

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2019
Executive Session at 6:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School Library**

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Bridget Burkhardt: arrived at 5:35 p.m.
Martin LaLonde, Alex McHenry, Brian Minier: arrived at 6:01 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, Gary Marckres

GUESTS

Attorney David Rugh, Amy Macrellis (via phone)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered executive session at 5:36 p.m. to discuss a real estate matter and negotiations with administrators, teachers, and support staff and added that it would be significantly disadvantageous to the district not to do so in executive session. The Board requested that David Young, Gary Marckres, Attorney David Rugh and Amy Macrellis to attend executive session. The motion was approved.

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

In: 5:36 p.m.
Out: 6:20 p.m.
No Action

Attorney David Rugh and Amy Macrellis left at 6:20 p.m.

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

In: 6:20 p.m.
Out: 6:55 p.m.
No Action

Evaluation of the Superintendent

In: 6:55 p.m.
Out: 6:58 p.m.
No Action

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

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Bridget Burkhardt, Martin LaLonde, Alex McHenry, Brian Minier, Arnel Husrefovic

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, Patrick Burke, Meg Collins, Noah Everitt

GUESTS

Approximately 36

REGULAR SESSION

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

David Young noted that Executive Session began at 5:36 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- High School Senior, Vera Escaja-Heiss, is competing in the National Poetry Outloud Competition in Washington D.C. Vera competed with the State Champions in the Semifinals on Tuesday, April 30 and is advancing with eight other finalists to the final competition taking place tonight at 7 p.m.
- On May 3rd, South Burlington High School Juniors will be taking the Vermont Science Assessment. Juniors will follow the regular bus schedule with a regular start time at 8:40 a.m. This will be a late start for grades 9, 10 and 12. Information for families is posted on the high school webpage.
- The All State Music Festival is taking place at Montpelier and U32 from May 8 – May 11.
- Chamberlin School is having a Bike Rodeo on Saturday, May 4 from 10 to noon.
- The Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School will be presenting the musical, Newsies, on Friday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 11 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online. The link can be found under Announcements on the Middle School webpage.
- Rick Marcotte Central School will have a P.E. Dance Performance on Thursday, May 2 from 6:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- Orchard School's grade K-1 Spring Concert is taking place on May 7, the grade 2-3 Spring Concert is on May 8 and the grade 4-5 Spring Concert is on May 9. All concerts are from 8:20 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
- Freshman community service day took place today at the high school. This was

led by SLAM. Service projects took place throughout the community.

CONSIDER RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH BURLINGTON EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION, EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL UNIT

Bridget Burkhardt provided a summary of the South Burlington Educators Association, Educational Support Professional Unit (SBEA, ESPU) agreement. This agreement was ratified by the SBEA, EPU on April 17.

Martin LaLonde moved that the Board approve the terms of the agreement for the SBEA, ESPU contract as explained by Bridget Burkhardt, Brian Minier seconded the motion, all were in favor. The motion passes.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald thanked the negotiating team for all their work.

CITY AND SCHOOL COLLABORATION

David Young noted that there was a Steering Committee meeting held last week with the city council and school board. The conversation was about where we are with the establishment of the 180 Market Street build-out plan, specific to storm water. There will be another Steering Committee meeting on May 8th to provide another update and continue discussion on storm water. There were some new things determined at the Steering Committee meeting. The district is working with their engineers to see what needs to take place to comply and the options that the district has to treat storm water.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald noted that there was a lot of focus on the city's issue of treating storm water and the schools eventual issue with this, as well as the 180 Market Street development and the definitive agreement signed in September. There has been new information since that meeting. Significantly, a drain pipe that treats much of the school's runoff onto Market Street will be closed in the fall as a result of the Market Street project. One issue the district has asked the district storm water engineer to address is what the implication of that drain pipe being shut off will be on Rick Marcotte Central School.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald also noted that at the Steering Committee meeting the city made a proposal that the city will treat its storm water under the new municipal building, and the school should figure out how to treat its own storm water. From the district's perspective, the new parking spaces on the school property triggered by the new municipal building project were to be treated on the easement that the district has granted to the city. She also wanted to understand what the entire school property storm water requirements might be over the long term and understood that the new regulations for storm water treatment will be in place in 2023.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald noted that the scope of what the school has authorized its storm water engineer to address is to understand what the districts needs are both short term and long term, and what the options might be so that the district can go back and collaborate with the city. Ideally no additional school land would be required. Also to address the new drainage pipe issue and the impact of the closure of the pipe.

