

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD  
TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2014  
Executive Session at 6:00 P.M.  
Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M.  
Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School, Room 213**

**PRESENT**

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

**ADMINISTRATION/STAFF**

David Young

**GUESTS**

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board entered executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss a student matter, personnel matter, legal matter and discussion regarding labor negotiations with teachers, support staff, and administrators and added that it would be significantly disadvantageous to the district not to do so in executive session. The motion was approved.

**Student Matter**

In: 6:00 p.m.

Out: 6:20 p.m.

No Action

**Legal Matter**

In: 6:20 p.m.

Out: 6:30 p.m.

No Action

**Discussion Regarding Labor Negotiations with Teachers, Support Staff, and Administrators**

In: 6:30 p.m.

Out: 6:45 p.m.

No Action

Mr. Young left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

**Personnel Matter – Discuss Evaluation of Superintendent**

In: 6:45 p.m.

7:02 p.m.

No Action

The executive session was closed at 7:02 p.m.

**PRESENT**

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

**ADMINISTRATION/STAFF**

David Young, John Stewart, Delina Gilroy

**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**

Mr. LaLonde asked that follow-up from the Legislature be added as agenda item #6a.

**CITY/SCHOOL COLLABORATION**

Mr. Young met with Mr. Dorn and Ms. McKenzie today. They discussed a possible Legislative Breakfast for June 3, 8:00 a.m.-9:15 a.m. for a legislative wrap-up. They also discussed Master Planning and Visioning.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ~~Add in all the written announcements~~ Congratulations to the SBHS Class of 2014 artists! The 2014 Senior Show is on display through the month of May at One Main Street, Burlington. SBHS has 15 artists participating. The closing reception will be Wed., 5/28 from 6-7 p.m.
- May 26 – No School, Memorial Day
- Location change for June 11 board meeting from Chamberlin School to Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School.
- Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School eighth graders took Science NECAPs on May 13 and 14.
- The 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade musicians at Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School will hold their final chorus performance on Wednesday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.
- The Art Festival was held recently at the high school.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

- This Thursday is the spring blood drive.
- Student council officers were elected for next year. Neerja Patel will be the vice president.
- Elections for class officers were this week.
- Coffee House for Mr. Burke this Friday at the middle school.
- Friday is freshman community service day.
- AP exams just finished last week.
- Sophomore exhibitions were last week and several board members participated as well as City Council Chairperson, Pam McKenzie, and Agency of Education Secretary, Rebecca Holcombe.
- Ms. Bugbee attended the PACT Community Dinner and they presented awards including one to the Board for their support.

**SCHOOL PROPERTY REGULATIONS**

Mr. Paul Connor outlined the language regarding form based codes specifically for the

area around Market Street. Rick Marcotte Central School will be within City Center and the area that 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. The Planning Commission is still looking at form based codes including prohibited uses. Three of the ten prohibited uses recommended by the Board have been added to the safety zones language.

Mr. LaLonde asked if Rick Marcotte Central School could be used for something other than a school if it is designated as a T4. Mr. Connor said that is correct.

Mr. LaLonde will draft a letter to the City Planning Commission regarding the outstanding prohibited uses that the Board recommended.

The board thanked Mr. Connor for his presentation.

#### **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. Mr. Young said he has asked the HowardCenter about the recent activity at the clinic.

#### **UPDATE ON PROPOSED GRADE 5 TRANSITION**

Committee meetings have been ongoing. 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. A report will be provided at the June 11 board meeting.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

Mr. Young said he, Ms. Dantzsch, Mr. LaLonde, and Ms. Beatty met to open and discuss the RFP's received to date. Mr. LaLonde said they received two proposals one from Cope and Associates and one from Sara Denny. The board asked Mr. LaLonde and Ms. Beatty to meet with Ms. Denny and clarify what the variables would be to move forward with the process.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

##### **New England Secondary School Consortium's NextGen Personalized Learning Initiative**

Ms. Lissa McDonald and Mr. Patrick Phillips presented on the League of Innovative Schools NextGen Grant for coaching and guidance around creating personalized learning plans for all students that the high school applied for recently.

The board thanked Mr. Phillips and Ms. McDonald for their presentation.

**BIG PICTURE PROGRAM ENROLLMENT CAP**

Mr. Young distributed his recommendation for the Big Picture Program enrollment. The board asked Mr. Young to send a letter to other district's requesting payment for students enrolled in the program. The board also asked what the breakeven point is for the number of children enrolled in the program. This item will be added to the next agenda for action.

Mr. LaLonde will draft a resolution to be given to Vermont School Boards Association.

**EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS POLICY MONITORING****2.10 Curriculum Development and Review**

The board reviewed 2.10 Curriculum Development and Review the plan to come into compliance with this policy. The board had many questions. The report will be brought back to the next meeting that Mr. Weiss will be available to attend to review the compliance plan.

**CONSIDER ANNUAL SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA AND WORK PLAN CALENDAR**

The Board reviewed the proposed 2014-2015 annual school board agenda and work plan calendar. The board will complete the listing of possible reports, place in priority order, and return to Ms. Gilroy.

**SET AGENDA FOR THE JUNE 11, 2014 MEETING**

The board discussed the June 11 meeting agenda.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The board discussed future agenda items.

**CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 7, 2014**

Ms. Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the board to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2014 meeting as amended. There were no objections.

**CONSENT AGENDA****Hires**

Hannah Dransfield, .30 FTE Language Arts/Peer Leadership Teacher at South Burlington High School

Aida Halilovic, .50 FTE English Language Learner Teacher at FH Tuttle Middle School

Kristine Harootunian, 1.0 Mathematics Teacher at South Burlington High School

Heather LaRocca, .30 FTE Science Teacher at South Burlington High School

Phyllis Stambolian, .20 FTE Guidance at Rick Marcotte Central School

**Resignation(s)/Retirement(s)**

Laura Bonazinga-Bouyea, .60 FTE Speech Language Pathologist, District

Jason Cushner, 1.0 FTE Big Picture Teacher at High School

Amy Possidente, 1.0 FTE Elementary Teacher at Orchard School

**Bids**

Bus Bid

Office Supplies and Paper Bid

Roof Bid – South Burlington High School

Mr. Fleming moved to approve the consent agenda, including the bids, as presented. Ms. Bugbee seconded the motion. The Board approved the consent agenda as presented.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #42**

The board reviewed accounts payable order #42.

**BOARD SELF EVALUATION**

The Board completed and reviewed their self-evaluation.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

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Martin LaLonde, Clerk

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Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Chair