

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 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 and Joe Blanchette

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations with teachers, support staff, and administration and added that it would be significantly disadvantageous to the district not to do so in executive session. The Board requested that Mr. Young, Mr. Aubin, and Attorney Steve Stitzel, and Joe Blanchette attend executive session. The motion was approved.

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

In: 6:00 p.m.

Out: 6:43 p.m.

No Action

Joe Blanchette left executive session.

Discussion Regarding a Legal Matters

In: 6:44 p.m.

Out: 6:58 p.m.

No Action

The executive session was closed at 6:58 p.m.

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Bridget Burkhardt, Alex McHenry, Steve Wisloski, Alex Escaja-Heiss

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, John Aubin, Stuart Weiss, Meg Collins

GUESTS

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REGULAR SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

- Add Item 8a. VSBA resolutions for the annual meeting October 19, 2017.
- Student representative applications will be discussed after announcements.
- A legal matter was added to executive session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Soccer game tonight SBHS vs. BHS.
- Fusion team is having a spaghetti dinner this evening.
- On October 12, Chamberlin teacher, Jane Dall and South Burlington High School teacher, Kim Watkin, were celebrated as our UVM Outstanding Teachers of the Year at a ceremony at the Davis Center.
- No school for students on October 19 and 20. There is in-service for teachers on October 19.
- The portable StarLab planetarium from the Montshire Museum came to Rick Marcotte Central School this week. Students had the opportunity to explore how the Earth's movement affects day and night and how the Earth's orbit affects seasonal variations in visible constellations. Students in the upper grades explored moon phases and the location of planets.
- October 27, TIE France Students arrive.
- October 27, Student Council Blood Drive at SBHS Gymnasium, from 9:00 am – 2:30 pm.
- The Middle School is holding a Socktober sock drive until the end of October. Sock collection bins are located in the lobby.
- PSAT for sophomores and juniors took place on October 11.
- Slam community service day for freshman took place on October 11.
- International Day of the Girl was celebrated on October 11 – a presentation by Selamawit Bekele, an education, youth and gender activist from Ethiopia took place in the multi-purpose room at South Burlington High school. She spoke of her experience and global efforts to increase educational opportunities for girls.
- Statewide GSA conference last week.
- SBHS was represented by the Wolf pack at the breast cancer walk this past weekend.
- Big Picture Orientation Exhibitions took place on October 17.

PROCESS FOR RECRUITING A JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD

Ms. Escaja-Heiss provided an update on the recruiting process and application for the new junior representative. Announcements will go out next week to start the process and the plan is to have a junior representative to the board for the second meeting in November.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**Construction Around Rick Marcotte Central School**

Mr. Young provided an update on the construction around Rick Marcotte Central School. The general schedule is as follows:

October 9-13	Clearing trees and debris
October 16-20	Removing stumps and putting up a fence
October 23-27	Excavating (digging the foundation)
October 30 –November	Beginning the foundation work

The project is expected to take approximately one year to complete. Rick Marcotte Central School families will receive a construction schedule for the week ahead in their newsletter.

Human Resources/Financial Software Update

Mr. Young provided an update on the Human Resources Financial Software with Tyler Technologies for the upgrade of our financial and human resource systems. Due to the State's desire to implement a new standard state-wide chart of accounts, as well as to improve efficiency via the implementation of standard automated reporting processes, which they have budgeted funds for this purpose, Mr. Young has been in contact with Tyler Technologies to let them know the district is holding off now that the State's RFP has been distributed. Tyler will also be submitting a proposal to the State. Tyler will send the district a contract to have in the event that we do decide to move forward on our own (if the State process is not successful). Additional updates will be provided to the Board as they become available.

FY 2019 BUDGET

Mr. Young discussed the overall budget schedule and the Boards need for information. He also mentioned there might be a possible need to use a bond for capital improvement, master planning, and stewardship. He also discussed the schedule of ongoing long-term planning. Mr. Young requested direction from the Board on the end goal.

The Board discussed the various budget scenarios they would like to have provided for discussion at future meetings. A discussion on bonding for stewardship items also took place. Mr. Young and Mr. Aubin will work to provide this information at the next board meeting.

MASTER PLANNING AND VISIONING**Committee Structure Update**

Mr. Young provided an update on the following subcommittees:

- Enrollment and demographic forecast,
- Noise level testing at Chamberlin School,
- Correspondence with the Burlington International Airport,
- Airport Technical Advisory Committee, and
- Update on School Contingency plan.

The Board discussed their work to date. The Board would like an updated timeline with dates for the contingency plan to ensure equitable delivery of elementary educational

services should Chamberlin School need to be closed. This will be placed on the November 1 agenda for action.

VSBA Resolutions

Mr. LaLonde will be voting on behalf of the Board and asked the Board to provide him with input on how they would like him to vote on the various resolutions. There was discussion with the Board on each resolution and decisions were made on the vote for each resolution.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A community member commented on negotiations for the teacher contract and noted that he felt the salary scale is not sustainable.

POLICY REVIEW

Policy F5 – The Prevention of Harassment, Hazing, and Bullying of Students

Due to the late hour, Mr. Young recommended that the Board read the policy and send comments to him. He will then bring this policy back to the board for a second reading. Ms. Fitzgerald would also like to see data for a two - four year period on bullying and harassment, specifically in the middle and high schools. This will be provided at the November 1 board meeting.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS POLICY MONITORING

2.4 Financial Condition and Activities

Mr. Young provided the Board with an update on policy monitoring report 2.4 Financial Condition and Activities. Mr. Aubin provided a summary of each detail policy. The Board discussed and reviewed the summary report. This monitoring report will be brought back to the November 1 meeting.

2.3 Treatment of Community

Mr. Young provided an update on 2.3 Treatment of Community and provided a summary of each detail policy. There was discussion. The Board reviewed and made some suggested changes. The monitoring report will be brought back to the November 1 meeting.

REVIEW TOPICS FOR OTHER PAPER ARTICLES

The Other Paper Articles were reviewed by the Board.

SET AGENDA FOR THE NOVEMBER 1, 2017 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Board discussed the agenda for the November 1, 2017 school board meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board discussed future agenda items.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 2, OCTOBER 3, OCTOBER 4, AND OCTOBER 6, 2017

Ms. Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the Board to approve the minutes of October 2, October 3, October 4 and October 6, 2017. There were no objections.

CONSENT AGENDA**Hires**

Morgan Milhomes, 1.0 FTE Special Educator/Elementary Teacher at Chamberlin School

Bids**Architectural, Structural and Mechanical Consulting Services for South Burlington High School and Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School**

There was discussion. Ms. Fitzgerald noted that this bid is phase 1 only.

Information Technology Van Replacement

There was discussion.

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

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #12, #13, and #14

The Board reviewed accounts payable order #12, #13, and #14.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDER CHECK TO MILLBROOK BUILDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$134,868.91

Mr. Lalonde moved that the Board approve accounts payable order check to Millbrook Building in the amount of \$134,868.91, Ms. Burkhardt seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was approved.

Mr. Lalonde motioned to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Burkhardt seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Chair

Martin LaLonde, Clerk