

APPROVED ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017
Executive Session at 6:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School Library**

PRESENT

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

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, John Aubin

GUESTS

Attorney Steve Stitzel

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations with teachers and support staff and consider confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the school board concerning a legal matter and a real estate matter and added that it would be significantly disadvantageous to the district not to do so in executive session. The Board requested that David Young, Attorney Steve Stitzel, and John Aubin attend executive session. The motion was approved.

Discussion Regarding a Legal Matter and Real Estate Matter

In: 6:00 p.m.

Out: 6:22 p.m.

No Action

Discussion Regarding Labor Negotiations with Teachers and Support Staff

In: 6:23 p.m.

Out: 6:53 p.m.

No Action

The executive session was closed at 6:53 p.m.

PRESENT

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

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, John Aubin, Delina Gilroy, Stuart Weiss, Holly Rouelle, Mark Trifilio

GUESTS

Approximately 15 teachers, staff, and community members

REGULAR SESSION

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

A member of the community asked about the proposed land swap with the city and

asked if this would be public. Ms. Fitzgerald said that any land swap would need to be brought to the voters.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Young provided the following announcements:

- The South Burlington School District has had a great second week of school so far.
- Chamberlin School is preparing for their annual Harvest Fest to be held on September 23.
- Orchard School is gearing up for its first-ever Fun Run: a school-wide event organized by the PTO where each student will run, walk or wheel toward a goal and a healthy initiative.
- Rick Marcotte Central School is continuing its Hands-On Nature program with parent/guardian volunteers who are trained and then enter classrooms to offer hands-on experiences to children to introduce them to the natural world.
- F.H. Tuttle Middle School 6th-grade students who are taking band had a big day yesterday: they received their instruments for the first time!
- South Burlington High School had an incredible weekend of sports and activities. Sports wins included field hockey, girls and boys soccer, football and strong showings in girls and boys cross country, boys golf and volleyball. First year and transfer students were greeted with a spirited "Club Fair" on their first day of High School. Clubs and activities are already starting to meet including the Key Club and the Refugee Outreach Club.
- All schools are relishing updates to buildings thanks to the hard work of our facilities and custodial staff members.
- In a new fundraiser, Healthy Living will be partnering with Common Roots and the South Burlington School District. Each month Healthy Living will donate 5% of all purchases of anyone who mentions "Common Roots" or "SBSD" when they check out. Further information will be going home from principals.
- Steering Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- VSBA Regional meetings begin September 11. The Chittenden County Regional meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 11 in Winooski.

CITY AND SCHOOL COLLABORATION

Ms. Fitzgerald and Mr. Young meet regularly with Kevin Dorn and Helen Riehle. Mr. Young noted that the Letter of Intent (LOI) with the city regarding a boundary adjustment to the Rick Marcotte Central School property has been put on hold due to permitting concerns from the Agency of Natural Resources.

Ms. Fitzgerald said that at the August 16 School Board meeting the Board unanimously passed support of a Regional Governance Resolution from the South Burlington City Council regarding the airport. She asked Mr. Young to provide something in writing to the City, with School Board signatures, indicating the Board's support of the resolution.

ENROLLMENT UPDATE/STAFFING RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Young provided the updated enrollment and staffing for each of the elementary schools. Enrollments are continuing to come in. The grades being watched by administration are grade 4 at Orchard School and Kindergarten at Chamberlin School. Mr. Young provided several different options to the board and recommended that they

add a grade 4 classroom teacher to Orchard School (from two teachers to three) and a dual-certified teacher (special educator and general educator) to Kindergarten at Chamberlin School (from two to three).

Mr. Wisloski moved and Ms. Burkhardt seconded the motion to approve the recommendation of the superintendent to add a fourth grade classroom teacher to Orchard School and a dual-certified teacher (special educator and general educator) to Kindergarten at Chamberlin School. All were in favor. The motion passed.

MASTER PLANNING AND VISIONING

Mr. Young provided an update on the status of the Master Planning and Visioning including:

- Demographic study
- The boundary line adjustment
- Airport Noise information/data request from the BIA was sent out
- Draft Enrollment/Demographic information has been received and the final report will be issued soon after October 1 state enrollment collection is completed
- A subcommittee (Bridget Burkhardt, Steve Wisloski) is assisting administration and Board by working on several of the above items and keeping the full Board informed

The Board asked Mr. Young to provide what the requests were in the letters sent to the City of Burlington regarding the airport.

A meeting will be arranged next week with the Master Planning Subcommittee.

UPDATE ON NEGOTIATIONS

Ms. Burkhardt, Ms. Fitzgerald, and Mr. LaLonde discussed in detail the current salary structure for teachers, health insurance, and the status of negotiations with the South Burlington Educators Association (SBEA) including imposition and what this means for the district. Please visit the South Burlington School District web page under negotiations for complete details.

Ms. Fitzgerald read the letter sent to Kathy Murphy, SBEA Chief Negotiator, on behalf of the School Board today asking to begin contract negotiations for FY 2019. The Board awaits the SBEA's response.

A member of the public asked for a copy of the SBEA's last position presented at the mediation session.

Board members informed the public that they would need to obtain that information from the SBEA.

REVIEW TOPICS FOR OTHER PAPER ARTICLES

Ms. Fitzgerald reviewed the upcoming articles for the Other Paper. The Board discussed and update the listing of topics and assignments.

SET AGENDA FOR THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2017 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Board discussed the agenda for the September 13, 2017 School Board meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board discussed future agenda items.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF AUGUST 16, AUGUST 21, AUGUST 28, AND AUGUST 29, 2017

Ms. Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the Board to approve the minutes of August 16, August 21, August 28, and August 29, 2017 meetings as amended. There were no objections.

CONSENT AGENDA**Hires**

Louise DeGuise, 1.0 Health Education/Digital Citizenship Teacher at Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School

Nicholle Demag, .50 FTE Elementary Teacher at Rick Marcotte Central School

Ms. Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the Board to approve the consent agenda as presented. There were no objections.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #5, #6, #7, and #8

The Board reviewed accounts payable order #5, #6, #7, and #8.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CHECKS TO NEAGLEY AND CHASE AND ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS MANAGEMENT

Mr. LaLonde moved that the Board approve the Accounts Payable Order Checks to Neagley and Chase in the amount of \$237,115.00 and Environmental Hazards Management in the amount of \$117,764.20 and Ms. Burkhardt seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Chair

Martin LaLonde, Clerk