a pleasure to have them teach in the district.

Bids

Asbestos Abatement
Snow Removal Contract for FY2015

Mr. LaLonde moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, Ms. Beatty seconded the motion. The Board approved the consent agenda.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #38, #39, #40, #41, TP#80 and TP#81

The board reviewed accounts payable order #38, #39, #40, #41, TP#80 and TP#81.

BOARD SELF EVALUATION

The Board reviewed the self-evaluation data from the April 9 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Martin LaLonde, Clerk

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Chair