The Superintendent received a new proposal today that would look at storage and/or treatment underground on the school property. It may have no impact on the fields and

the use of the fields, but would require access to maintain the underground treatment and would require an easement. That proposal is inconsistent with the direction the district has given their storm water engineer to look at minimizing the use of additional school property. The district is looking to come up with options to collaborate with the city to address the schools total storm water needs to comply with the 2023 regulations and also to collaborate with the city to address their storm water needs that will be associated with the new municipal building and parking area.

The Board hopes to bring a preliminary assessment of district needs and options to the May 8 Steering Committee meeting.

There were comments from the public.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Chamberlin School Noise Mitigation/Airport

David Young provided the Board with a letter he received from the Burlington International Airport regarding a positive ventilation package, analysis, design, funding and installation schedule. There was discussion. The Board asked several questions. The letter will be posted on the district website. This will be brought back to the next board meeting for further discussion.

Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) Work: Schedule and Specialization for 2019-2020

David Young provided information to the Board regarding MTSS work at the elementary schools. The Board asked several questions and there were many questions from the audience. The administration will respond to these questions.

Enrollment Projections

David Young provided a Live-Attend Analysis and Demographic Study Report to the Board. The Board discussed the projections and asked questions about new development and which schools students would attend from the new developments. There is concern about Orchard School capacity.

MASTER PLANNING AND VISIONING

Bridget Burkhardt reported that the working group met this morning. In general, this was a regroup to ask questions about where we are and what the Board needs? Bridget Burkhardt talked about timing for the rest of the process and to get better insight about what would be helpful to get to a decision.

The architects are working on the final report – summarizing the information which should be ready by May 8. The architects need a decision about Phase 3 and how to structure it. They need to know if the Board is focused on infrastructure only, or highest priority, and are they on board with all the educational enhancements?

For a vote on a bond in March, they would need a Board decision by June. Dore and Whittier wanted to know if the Board would get from point A to point B in a month. Otherwise, there would be a year-long delay, which would also bring up costs. Everyone on the Board will tour both the middle and high school buildings.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS POLICY REVIEW**2.1 Treatment of Students and Parents/Guardians, Detail Policy #6 and #7**

David Young provided an update to detail Policy #6 and #7 to the Board. The Board made some suggested edits. These detail policies will be brought back to the next board meeting.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS POLICY MONITORING**2.1 Treatment of Students and Parents/guardians**

David Young asked Patrick Burke to provide an update to the Board regarding detail policy #7 and the use of the video cameras at the high school. He provided further information about the increased number of requests to view recordings. The Board asked several questions.

3.2 Accountability of the Superintendent

This will be brought back to a future Board meeting.

NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE

Elizabeth Fitzgerald stated that the South Burlington Educators Association has identified an acceptable fact finder and they are waiting for an available date for a meeting.

OTHER PAPER ARTICLES

The Board discussed future Other Paper articles.

SET AGENDA FOR THE MAY 15, 2019 MEETING

The Board discussed the agenda for the May 15, 2019 School Board meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF APRIL 11, APRIL 15, APRIL 17, AND APRIL 22, 2019

Elizabeth Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the Board to approve the minutes of April 11, April 15, April 17 and April 22, 2019 as amended. There were no objections.

CONSENT AGENDA**Hires**

Maria Gordon, .80 FTE Mathematics Teacher at South Burlington High School

Bid

Minivan

Elizabeth Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the Board to approve the consent agenda as presented.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #39

The Board reviewed accounts payable orders #39.

ADJOURNMENT

Martin LaLonde motioned to adjourn. Bridget Burkhardt seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Chair

Bridget Burkhardt, Clerk