

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2015
Executive Session at 6:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
Orchard School Cafeteria**

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Julie Beatty, Dan Fleming, Patrick Leduc

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

John Stewart

GUESTS

Attorney Joe McNeil

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss employment, evaluation, and discipline of a public officer or employee and labor negotiations with 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 Mr. Stewart attend executive session to discuss labor negotiations. The motion was approved.

Discussion Regarding Labor Negotiations with Teachers and Support Staff

In: 6:00 p.m.

Out: 6:05 p.m.

No Action

Mr. Stewart left the executive session at 6:05 p.m.

Employment, Evaluation, and Discipline of a Public Officer or Employee [16 V.S.A, §1752]

In: 6:05 p.m.

Out: 6:55 p.m.

No Action

The executive session was closed at 6:55 p.m.

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Julie Beatty, Dan Fleming, Patrick Leduc

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

John Stewart, Stewart Weiss, Meg Collins

GUESTS

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REGULAR SESSION

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Young is out this evening and Mr. Stewart is standing in. There will be a brief discussion of item number 6 Student Voice, further discussion will take place at the next board meeting when student representative Nerali Desai is present. An executive session will be added to the end of the meeting.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Nutritional Services will provide a Harvest Luncheon at each of our schools. All Families are welcome to attend. The luncheon will be held on the following dates:
 - Chamberlin School – Monday, November 9
 - Rick Marcotte Central School – Tuesday, November 10
 - Frederick Tuttle Middle School – Wednesday, November 11
 - Orchard School – Thursday, November 12
 - SBHS – Friday, November 13
- PACT is holding a Taco Night, November 5 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in Cafeteria II at the High School. All are welcome to come enjoy a free dinner and dessert along with a performance by the SBHS Musical Cast and Crew.
- On November 11, SBHS will be hosting the City of South Burlington's Veterans Day Assembly beginning at 10:30 a.m.
- Rick Marcotte Central School will be having a Veteran's Day Assembly on November 11 at 9:30 a.m.
- The 3rd Annual Rebels Got Talent is taking place Friday, November 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.
- Varsity Field Hockey team won their state championship game.
- Boys cross country came in as runners up this school year.
- South Burlington Community Forum on Education Funding in Vermont taking place November 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall conference room.

STUDENT VOICE – ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Ms. Fitzgerald shared that she met with student representative to the board, Nerali Desai, last week and provided her a copy of the Guide to Student Voice. The Board briefly discussed the roles and responsibilities of the student representative to the school board. Further discussion will take place at the next board meeting with student representative Nirali Desai.

CITY AND SCHOOL COLLABORATION

Mr. Young and Ms. Fitzgerald met this past week with Pat Nowak, City Council Chair, and Kevin Dorn, City Manager. They shared with the city, the information about the relationship that the School District has entered into with White + Burke. Representatives from the Board will meet weekly with White + Burke as they go through this first phase.

Mr. Stewart provided an update to the solar project. The city had been in negotiations with Solar City to develop a net metering project, however acceptable terms had not been reached. The city is now negotiating with Altus Power America as the financier of the project.

There is a public meeting with the Burlington International Airport to discuss the sound around the airport on Monday, November 9 at 6:00 p.m. at Chamberlin School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

White + Burke Real Estate Investment Advisors

The South Burlington School District has retained White + Burke Real Estate Investment Advisors to assist in the District's master planning and visioning. White + Burke will be evaluating financial feasibility, providing cost/benefit analyses, and assessing market viability on behalf of the District. They will provide an analysis to the board and administration before proceeding with phase one.

MASTER PLANNING AND VISIONING UPDATE

Mr. Stewart stated that there was a request to have current information placed on the district website. Mr. Stewart, on behalf of Mr. Young, showed the audience where the master planning and visioning information is located on the school district website. Mr. LaLonde and Ms. Beatty met with White + Burke this week and provided an update on their meeting. The audience asked several questions.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

One-to-One Initiative

Mr. Weiss provided an update on the one-to-one initiative and Mr. Stewart provided costs associated with the initiative. The board asked several questions and made several recommendations for items to look at during budget season and possible collaboration with the city on future Information Technology needs. The One-to-One Initiative updates will become part of policy monitoring.

Assessment Data

Mr. Weiss provided the board with a Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) Report. The SBAC results were discussed with the board and several questions were asked. The Science NECAP scores were also provided and discussed.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS POLICY MONITORING

2.8 – Compensation and Benefits

Ms. Fitzgerald read through each detailed policy in monitoring report 2.8 Compensation and Benefits. There was some discussion. Ms. Fitzgerald recommended they hold this monitoring report over to the next meeting for action so that the board will have an opportunity to review the report with Mr. Young.

SET AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2015

The Board discussed the agenda for the regular board meeting on November 18, 2015.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board discussed future agenda items.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 21, OCTOBER 26, AND OCTOBER 29, 2015

Ms. Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the board to approve the minutes of October 21, October 26, and October 29, 2015 meetings as presented. There were no objections.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #16 and #17

The Board reviewed accounts payable orders #16 and #17.

BOARD SELF-EVALUATION

The board discussed their self-evaluation

REGULAR MEETING ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m. and the board entered executive session at 9:20 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Employment, Evaluation, and Discipline of a Public Officer or Employee [16 V.S.A, §1752]

In: 9:20 p.m.

Out: 9:50 p.m.

No Action

The executive session was closed at 9:50 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Chair

Martin LaLonde, Clerk