

APPROVED ON NOVEMBER 6, 2019

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019
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, Brian Minier

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young

GUESTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board entered executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations with Administrators, Teachers, and Support Staff and to discuss a contract related to the engagement of a municipal financial advisor and added that it would be significantly disadvantageous to the district not to do so in executive session. The board requested that David Young attend executive session. The motion was approved.

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

In: 6:03 p.m.

Out: 6:48 p.m.

No Action

Discussion of Contact Related to the Engagement of a Municipal Financial Advisor

In: 6:48 p.m.

Out: 6:59 p.m.

No Action

The executive session was closed at 6:59 p.m.

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Bridget Burkhardt, Martin LaLonde, Alex McHenry, Brian Minier, Cole Patno, Delaney Rosner

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, Gary Marckres, Amadee Denton, Meg Collins, Noah Everitt

GUESTS

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REGULAR SESSION

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Megan Emery, city council member, addressed the board and noted that the city council is actively engaged in events to educate the public on the prevalence of domestic violence and have various groups come together to seek solutions and let people know of resources that exist to serve members of the public. Megan Emery is also an informal member of an action group doing outreach to committees who they believe have contact with populations that touch on the various aspects of our personal lives as well as domestic violence. Megan Emery read a statement from the South Burlington Intimate Violence Advocacy Group inviting the board to attend the October 30th forum on intimate partner violence. She also shared a resolution which was passed unanimously by the city council on October 16. She noted that the forum is the second forum held by this group, the first being on October 10. She also noted that this is beginning a process of public engagement. Megan Emery noted that she will talk with David Young and Elizabeth Fitzgerald about public outreach at their meeting on Friday.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**Introduction of New School Board Student Representative**

Bridget Burkhardt introduced Delaney Rosner, new junior representative to the school board. Delaney noted that she founded the Mental Health Awareness Club and is also a peer educator at Planned Parenthood, acting as a resource to students in getting help where needed.

Student Representatives to the Board, Cole Patno and Delaney Rosner provided the following announcements:

- October 22 is the High School Choral Sampler Concert in the High School Auditorium.
- October 23 marks the end of quarter one at the high school
- October 25 - TIE French students arrive This marks the 40th year of this exchange.
- November 1 band students are taking part in the District 3 Band Festival at Colchester High School.
- Chamberlin School blood drive in honor of Ms. Buley – community members donated 65 units of blood.
- Chamberlin School will receive one dollar for every reusable grocery bag purchased at Hannafords on Dorset Street and/or Shaws on Shelburne Road.
- The Food Shelf will be opening on November 1 from 8:00 am -10:00 am and November 2 from 8:00 am -10:00 am. High School clubs are getting involved at the Food Shelf as they need help prior to opening.

CITY AND SCHOOL COLLABORATION

David Young noted a meeting with city leadership will take place on Friday. Two possible dates for the Steering Committee meeting are October 28 for a one-hour tour at the high school and November 5 for a Legislative Steering Committee meeting. Elizabeth Fitzgerald asked the board to provide her with any topics they would like

included in the Legislative Session and the Steering Committee meeting on November 5 and to email to her or David Young so they can bring them to the meeting on Friday.

SUPERINTEDENT'S REPORT

Rick Marcotte Central School/180 Market Street

Gary Marckres noted that paving will happen on October 21-24 for topcoat and line striping. This should be the last significant one-lane period to access the school. Preliminary approval has happened for the construction of the new access road for Rick Marcotte Central School. The estimate is about three weeks from the start of that project. They are on schedule for an opening of November 15. Tentatively, there will be a ribbon cutting on November 13 at 11:00 a.m. Elizabeth Fitzgerald asked if the storm water permits have been received. Gary Marckres will check to see if this has happened.

Chamberlin School Noise Mitigation/Airport

David Young is still waiting on a response from the airport leadership regarding specifics on the 10% match of funding for mitigation. He will keep the board posted.

Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Timeline

David Young provided the FY21 Budget timeline to the board. Bridget Burkhardt wanted to make it clear that there are three meetings for anyone interested in attending the Citizens Budget Advisory Council meetings. She also noted that it's a great way to learn about the budgeting process and to give input as well.

