

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2015
Executive Session at 6:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
Frederick Tuttle Middle School Library**

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Julie Beatty, Dan Fleming, Patrick Leduc

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, John Stewart, Joe McNeil

GUESTS

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss a potential legal claim and the district's investigation of the matter and labor negotiations 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. Stewart attend executive session. The motion was approved.

Potential Legal Proceedings Regarding Personnel Matter

In: 6:00 p.m.

Out: 6:33 p.m.

No Action

Joe McNeil left at 6:33 p.m.

Legal Matter – Real Estate Proposal Discussion

Mr. Stewart joined the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

In: 6:33 p.m.

Out: 6:45 p.m.

No Action

Legal Matter – Legal Services Discussion

In: 6:45 p.m.

Out: 6:51 p.m.

No Action

The executive session was closed at 6:52 p.m.

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Julie Beatty, Dan Fleming, Patrick Leduc

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, John Stewart, Meg Collins

GUESTS

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REGULAR SESSION

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

A brief executive session will be added to the end of the regular session. This is a continuation of item 1b Legal Services Discussion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Farmers Market has moved to the University Mall parking lot to receive more traffic.
- \$20,000 grant received from Common Roots primarily to support chef training.
- Letter received from the State of Vermont – Governor’s Award for Environmental Excellence – all five schools are being recognized.
- Fox 44 came to see the work that is happening in the schools this summer. Highlighting the Stewardship Plan.

MASTER PLANNING/FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP/CITY AND SCHOOL COLLABORATION

Mr. Young reported that he and the board are still awaiting the final changes to the task force report with suggested options. The target date to receive this report is the end of the month. Mr. Young and Ms. Fitzgerald will be meeting next week with Mr. Dorn and Ms. Nowak. Mr. Young has been working with the City to identify some key capital improvement considerations and provide sequencing of the work (scoping, planning and design).

A community member asked if there would be more than two options; she didn’t feel that the report represented all the options. Ms. Fitzgerald stated that the information from the task force is to help inform the board. The board will now take the report and align it with further recommendations that will inform the decision as well as provide community feedback. There will be a lot of opportunity for further discussion on the options. The board has not yet weighed in on what the community is willing to invest in terms of the future of the delivery of public education in South Burlington and balance with what the community can afford.

STAFFING AN INFORMATION TABLE AT CITYFEST

Mr. Young asked the board to provide him with what they would like to see at the table. There was discussion that generated some ideas for the table. Mr. Young will solicit prompt topics from the board.

PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE RICK MARCOTTE CENTRAL SCHOOL

Ms. Fitzgerald provided an overview of the proposal by Saxon Partners to purchase Rick Marcotte Central School for \$7,000,000. She stated that at a Steering Committee

meeting last spring, Saxon Partners made a verbal proposal to acquire Rick Marcotte Central School. Subsequently, a letter was received by Mr. Young, on the school board's behalf, outlining the interest in discussing with the school board whether there would be any interest in selling the Rick Marcotte Central School property at the end of the 2016 school year for \$7,000,000, so that it could be included in the City Center master plan.

Ms. Fitzgerald stated the work of the board has not begun yet, so to engage in exclusive dialog with a developer is inconsistent with what the board has for work to do.

The board discussed the proposal and recognizes that more community engagement is needed and that it is premature to consider this proposal. The board's first decision is to determine the best configuration/outcome for education in South Burlington going forward.

In summary, Ms. Fitzgerald announced consensus of the board to direct Mr. Young to get back to Saxon Partners to indicate that the board hasn't established a work plan yet and that an RFP that might look at the sale of a school property may be considered in the future. The board would respectfully encourage Saxon and other developers to participate in the process, should it occur, but at this point in time the board is not going to pursue any exclusive conversations or considerations about the sale of Rick Marcotte Central School. Mr. Dorn and Ms. Nowak will also be informed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Letter from Grand Isle School Board

Mr. Young discussed a letter that was received from Grand Isle School Board. They would like to connect with South Burlington regarding Act 46, to pursue opportunities to designate up to three receiving high schools for Grand Isle. On August 18, Mr. Young and Ms. Fitzgerald will meet with the new superintendent and the chair of the Grand Isle School Board to start a conversation and understand their wants and needs.

The board also discussed outreach to other districts for opportunities for closer collaboration between the districts.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS POLICY MONITORING

2.3 – Treatment of Community

Mr. Young presented policy monitoring report 2.3 – Treatment of Community to the board. There was discussion with some suggested changes. Mr. Young will bring it back to the next meeting for another reading.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

4.2 Board Job Description

Mr. Fleming suggested a subcommittee to draft a more comprehensive job description. Mr. Fleming and Mr. LaLonde will participate on the subcommittee. Mr. Young would like Ms. Dantscher, Human Resource Director, to help format and draft the job description for the subcommittee. Mr. LaLonde asked board members to email Mr. Young and Ms. Dantscher with items that should be on job description.

Plan and Set Date for Special Board Work Meeting (3-hour work session)

The board discussed the agenda for the August 31 work session. The following items will be discussed:

- Board Job Description
- Next steps and work plan – visioning

Ms. Fitzgerald stated that this work session is an open session.

SET AGENDA FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 4 AND REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 19, 2015

The Board discussed the agendas for the August 4 and August 19, 2015 meetings.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board discussed future agenda items.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 8, 2015

Ms. Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the board to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2015 meeting. There were no objections.

CONSENT AGENDA**Hires**

Melanie Cashell, .60 FTE Mathematics Teacher at SB High School
Kathy Lamphier, 1.0 FTE Mathematics Coach at Orchard School

Ms. Beatty motioned that the board approve the consent agenda as presented, Mr. Fleming seconded the motion, all were in favor. The consent agenda was approved.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #1, #2 and #3

The Board reviewed accounts payable orders #1, #2 and #3. The board asked several questions.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS CHECK TO AAC CONTRACTING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$74,600

Mr. Fleming moved that the board approve the accounts payable order check to ACC Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$74,600.00, Mr. LaLonde seconded the motion, all were in favor. The motion was approved.

REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board reconvened in executive session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss legal services 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. Stewart attend executive session. The motion was approved.

Legal Matter – Legal Services Discussion

In: 8:15 p.m.

Out: 9:15 p.m.
No Action

The executive session was closed at 9:16 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Chair

Martin Lalonde, Clerk