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**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD  
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT (Via Zoom)**

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

**AMINISTRATION/STAFF (Via Zoom)**

David Young, Delina Gilroy, Gary Marckres, Amadee Denton

**GUESTS (via Zoom)**

35 guests

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

There were none.

**CONSIDER SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET REVOTE  
TIMELINE FOR FY 2021**

Gary Marckres reviewed the budget revote timeline. The timeline has been shared with Donna Kinville and she will share the timeline with the Board of Civil Authority.

Brian Minier asked how the vote will take place. Bridget Burkhardt said that the school board as a group needs to determine how we would like to ask the Board of Civil Authority to conduct the vote. If the vote is by mail only, it will require that one polling place be open for in-person voting or delivery of ballots.

Bridget Burkhardt said she strongly encourages a full mail-in ballot option.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald asked for clarity from the Secretary of State regarding managing city elections and costs. Gary Marckres said that Attorney Joe McNeil has reached out to the Secretary of State and is waiting to hear back.

Brian Minier asked about the cost of the mail in ballot versus the traditional way of voting. The most recent election cost approximately \$3,000 from the city perspective. The cost is about \$3-\$4,000 per election. The board would like to get a definitive cost for a mail-in vote.

The Board of Civil Authority has a meeting on Thursday evening to discuss the detail of the next revote and the David Young and board members will be participating in the meeting.

**REVOTE SCHEDULE**

Gary Marckres said an ad will go in the Other Paper this week seeking individuals to serve on the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee.

The board would like to put the ad on Front Porch Forum, Facebook, the district webpage, and Twitter.

Look at the scope and the charge of the Budget Advisory Committee and communicate this out to all interested individuals. There should be an initial informational meeting, which could be taped, with a review of the dates planned for future meetings before the vote. The scope and charge of committee should be clearly defined. The board suggested a packet of information be prepared and distributed to the potential committee members to make the time together as productive as possible. Budget Advisory Committee members need to commit to being at all of the meetings.

Can we vote later in July possibly July 30? Gary Marckres said the longer we push this off the more challenges we will face. If we wait too long, we will need to start the school year with a level-funded budget.

The board said the proposed budget timeline works well except possibly adding one additional Budget Advisory Committee meeting.

Bridget Burkhardt would like to understand if other districts pay for their votes or the town pays for the vote.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Retirement/Resignation

William Wight, 1.0 FTE Social Studies Teacher at Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School

Bridget Burkhardt announced general consensus of the board to accept the consent agenda as presented and thanked William Wight for many years of service to the district.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Bridget Burkhardt called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alex McHenry made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Brian Minier seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion passes. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Chair

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Bridget Burkhardt, Clerk