

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2017  
Executive Session at 6:00 P.M.  
Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M.  
Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School Library**

**PRESENT**

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Bridget Burkhardt, Alex McHenry, Steve Wisloski

**ADMINISTRATION/STAFF**

David Young

**GUESTS**

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board entered executive session at 6:00 p.m. to consider confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the school board concerning a real estate matter and a student 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: 6:01 p.m.

Out: 6:20 p.m.

No action.

Consider Confidential Attorney-Client Communications made for the Purpose of Providing Professional Legal Services to the School Board Concerning a Student Matter and a Real Estate Matter

In: 6 20 p.m.

Out: 6:58 p.m.

No action.

The executive session was closed at 6:58 p.m.

**PRESENT**

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

**ADMINISTRATION/STAFF**

David Young, Delina Gilroy, Stuart Weiss, Susie Merrick, and several teachers and staff

**GUESTS**

Approximately 25 guests

**REGULAR SESSION**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

A member of the audience spoke regarding the Rebel name.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

There were none.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Escaja-Heiss and Mr. Hines reported the following announcements:

- This week the South Burlington Mascot selection process was narrowed down to three names: Pride, Huskies, and Wolves. Students will vote tomorrow.
- AP exams continued this week.
- Prom is this weekend.
- Tuttle Fest is Friday at FHT Middle School.
- There is a blood drive next Tuesday, May 23 at the high school.
- Fourth quarter progress reports were provided this week.
- Final PACT dinner happened this evening just before this meeting. PACT provided the board with a certificate of recognition.
- The "All Sports" awards banquet will be held tomorrow.
- Step up night for SBHS rising freshmen students was held this week.

**CITY AND SCHOOL COLLABORATION**

Mr. Young and Ms. Fitzgerald met with Mr. Dorn and Ms. Riehle to prepare for the Steering Committee meeting on May 24, 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. Discussion at the Steering Committee meeting will include the budget and how the delayed budget vote will impact tax bills.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Young attended the State Board of Education meeting yesterday to request a waiver for the School District as we have only had 174 school days due to school closures and by state law the district must have 175 school days. Staff members made up the days for weather closings and will be making up the closure on Friday, April 21. Mr. Young said the teachers make up the days through flex logs which is Professional Development work outside of the school day.

The State Board was 100% in support of the South Burlington School District and approved the waiver request unanimously.

**FY 18 BUDGET COMMUNICATION**

Mr. Young and Ms. Fitzgerald discussed the budget communication items the board is currently working on including a one-page double-sided publication titled, "2018 Budget Highlights" which will be available in the district offices for handout and will be available for community members to pick up at the district offices and schools.

**Other Items Discussed**

- Absentee ballots are available now at city hall.
- The district must vote on the budget until they receive a "yes," but the School District is allowed to operate with a level-funded budget beginning July 1, 2017 until a voter-approved budget is in place.

- Ms. Burkhardt, Mr. LaLonde, Ms. Merrick, and Ms. Courcelle set up a Facebook page to provide budget information and answer questions asked by the community about the budget. Ms. Burkhardt and Mr. LaLonde will be the two administrators of the Facebook page. No other board members will access the Facebook page until further clarification is provided by the Vermont School Boards Association as to whether it would be considered a meeting and would violate Open Meeting Law to have other board members join/view the page.

## **MASTER PLANNING AND VISIONING**

### **Committee Structure Update**

Mr. Young continues to work on a packet of information and provided a brief overview of the work to date.

The Board suggested the administration review the three action items and timelines and fit all work/planning materials under each of the three board approved actions. They requested an update on the original deadlines and asked Mr. Young to indicate if an extension is required.

Mr. Young and Ms. Fitzgerald met with a representative of the airport leadership and had an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.

## **EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS POLICY MONITORING**

### **2.10 Curriculum Development and Review**

Mr. Stuart provided an update to policy monitoring report 2.10 Curriculum Development and Review. There was discussion and several questions and suggestions from Board members. The monitoring report will be updated and brought back to the Board for additional review.

## **UPDATE ON NEGOTIATIONS**

Ms. Fitzgerald said the Board and the teachers union held mediation on Monday. The mediation was not successful on Monday, so the School Board and union will go to fact finding on June 6. The school board is sticking to the proposal currently on the table.

For fact finding on June 6, each side will present a proposal and arguments and the fact finder will review both sides and provide a fact finding report approximately 30 days later to assist both parties in reaching an agreement. The fact finding report becomes available to the public 10 days after it is received by both parties.

Ms. Burkhardt and Mr. LaLonde recently met with the support staff union at a planning meeting on Monday and have another meeting scheduled for May 22.

## **REVIEW TOPICS FOR OTHER PAPER ARTICLES**

Ms. Burkhardt provided a copy of the budget article that will be published in next week's issue of the Other Paper. The board discussed articles for the next several issues and topics for future articles.

## **ANNUAL BOARD AGENDA AND WORKPLAN**

Mr. Young provided a copy of a draft school board meeting date calendar. The board made suggested changes.

The board discussed the Board Agenda and Work Plan for 2017-2018. The board decided to hold a summer work session (date to be determined) to discuss the following items.

- Sustainability
- Community Engagement
- Linking Outcomes to the Ends – highlight outcomes to the public and value for the money spent
- Review of Modified Policy Governance – Is it working as a governance model for the South Burlington School Board?
- Required and Mandated Policies – Need to update policies – Need a small committee to work on this

### **SET AGENDA FOR THE JUNE 7, 2017 MEETING**

The Board discussed the agenda for the Board meeting of June 7, 2017.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Board discussed future agenda items.

### **CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF MAY 3, MAY 8, AND MAY 10, 2017.**

Ms. Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the Board to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2017 meeting. The May 8 and 10 meeting minutes will be brought back to the next meeting for consideration. There were no objections.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### Retirement/Resignation

Karen Couillard, World Language Teacher at South Burlington High School

The board thanked Ms. Couillard for her many years of service to the students of the South Burlington School District. Ms. Fitzgerald announced a general consensus of the board to approve the consent agenda as presented. All were in favor.

### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #42 and #43.**

The Board reviewed accounts payable orders #42 and #43. The Board asked for additional information about the VT State Teachers Retirement Contribution.

### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDER CHECK TO HOWARD CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$83,753.26**

Mr. Henry moved that the Board approve the check to Howard Center in the amount of \$83,753.26. Mr. Wisloski seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was approved.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.