

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2018
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

Joanne Godek, Gary Marckres

GUESTS

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss negotiations with teachers, administrators, 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 Joanne Godek and Gary Marckres attend executive session. The motion was approved.

Discussion Regarding Labor Negotiations with Teachers, Administrators and Support Staff

In: 6:04 p.m.

Out: 6:40p.m.

No Action

The executive session was closed at 6:40 p.m.

PRESENT

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

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

Joanne Godek, Meg Collins, Gary Marckres, Amadee Denton

GUESTS

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REGULAR SESSION

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Erin Sutherland spoke about busing problems at Rick Marcotte Central School due to lack of drivers and athletics being made a priority. She asked if there is a way for parents to be notified when their child will be home late? She noted that students are

missing time from other activities due to late buses. Gary Marckres, Operations Director, responded to her concerns and noted that he would be exploring solutions with Deb Courtemanche. He noted that her concern about athletics being a priority is not the perspective that he is understanding from the collaboration between transportation and athletic trips. He did note that athletic trips are not taking priority over student trips home. He will look more closely at the situation with Deb Courtemanche in Transportation. Bridget Burkhardt clarified that part of the problem is communication to parents about buses being late and asked if there is a simple solution to communicate to families. Gary Marckres will be exploring solutions with Deb Courtemanche.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- There are a couple of juniors who have applied for the student representative to the board. Bridget Burkhardt and Elizabeth Fitzgerald will be conducting interviews within the next couple of weeks.
- Alex McHenry announced that the Howard Center Health Education Series: Vaping, e-cigarettes, and JUUL: The Facts Behind the Smokescreen is taking place Thursday, November 1 from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm at Dealer.com.

CITY SCHOOL COLLABORATION

Elizabeth Fitzgerald noted that she and David Young will be meeting with Kevin Dorn and Helen Riehle in the next couple of weeks. The City and School District have a public hearing on the ballot items scheduled on November 5 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. The City Council and School Board will be at the meeting to answer questions.

UPDATE ON NEGOTIATIONS

Bridget Burkhardt stated that the first meeting with the South Burlington Educators Association is scheduled for October 24 at 6 pm. The meeting will cover ground rules for negotiations and how they'll move forward along with presenting other dates for negotiations. A letter has been sent to the union support staff regarding the Board's intent to negotiate a new agreement. They are waiting to hear from support staff about potential dates to open negotiations.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) Letter

Joanne Godek provided the Board with a letter from David Young and Mike Martin which will be sent to families early next week regarding SBAC results.

MASTER PLANNING AND VISIONING

Suggested Next Steps in Phase II Work

Updates on the Phase II Work Plan were presented to the Board.

A Principal's Workshop was held on October 12, with the morning session devoted to the high school and the afternoon session devoted to the middle school. These sessions were for gathering information to help the Working Group and Design Team

from Dore and Whittier better understand what programs and services are currently being delivered and what programs cannot be delivered due to facility limitations. Bridget Burkhardt commented that the high school students in attendance were excellent and very involved. She really appreciated hearing their perspective. Dore and Whittier walked away with a significant amount of useful information to work with as the process continues.

Bridget Burkhardt said the Visioning Working Group met to review the progress of the study. This group serves as a “sound board” for the design team and provides input, feedback, and guidance to the design team in preparation for upcoming meetings.

The District will hold a “Visioning Session” of up to 80 community members which represent a wide spectrum of individuals referred to as the “Visioning Advisory Committee.” Dore and Whittier will facilitate. The primary focus will be to determine where the district wants to go educationally for grades 6-8 and 9-12. The group will provide the input needed from stakeholders to help develop building options for consideration. This day-long “Visioning Session” is scheduled for November 7. If you would like to participate, please let one of the Board members know.

The architects from Dore and Whittier are setting up visits to schools that have been built, added on to, or updated recently to better enhance educational capabilities. A group of about 15 people including school board members will visit these schools. More information will be available at the next working group session on October 30.

POLICY WORK

Policy F11 - Student Freedom of Expression in School-Sponsored Media (Third Reading)

The Board discussed the Student Freedom of Expression in School-Sponsored Media Policy. Martin LaLonde said the policy follows the statute as closely as possible. There was one grammatical change made to the policy.

Martin LaLonde motioned that the policy be approved as amended. Steve Wisloski seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passes.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATION POLICY MONITORING—2.5 Financial Planning and Budgeting

Amadee Denton presented Monitoring Report 2.5 – Financial Planning and Budgeting to the Board. The Board suggested clarification and changes to a few items. The monitoring report will be brought back to the next meeting with the suggested changes.

SET AGENDA FOR THE NOVEMBER 7, 2018 MEETING

The Board discussed the agenda for the November 7, 2018 School Board meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board reviewed the future agenda items.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 1, OCTOBER 3, AND OCTOBER 8, 2018

Elizabeth Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the Board to approve the minutes

of the October 1, October 3, and October 8, 2018 meetings. There were no objections.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #13, and #14

The Board reviewed accounts payable orders #13 and #14.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDER CHECK TO BELLCATE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,042.90

Steve Wisloski motioned the Board to approve accounts payable order check to Bellcate in the amount of \$50,042.90. Martin LaLonde seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passes.

ADJOURNMENT

Martin LaLonde motioned to adjourn the meeting. Steve Wisloski seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Chair

Bridget Burkhardt, Clerk