

NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT (Via Zoom)

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Bridget Burkhardt, Alex McHenry, Brian Minier

AMINISTRATION/STAFF (Via Zoom)

Amadee Denton, Gary Marckres, Patrick Burke, Dave Hyatt, Michelle Cannon, Caryl Davidson

GUESTS (via Zoom)

26 guests

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

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

There were none.

**FY 2021 REVISED PROPOSED BUDGET – AN OVERVIEW WITH TIME FOR
COMMUNITY QUESTIONS**

Amadee Denton presented slides that gave an overview of the FY21 revised proposed budget. Amadee Denton mentioned the presentation would also be posted on the District website. The budget increase being proposed is 1.52 percent and the proposed residential tax rate with CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) is 1.91 percent. Upward pressures on the budget were noted as well as reductions made since the last budget proposal in the areas of operations, new expenses, and programming and services. The impact of cuts made to date were clarified including the impact to students and the higher level of operational risk. The five- and ten-year average tax rates were shown for informational purposes as well as the combined city and school budgets and tax rates prior to income sensitivity; a page directly from the annual budget book provided to residents.

Information was shared on how, when, and where to vote in the August 11 election. In-person voting is available at City Hall weekdays from 9:00 a.m.-noon and 1:00-4:00 p.m. until noon August 10. Residents can vote in person August 11 from 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. at their district polling locations, Orchard School (7-1), FHTMS (7-2, 7-3), and Chamberlin School (7-4). An absentee ballot can be requested at the mvp.vermont.gov website then mailed to City Hall or dropped in the night drop box until 8:00 a.m. August 11. If an individual has already requested a state primary ballot, a school ballot will be sent as well.

After the presentation and board questions and comments, the floor was opened for community member questions. Two individuals who served on the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC) shared their experiences and discussed why they are supporting this revised budget. Questions pertained to how income sensitivity will be applied, if the school calendar will change in terms of vacations and professional learning days for staff given the hybrid learning model outlined for the 2020-2021 school

year, healthcare costs, tech centers, negotiations with the SBEA, what school programs have been cut or reduced, and if and how meals will be delivered to students who participate in remote learning part time or full time.

Bridget Burkhardt mentioned the next budget mini meeting dates of July 28, July 30, and August 9 as well as the public hearing on the FY21 revised proposed budget warned to take place August 5. All meetings will occur via Zoom and will begin at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Alex McHenry made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Elizabeth Fitzgerald seconded. All were in favor. The motion passes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Chair

Bridget Burkhardt, Clerk