

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2020 at 8:00 a.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

GUESTS

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Donna Kinville explained how the August 11 vote date would work. She added that it does not matter if the school district picks July 23 or August 11, both dates will work for the city clerk's office.

Donna Kinville said she has been corresponding with Will Senning, Secretary of State's Office about the post card mailing. He said "the top half of the post card will have information on all the ways to request a ballot – by mail, phone, in person, or online at MVP. It notes that in-person voting on election day will be available but that early voting in person might be limited due to limited office hours for clerks. It encourages voters to request a ballot as soon as possible and to return it well in advance of the election. The bottom half is a tear-off postcard request form that is pre-addressed back to the clerk and postage paid. This is to provide a quick and easy way to make their request by filling out the postcard and putting it in the mail."

Board members said that the August 11 date would be more efficient with the tear-off postcard.

The board and administration discussed the opening of school guidelines provided the Agency of Education. David Young is concerned about opening of school and staffing issues as many employees have return-to-work concerns for themselves or immediate family members with compromised immune systems.

Martin LaLonde said the legislature passed 50 million dollars in CARES Act money going to the education fund. He said for next week's meeting it would be helpful if the district could provide information about how the funds will be distributed and for what purpose they can be used.

The board and administration discussed some of the major issue related to point of first contact for students as they relate to the reopening of schools in the fall. Gary Marckres said that the district may need to have two additional staff members on each bus for monitoring purposes and routes may need to be limited in size.

Most of the board agreed that the August 11 vote date will allow a little more time for the district to determine what structure and funding will be needed for the start of the school year.

The board asked Donna Kinville if the change in vote date needs to go back to the

Board of Civil Authority for consideration? Donna Kinville said no.

The board recommended that Superintendent David Young ask City Clerk Donna Kinville, in writing, to automatically send the school ballots to everyone that requests a primary ballot. The board asked that this be put on the next agenda for action.

Bridget Burkhardt said that she disagrees with the August 11 vote date. She has had phone calls from teachers, parents, and staff and feels the date is too late and the district is making a big mistake waiting until August 11. It only gives two weeks to prepare for the start of the school year.

ADJORNMENT OF SPECIAL MEETING

Alex McHenry motioned to adjourn the special meeting at 8:41 a.m. and enter executive session. Brian Minier seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion passes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bridget Burkhardt called for a motion to enter executive session at 8:43 a.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, Gary Marckres, and Attorney Colin McNeil attend executive session.

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

In: 8:43 a.m.

Out: 9:23 a.m.

No Action

The executive session was closed at 9:23 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Chair

Bridget Burkhardt, Clerk