

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2016
Executive Session at 5:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School Library**

PRESENT

Patrick Leduc, Julie Beatty, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Bridget Burkhardt

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young

GUESTS

Dan Fleming, Joe McNeil, Stephanie Hainley

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss potential legal proceedings regarding a personnel matter, real estate proposal, and evaluation of the superintendent and added that it would be significantly disadvantageous to the district not to do so in executive session. The Board requested that Mr. Young, John Stewart, Joe McNeil, Stephanie Hainley, and Dan Fleming attend executive session. The motion was approved.

Legal Matter – Real Estate Proposal

In: 5:00 p.m.

Out: 6:01 p.m.

No Action

Mr. Young, Mr. Stewart, Ms. Hainley, and Mr. Fleming left executive session at 6:01 p.m.

Potential Legal Proceedings Regarding a Personnel Matter

Mr. Joe McNeil entered executive session at 6:01p.m.

In: 6:01 p.m.

Out: 6:35 p.m.

No Action

Mr. McNeil left executive session at 6:35 p.m.

Personnel – Evaluation of the Superintendent

In: 6:35 p.m.

Out: 6:55 p.m.

No Action

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

PRESENT

Patrick Leduc, Julie Beatty, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Bridget Burkhardt, Nirali Desai, Isaiah Hines

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, John Stewart, Stuart Weiss, Karsten Schlenter, Brent Coon, Joanne Godek, Holly Rouelle, Meg Collins

GUESTS

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REGULAR SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Young added a .80 FTE Leave of Absence for Glenn Patterson, Special Educator at Chamberlin School, to the consent agenda.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS/STUDENT VOICE.

- Master Planning and Visioning Community Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 24 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Orchard School.
- Congratulations go out to Sheila Burleigh. Sheila was recently honored by the Excellence on Education Foundation at a luncheon.
- Congratulations go out to Denise Alosa who became the first Athletic Trainer inducted into the Vermont Principals' Association Hall of Fame.
- Upcoming Events at Chamberlin School:
 - 6/3 Step Up Day for students
 - 6/7 Field Day and Chamberlin Picnic
 - 6/8 5th Grade Celebration, 7:00 p.m.
 - 6/9 5th Grade Fun Day
 - 6/10 Last Day of School, 10:30 a.m. dismissal
- Upcoming Events at South Burlington High School
 - 6/9 Senior Family Graduation Event at South Burlington High School from 5:30-8:00 p.m.
 - 6/10 Graduation 10 a.m. at St. Michael's College, Ross Center.
- A homeless shelter, located at the old radio station on Dorset Street, will be opening at the end of June.
- Monday is Freshman Community Service Day
- All Sport Awards will be held next Thursday at the High School
- Prom is Saturday

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

A legislative update was provided by Ann Pugh, Maida Townsend, Helen Head, and Martin LaLonde on the following:

- Mandated reporting on child abuse and neglect
- Issues in Special Education
- Opiate use and abuse, tobacco control, defining e-cigarettes as a tobacco

product

- Voter registration
- Changes in Open Meeting Law
- Funding to create more permanent housing solutions
- Paid sick day bill
- A bill passed which bans the box on initial employment applications for reporting criminal history on an initial application
- An act relating to State aid for school construction repayment obligations

CITY AND SCHOOL COLLABORATION

Mr. Young and Mr. Leduc last met on April 22 with Kevin Dorn, City Manager, and Helen Riehle, City Council Chair. Their next meeting will take place May 27.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Staffing Needs

Administration recommended the following teacher FTE additions to the Board:

1.0 FTE to staffing for kindergarten at Chamberlin School.

1.0 FTE Special Education Outreach Coordinator

1.3 FTE High School Section Additions

Total of 3.3 FTE

Mr. LaLonde moved that the Board approve the addition of 3.3 FTE teachers, Bridget Burkhardt seconded the motion. Four Board members were in favor, Ms. Fitzgerald was opposed. The motion was approved.

