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**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016
Executive Session at 5:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting at 5:30 P.M.
Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School Library**

PRESENT

Patrick Leduc, Julie Beatty, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Bridget Burkhardt

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, John Aubin

GUESTS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered executive session at 5:00 p.m. to discuss a legal matter (real estate proposal) and added that it would be significantly disadvantageous to the district not to do so in executive session. The board requested that Mr. Young and Mr. Aubin attend executive session. The motion was approved.

Legal Matter – Real Estate Proposal

In: 5:00 p.m.

Out: 5:34 p.m.

No Action

The executive session was closed at 5:34 p.m.

PRESENT

Patrick Leduc, Julie Beatty, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Bridget Burkhardt

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, Delina Gilroy, John Aubin

GUESTS

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REGULAR SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

A continuation of the executive session, legal matter – real estate proposal, was added to the end of the meeting.

MASTER PLANNING AND VISIONING UPDATE

Financial Analysis

Ms. Burkhardt gave an overview of the financial analysis subcommittee work including an analysis of the capacity of each school. The subcommittee included Bridget Burkhardt and Elizabeth Fitzgerald. John Stewart, Annette Harton, Dan Fleming and Stephanie Hainley provided the subcommittee with significant assistance with analysis and data gathering. Board members asked several questions and requested additional information and clarification from Ms. Hainley regarding the treatment of prekindergarten in the financial model created by White + Burke and a detailed listing of the upgrades included in the financial model, ideally separated into categories such as NEASC, 21st Century Learning, etc. The board discussed the consolidation options.

Educational Values/Opportunities

Mr. LaLonde gave an overview of the Education Values/Opportunities subcommittee work that he, Patrick Leduc, and David Young have been doing. The three issues they are reviewing are:

- What is the best configuration for continuing the educational programs we currently have?
- What additional educational benefits would consolidation offer?
- Are there pressures that the schools are facing, i.e. airport, construction, city center, etc. that should be addressed through reconfiguration?

Some of the Educational Opportunities the committee has been looking at are:

- Benefits of the 21st century learning spaces.
- Value of including language and music opportunities as well as introduction of other curriculum areas.
- Teacher planning and professional development time.
- Equity Issues – class sizes and Chamberlin School noise impact

Planning Process for Next Steps:

- Subcommittee final reports are due on August 9 and will be circulated to the board.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

The board agreed to the following:

- August 3 - regular meeting will be canceled and a short conference call will be scheduled at noon for new hires.
- August 17 - regular board meeting.
- August 23 - special board meeting with a focus on Master Planning and Visioning next steps. Presentations will be done on final committee reports, raw feedback data, and FAQ's.

The board discussed community question/feedback responses.

BUDGET PROCESS TIMELINE

The board discussed the budget planning process.

- Explain to the community how the money flows from the taxpayer to the state and back to the school community again
- Board members will review the budget book and provide feedback to the administration regarding suggested changes to format and content at a meeting in early to mid-September for discussion.
- At the October 19 board meeting board members will provide the administration with budget goals.
- Convene the Citizens Budget Group earlier in the budget process.
- Ask the Agency of Education financial division about estimated tax rate numbers for FY18.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

This will be discussed at the board meeting tomorrow.

BOARD AGENDA AND WORK PLAN CALENDAR FOR 2016-2017

The board discussed the work plan items and suggested reports and will provide Mr. Young with additions, deletions, and a priority order of suggested reports.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Patrick Leduc, Chair

Julie Beatty, Clerk