

APPROVED ON JULY 8, 2020

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2020
Executive Session at 6:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT (Participating Via Zoom)

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

AMINISTRATION/STAFF (Participating Via Zoom)

David Young, Gary Marckres

GUESTS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bridget Burkhardt called for a motion to enter executive session at 6:02 p.m. to discuss labor 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. Alex McHenry motioned to enter executive session and Martin LaLonde seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion passes. The board requested that David Young and Gary Marckres attend executive session.

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

In: 6:04 p.m.

Out: 6:55 p.m.

No Action

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

PRESENT (Participating Via Zoom)

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

AMINISTRATION/STAFF (Participating Via Zoom)

David Young, Delina Gilroy, Gary Marckres, Amadee Denton, Patrick Burke, Holly Rouelle

GUESTS

Approximately 30 guests via Zoom including many staff members.

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

Bridget Burkhardt reviewed the Zoom guidelines for school board meetings including how to ask or submit questions.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- David Young gave an update on the high school graduation ceremony held on Friday at the Champlain Valley Expo.

CITY/SCHOOL COLLABORATION

The city and the school have not met recently. The steering committee scheduled for June has been canceled. Elizabeth Fitzgerald and David Young have a joint meeting with the city scheduled for Friday, June 26. David Young will poll the board and provide the city with possible dates to reschedule the steering committee meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**Rick Marcotte Central School/180 Market Street**

Gary Marckres said the entire stormwater system is in on the western side of the parking lot at Rick Marcotte Central School and out to Market Street. Some of the curbing is complete. The gravel parking lot on the eastern side of the parking lot will be graded and paved with a first coat next week.

Chamberlin School Noise Mitigation/Airport

Gary Marckres said that the initial design for the heating and cooling system at Chamberlin School submitted to the FAA was rejected. The initial design included a full heating and air conditioning system. A new proposal was submitted for a positive ventilation system only and are awaiting a decision on the new proposal from the FAA.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald asked where the district stands on the 10 percent match. David Young said he and Gary are working with the airport management about the funding for the 10 percent match.

COVID-19 Update

David Young said the district has been working on all updates provided by the Governor and the Agency of Education as they learn of them. The Governor is expected to release more detailed information on Friday about the start of the new school year.

End of School Year

David Young said that the end of the school year activities, including graduation and all celebrations, were innovative, well planned, and well received by students, parents and guardians.

Start of 2020-2021 School Year

David Young said that this Friday, June 19, the Governor and the Agency of Education are expected to release more detailed information about the start of school. They are supposed to provide information on how the district can function with regard to student capacity and safety.

Board members asked how traditional step up nights and move up days for students will happen this this. David Young said the administration is working on this now.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald asked if we are prepared and do we have access to all of the supplies that we will need to start the school year. Gary Marckres said that we have all of the supplies we need to start the year. David Young said he and Gary Marckres have been working with the nursing staff on the specific supplies and space needs for student and staff safety at each of the schools.

CONSIDER FY 2021 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET AND REVOTE SCHEDULE

David Young said that he has no new budget information to share. The Citizens Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC) had its first meeting last night and the administration needs to review the comments and suggestions from the CBAC.

David Young said the community has ideas that they would like to share with us. He said he is not going to keep the board out of the loop but he does want the committee to have the opportunity to provide feedback to the administration and the board. Bridget Burkhardt said that she is concerned the board is going to get information at the last minute and will have to make tough decision on a tight turnaround time.

David Young provided a brief overview of the history of the CBAC.

The board discussed the pros and cons of the budget revote being held on July 23 versus August 11. The board had a lengthy discussion about the two vote dates, specifically the extra preparation required at the district level and staffing level if we wait for the August 11 vote date. Members of the board and the public asked questions and made comments.

The board asked for details of the number of positions reduced and displaced during the reduction in force/displacement process.