MASTER PLANNING AND VISIONING UPDATE

David Young noted that it has been a busy couple of weeks. On October 7 and 8 MPV User Group meetings took place with staff, teachers and students at the high school. Questions were asked about new construction and flow and as a result revisions were made. On October 14 and 15 a second round of the User Group meetings took place for the middle school group.

Last night the second Community Input Night took place. Updated site and building plans based on initial feedback from both the school and community members were presented. An opportunity to provide more feedback took place during small group sessions with guided questions.

Today the MPV group met with engineers at Dore and Whittier to look at information around what direction we might want to go regarding fossil fuel usage to geothermal usage and the return on investment, etc.

Bridget Burkhardt said that the architects are back revising plans and they should hear back from them in November with what they plan to propose to the cost estimator. They will hear from the cost estimator with a more refined cost estimate by mid-December.

Bridget Burkhardt and Martin LaLonde met with residents of Harbor View for a coffee meeting this morning to provide a mini presentation and to answer questions and take feedback.

Community Member, Gerry Silverstein, asked if the district is hiring a public relations firm for the new construction. David Young and the board noted that they would be hiring a firm to provide communication to the public to help the community make an informed decision about the new schools.

Gerry Silverstein also asked the board several questions about the specifics of pedagogy and the new high school and middle school and provided feedback to the board regarding the project and the cost to taxpayers.

DESIGNATE AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD TO VOTE VIA PROXY AT THE VERMONT SCHOOL BOARD INSURANCE TRUST (VSBIT) AND THE VERMONT EDUCATION HEALTH INITIATIVE (VEHI) ANNUAL MEETINGS

Elizabeth Fitzgerald volunteered to vote via proxy at the VSBIT annual meeting and the VEHI annual meeting as she plans to be at the meetings and noted this will not be a conflict of interest as she is no longer on the VEHI board.

Alex McHenry moved that Elizabeth Fitzgerald be designated to vote via proxy at the VSBIT and VEHI annual meetings. Bridget seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passes.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald would like the list of VSBA resolutions provided to the board and asked that David Young add resolution review to the next school board meeting agenda.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS POLICY MONITORING

2.4 Financial Condition and Activities (Look at Fiscal Year 2019)

David Young noted that this report is based on the 2018-19 school year which was arrived at and set during the 2017-18 school year. David Young wanted to acknowledge that he received questions from the board that have not yet been answered and as a result he would not recommend this to be an action item tonight, but put back on the next board meeting for action. He asked Gary Marckres and Amadee Denton to walk through the report and answer questions.

NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE

Elizabeth Fitzgerald noted that the subcommittee for the administrative team negotiations is in progress now. The board has been notified by the SBEA leadership of the intent to negotiate a successor agreement and the board is working on responding to that. They also received the signed contract which was ratified by the board at the last meeting and that will be implemented into the system.

OTHER PAPER ARTICLES

The board discussed topics for Other Paper articles.

SET AGENDA FOR THE NOVEMBER 6, 2019 MEETING

The board discussed the agenda for the November 6, 2019 school board meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The board discussed future agenda items.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF OCTOBER 2, 2019

Elizabeth Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the board to approve the minutes of October 2, 2019. There were no objections.

CONSIDER THE LEASE INTEREST RATES OF VoIP TELEPHONE SYSTEM UPGRADE

Alex McHenry moved that the board accept the administrations recommendation of Bci Capital at 3.47%. Bridget Burkhardt seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passes.

CONSENT AGENDA**Bids**

Municipal Financial Advisor
MPV Public Relations and Communications
MPV Preconstruction Services

Elizabeth Fitzgerald requested that each bid be taken from the consent agenda for discussion.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the board to approve the consent agenda as presented.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #14 and #15

The board reviewed accounts payable orders #14 and #15.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDER CHECKS TO HOWARD CENTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,327.94 AND \$103,804.30

Martin Lalonde moved that the board approve accounts payable order checks to the Howard Center for Human Services in the amount of \$65,327.94 and \$103,804.30. Bridget Burkhardt seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Chair

Martin LaLonde, Acting Clerk