

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2018  
Executive Session at 6:00 P.M.  
Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M.  
Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School Library**

**PRESENT**

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Bridget Burkhardt, Martin LaLonde, Alex McHenry, Steve Wisloski

**ADMINISTRATION/STAFF**

David Young, Gary Marckres

**GUESTS**

Attorney David Rugh

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board entered executive session at 6:00 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. The Board requested that David Young and Gary Marckres attend executive session. The motion was approved.

**Discussion Regarding Negotiating and Securing Real Estate Purchase and Lease Options – 1 V.S.A. § 313(1)(2)**

In: 6:00 p.m.

Out: 6:58 p.m.

No Action

Attorney David Rugh left the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

The executive session was closed at 6:58 p.m. and will be continued at the end of the regular School Board meeting.

**REGULAR MEETING**

**PRESENT**

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Bridget Burkhardt, Martin LaLonde, Alex McHenry, Steve Wisloski

**ADMINISTRATION/STAFF**

David Young, Delina Gilroy, Gary Marckres, Joanne Godek, Noah Everitt, Amadee Denton

**GUESTS**

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**REGULAR SESSION**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

James Leas spoke about the large scale government sponsored child abuse from the F16 afterburners as the jets take off and land close to Chamberlin School on a daily basis. He asked the Board to send a letter to the Congressional Delegation and the US Air Force asking for that the F35's not be based so close to a densely populated area.

Paul Lyon asked about the South Burlington High School condom availability policy/protocol. The Board explained that this is not a Board policy it is an operational item which was shared by the Superintendent with the School Board for information purposes. The School Board asked for an update from the high school administration at an upcoming Board meeting on the condom availability protocol.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Mr. Young amended the agenda to add a request from the Grand Isle School Board to add one (1) additional student to the six (6) students approved at the July 11 South Burlington School Board meeting. He also amended the consent agenda – lease approval to override the resolutions adopted at the June 6 and June 21 School Board meetings and replace them with the resolutions provided this evening which include clarifying language from Attorney Robert Fletcher. The Board also added a continuation of the executive session at the conclusion of the regular meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Market Street construction will begin on August 20. The Hinesburg Road end of Market Street will be closed beginning August 20 and the Dorset Street end of Market Street will be closed at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.
- The administrative retreat will take place tomorrow in Killington.

**CITY AND SCHOOL COLLABORATION**

David Young noted that the next meeting with the city is scheduled for August 17. The district is working on land conveyance at the Rick Marcotte Central School property with the City of South Burlington as well as discussion regarding the 575 Dorset Street property. These items are tentatively scheduled for a November vote.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT****Addition to Safety and Security Staff**

David Young and Gary Marckres provided the Board with the rationale for hiring a Safety and Security Lead Officer and two safety and security officers. Kevin Grealis spoke about the need for the school to have school security officers.

Martin LaLonde moved and Steve Wisloski seconded the motion to approve the hiring of one Lead School Security Officer and two general School Security Officers – one at South Burlington High School and one at Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School. All were in favor. The motion passes.

**Legislative Update  
Education Funding –**

The final impact on the tax rate is better than what the district had originally indicated. The average tax rate in South Burlington will be going down approximately 2½ cents.

### **Special Education Law/Grant**

Joanne Godek provided an overview of the Act 173 changes to the State funding model for special education beginning fiscal year 2021 from a reimbursement model to a census model which will be implemented over the next several years. Board members asked several questions. Elizabeth Fitzgerald thanked Joanne Godek for the information.

### **CONSIDER REQUEST FROM GRAND ISLE BOARD TO REVISIT APPROVAL OF SEVENTH GRADE TUITION STUDENTS**

David Young provided the Board with a note from the Grand Isle Superintendent, Michael Clark, requesting the approval of one additional seventh grade tuition student for a total of seven students for the 2018-2019 school year. Elizabeth Fitzgerald asked Gary Marckres, the new South Burlington School District Director of Operations and Financial Management and the Chair of the Grand Isle School Board, several clarifying questions. Gary Marckres said that Grand Isle Board members expressed that they wanted to make sure the process was equitable for all seven students who had applied to attend Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School and provide all seven students the same opportunity to attend the middle school.

Martin LaLonde moved and Bridget Burkhardt seconded the motion to approve the request from Grand Isle School Board to add one additional seventh grade student to Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School for a total of seven students for the 2018-2019 school year at a rate of \$4,000 per student. All were in favor. The motion passes.

### **CONSIDER TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE**

David Young provided the Board with the purpose for the need of a tax anticipation note in the amount of \$2,500,000.

Steve Wisloski moved and Bridget Burkhardt seconded the motion to approve the tax anticipation note in the amount of \$2,500,000. All were in favor. The motion passes.

### **MASTER PLANNING AND VISIONING**

#### **Update on Status of Sound Insulation at Chamberlin School**

David Young said that acoustical eligibility testing will occur at Chamberlin School the week of August 13.

David Young said the District has received verbal confirmation that we have received the grants for sound insulation at Chamberlin School from the Federal Aviation Administration but have not received the official written notification.

#### **Committee Work Update**

David Young thanked Board members for meeting with him and John Stewart. He is working with John Stewart on Phase II of the committee work which includes interviewing the architects. This will take place in the next couple of weeks.

**VERMONT SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. LaLonde gave an update on the resolutions provided by area school boards to the Vermont School Boards Association (VSBA). The VSBA will meet on August 8 to vote on which resolutions they will support at the annual VSBA meeting.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald would like to see what the other Vermont districts have submitted. Martin LaLonde said this will be available after the August 8 VSBA committee meeting.

**SET AGENDA FOR THE AUGUST 15, 2018 MEETING**

The Board discussed the agenda for the August 15, 2018 school board meeting.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Board discussed this item.

**CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 11, 2018**

Elizabeth Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the Board to approve the minutes of July 11, 2018 as amended. There were no objections.

**CONSENT AGENDA**Hires

Erin Maroney-Petitt, 1.0 FTE Science Teacher at Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School

Elizabeth Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the Board to approve the consent agenda as amended with the removal of the lease bid. There were no objections.

**LEASE**

Martin LaLonde moved and Steve Wisloski seconded the motion to override the June 6 and June 21 Board approved lease agreements and to approve the lease resolutions with the revised language from the School District attorney for the surveillance video camera system, a bus, and one-to-one computers. The Board agreed to have the Clerk of the Board, Bridget Burkhardt, sign the loan/lease agreement documents. All were in favor. The motion passes.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #1 AND #2**

The Board reviewed accounts payable orders #1 and #2.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m. and the Board reentered executive session at 8:44 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations with administrators, teachers, and support staff and the evaluation of the superintendent and added that it would be significantly disadvantageous to the district not to do so in executive session. The Board requested that David Young and Gary Marckres attend executive session. The motion was approved.

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

In: 8:44 p.m.

Out: 9:03 p.m.

No Action

David Young and Gary Marckres left the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

**Personnel Matter – Evaluation of Superintendent**

In: 9:03 p.m.

Out: 9:14 p.m.

No Action

The executive session was closed at 9:14 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Martin LaLonde motioned to adjourn the meeting, Bridget Burkhardt seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Chair

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Bridget Burkhardt, Clerk