Martin LaLonde discussed the tear off sheet and the process that will be used for the August primary. He will try to get more detailed information from his colleagues about the voting process for the August primary.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald requested that David Young get more information from the city clerk about how the August 11 mailing of postcards will work and determine if the district tag on to that voting process.

The board will move in the direction of the August 11 revote date with the clarifications requested about the postcards and mailings.

The board will get more information and act on the revote date at the Monday, June 22 special school board meeting at 8:00 a.m.

CENTRAL OFFICE UPDATES

Grades 8-11 Math Curriculum

David Young said Michael Martin provided an update which David Young read the following:

We have postponed our curriculum audit for Grades 8-11 Math, and Mike Martin has been in contact with Steve Leinwand, who is the consultant whose proposal we accepted earlier this year. We're excited to be working with Steve this fall. He's a Principal Research Analyst at the American Institutes for Research (AIR) and an internationally known speaker and author.

Mike Martin emphasized that our ongoing work with proficiency-based learning at the middle school and high school is giving us a clearer picture of our math curriculum as we look to improving articulation across grades and program overall.

Nutrition Services Update

Gary Marckres and Rhonda Ketner provided an update on the nutrition services program. David Young thanked the nutrition services staff, security staff, buildings and grounds staff, and transportation staff for all of the great work they have provided during coronavirus. The board asked several questions. The board thanked Rhonda Ketner for her presentation and all of the hard work by her department.

Executive Global Constraint – Community Feedback

David Young said we will be doing another monitoring report soon and this information will be included. He said a survey was provided to all parents in the district via phone and online this spring about remote learning. We received over 1,000 responses to the survey (counting one per child, not one per family), and have compiled the data so we can review it together at our Administrative Retreat this Friday. We want families to know that we really appreciate their taking the time to give us feedback on our approach to Continuity of Learning, and we will be reviewing this data closely as a district team as we prepare for the fall.

Screening Process – Fingerprinting and Backlog Compliance

David Young said that with coronavirus, the backlog for fingerprinting will be even worse. The backlog usually happens at the high traffic times, like teacher license renewal in the spring and hiring in the summer and fall. David Young said he has spoken to the Agency of Education and the Public Safety Office many times about the backlog.

Juul Litigation Update

David Young said that many districts are participating in the suit filed in Federal Court in San Francisco. In Vermont most districts have signed on to this suit. The suit movement has been slowed because of the pandemic.

NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE

Elizabeth Fitzgerald reported that the board and the South Burlington Educators Association met on June 8 and will meet again on Monday, June 22.

Martin LaLonde said that they have met with the union support staff employees and have another meeting scheduled.

OTHER PAPER ARTICLES

The board discussed topics for Other Paper articles.

SET AGENDA FOR THE JULY 8 MEETING

The board discussed the agenda for the July 8, 2020 school board meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The board discussed future agenda items.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF JUNE 1, JUNE 3, JUNE 8, AND JUNE 9, 2020

Bridget Burkhardt announced general consensus of the board to approve the minutes of June 1, June 3, June 8, and June 9, 2020 as presented. There were no objections.

CONSENT AGENDA**Retirement/Resignation**

Rhiannon Kim, .70 FTE Speech Language Pathologist, District
Kevin Murakami, Technology Education Teacher at Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School

Bids

Bus, Roof Replacements, Paper, Snow Plow/Snow Removal, School Photography, and Rubbish/Recycling

Bridget Burkhardt announced general consensus of the Board to approve the consent agenda as presented.

The Board thanked Rhiannon Kim and Kevin Murakami for their service to the district.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #44 and #45

The board reviewed accounts payable orders #44 and #45.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDER CHECK TO HOWARD CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,534.56

Alex McHenry moved that the board approve accounts payable order check to Howard Center in the amount of \$80,534.56. Brian Minier seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion passes.

ADJOURNMENT

Martin LaLonde motioned to adjourn the regular meeting and Elizabeth Fitzgerald seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion passes.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Chair

Bridget Burkhardt, Clerk