Testing for Lead in water at South Burlington Schools

Testing for lead in the water at all five schools took place on April 19. Test result details are posted on the Business Office web page.

Update on Parent/Teacher Communication

An update on parent/teacher communication will be discussed at an upcoming Board meeting in Monitoring Report 2.1 – Treatment of Students and Parents/Guardians.

Update on School Safety and Campus Security

Crisis teams in all five schools as well as a district team meet four times each school year. Table top exercises are used to simulate responsiveness and the decision making process of each team. Cards that will attach to the employee swipe badge have been created with an explanation of the crisis commands and actions that need to be taken during a crisis. Additional information regarding school safety and campus security will be presented during review of Monitoring Report 2.2 – Treatment of Staff.

MASTER PLANNING AND VISIONING

A Community Meeting was held at Rick Marcotte Central School on Saturday, May 7. Ms. Burkhardt reported that there was a small turn out but it was a very informative

meeting. The next Community Meeting is being held on May 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Orchard School. All community members are welcome and do not have to be a parent from Orchard School to attend. Childcare will be provided to children ages 3 and older. Sign up for childcare by going to the district webpage and clicking on the link under Master Planning and Visioning.

The Board is still taking input via email and any way you can reach out to a Board member. Phone numbers are posted on the district website on the School Board page.

Two Board committees have been formed: Mr. Leduc and Mr. LaLonde sit on the Educational Values Committee and Ms. Fitzgerald and Ms. Burkhardt sit on the Financial Committee. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are being answered through the committees.

The Grand Isle Act 46 Merger Committee has hired Mike Deweese as a consultant. They are looking at a possible side by side merger with South Burlington School District. The Agency of Education is offering a Merger Study Grant. Mr. Leduc asked the Board if they wanted to apply for this grant. Mr. LaLonde will contact the Vermont School Board Association (VSBA) to invite someone to attend the next board meeting to discuss what this grant would do for South Burlington.

SCHOOL BOARD GUIDELINES ON SOCIAL MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Leduc provided guidelines on social media communication to the Board. The Board discussed these guidelines. Mr. Leduc will make changes to the guidelines and bring them back to the Board.

RETIREMENT INVESTMENTS AS OF MARCH 31, 2016 – ACT ON RECENT PRESENTATION BY SEI INVESTMENTS

Ms. Beatty moved that the Board accept the Portfolio A investment strategy recommended by SEI, Ms. Fitzgerald seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was approved.

SET AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 1, 2016

The Board discussed the agenda for the regular board meeting on June 1, 2016.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board discussed future agenda items.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF MAY 4 AND 5, 2016

Mr. Leduc announced general consensus of the Board to approve the minutes of May 4 and May 5, 2016. There were no objections.

CONSENT AGENDA

Hire(s)

Katherine Lamphier, 1.0 FTE Mathematics Coach at Orchard School

Krista Shea, 1.0 FTE Speech Language Pathologist at Chamberlin School

Sarah Waterman, .60 FTE ELL Teacher at Orchard School

Barbara Yerrick, .20 FTE Mathematics Coach at Rick Marcotte Central School for one year only to fill a leave of absence

Leave of Absence

Steve Webster, .20 FTE Information Technology Educator at FHT Middle School
Glenn Patterson, .80 FTE Special Educator at Chamberlin School

Bid(s)

Replacement Flooring at Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School and Chamberlin School

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

MUNSON FIELD TURF AND TRACK PROJECT

Mr. Lalonde moved that the Board approve the ProGrass bid for the Munson Field Turf and Track Project, Ms. Beatty seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was approved.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #41, #42, AND #43

The board reviewed accounts payable orders #41, #42, and #43.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDER CHECK TO BELLCATE SCHOOL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73,401.70 AND THE HOWARD CENTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$84,436.01.

Ms. Burkhardt moved that the Board approve the check to Bellcate School in the amount of \$73,401.70 and the check to the Howard center for Human Services in the amount of \$84,436.01. Ms. Fitzgerald seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Patrick Leduc, Chair

Julie Beatty, Clerk