

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.
Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School Library**

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Bridget Burkhardt, Steve Wisloski, Alex McHenry, Isaiah Hines, Alex Escaja-Heiss

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, John Aubin, Delina Gilroy, Stuart Weiss, Pat Phillips, Lissa McDonald, Karsten Schlenter, Mark Trifilio, Holly Rouelle, as well as many teachers and support staff members

GUESTS

Approximately 100 guests.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

There were none.

BUDGET COMMUNICATION

Mr. Young discussed the questions and answers regarding the budget asked by members of the community and went over them section by section including Sustainability and Financial Trends, Labor Negotiations, Board and District Leadership, and Rebel Identifier.

Members of the school board and public commented on:

- Sustainability of increasing budget
- Transparency of negotiations process
- Salary, benefits, and compensation of teachers in South Burlington
- Rebel Identifier and vote

CITIZEN PETITION

Ms. Fitzgerald thanked members of the public for all of the emails and phone calls the Board has received. Board members read statements on why or why not they did or did not want to put the rebel nickname petitions to a ballot vote.

Mr. Wisloski made a motion to add the “Keeping the Name South Burlington Rebels” petition to the ballot. The motion was not seconded. The motion failed.

No action or motions were made on the other petition, “Prohibition on Expenditures of Funds to Change the South Burlington Rebels Name.”

CONSIDER REVISED SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET FOR FY 2018

Mr. Young and Mr. Aubin provided an overview of the revised FY 2018 Proposed Budget. Ms. Godek answered specific questions about special services within the district. The Board and members of the audience asked clarifying questions.

Board members and members of the community suggested the District highlight the following items:

- 1.6% net increase in the budget
- 1.2% tax decrease
- Special Education Revenues (Provide a more detailed explanation of the special education revenues.) Example: What percentage of the budget is coming in for Medicaid, SE Reimbursement, etc.

Ms. Burkhardt moved that the School Board approve the FY 2018 Budget in the amount of \$49,268,888.00. Mr. McHenry seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was approved.

CONSIDER SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING WARNING

Mr. Wisloski moved that the School District Special Meeting Warning be approved to include the approved budget amount of \$49,268,888.00, an equalized per pupil spending of \$15,401.12, and a projected spending per equalized pupil of 2.32% higher than spending for the current year. Mr. LaLonde seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting was adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Chair

Martin LaLonde, Clerk