

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2014
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, Diane Bugbee, Dan Fleming

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, John Stewart

GUESTS

No guests.

REGULAR SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

STUDENT RESIDENCY WAIVER REQUEST

Mr. Young said the residency issue has been resolved and is no longer a discussion item.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered executive session at 6:05 p.m. to discuss a potential legal claim and the district's investigation of the matter and labor negotiations with teachers and support staff added that it would be significantly disadvantageous to the district not to do so in executive session. The board requested that Mr. Young and Mr. Stewart attend executive session. The motion was approved.

Legal Matter – Discussion of Potential Legal Claim and District's Investigation

In: 6:05 p.m.

Out: 6:22 p.m.

No Action

Collective Bargaining – Discussion Regarding Labor Negotiations with Teachers and Support Staff

In: 6:23 p.m.

Out: 6:55 p.m.

No Action

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

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Diane Bugbee, Dan Fleming

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, John Stewart, Delina Gilroy, Stuart Weiss

GUESTS

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The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Young removed agenda items #5 Student Residency Waiver Request.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Young provided the following announcements.

- Martin LaLonde was elected State Representative for District 7-1.
- Agency of Education Secretary, Rebecca Holcombe, visited Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School on Tuesday, November 4.
- Chamberlin School Scholastic Book Fair in the library/media center, November 17-25.
- Nancy LaVarnway has been reappointed to the Vermont Commission on Women for a second 4-year term.
- The administrative team held its meeting at VSAC on Tuesday and discussed possible partnerships with the district.
- Elizabeth Fitzgerald was elected to the VEHI Board.
- Several board members attended the annual Vermont School Boards Association meeting at Lake Morey last Thursday and Friday.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Ms. Patel and Ms. Desai were not available to attend the meeting.

CITY/SCHOOL COLLABORATION

Mr. Young said he does not have an update. The city/school meetings will be rescheduled once a new city council chairperson is appointed.

MASTER PLANNING/FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Mr. Young said the first task force meeting is scheduled for tomorrow from 6-8:00 p.m. He explained how the process will work.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

School District Calendar Modification – Mr. Young discussed the administrations recommendation that March 2 and 3 be added to the previously approved school district calendar as two make up days due to the teacher strike. The administration has also added a professional development day for teachers on June 17. The board approved the administrations recommendation.

Orchard School Facility – Mr. Young said that one of the classrooms at Orchard School has been found to have a ground water moisture issue. Further testing is planned and the classroom will not be reopened until the issue has been addressed.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Audit – The South Burlington School District has been selected by the IRS for a general audit of the calendar year 2012 activity. The work has begun and is expected to last about two months with findings in January 2015.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

One-to-One Initiative – Mr. Weiss discussed the one-to-one report provided to the board. Board members asked several questions and made suggestions about how to present this information during the budget season. The board asked if there has been a survey of parents about the use of the computers in the home.

Science Scores – Mr. Weiss answered board questions related to the science scores and testing. The board suggested Mr. Weiss provide trends over time for each cohort and follow-up data regarding eighth grade students who received assistance.

Ends Monitoring – The board asked several questions about the Ends Monitoring Report and made several suggestions for future reports. The board asked for a timeline and goals for getting the Ends where they should be as well as documenting what the district is trying to achieve.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT**Policy 2.2 Treatment of Staff**

Ms. Bugbee reviewed policy 2.2 Treatment of Staff with the Board. This is the third reading. Mr. LaLonde moved and Ms. Bugbee seconded the motion to approve the policy as presented. The motion was approved.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION FOR LEGISLATURE REGARDING SCHOOL FUNDING

Mr. LaLonde suggested language to be included as part of a resolution for presentation to the legislature. The board asked several questions and made suggestions as to the items they would like included in the resolution. Mr. LaLonde and Ms. Fitzgerald will draft a resolution for consideration at the next meeting. Mr. LaLonde suggested the next draft be shared with administrators for feedback.

TUITION ADJUSTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

The board approved the recommendation of the administration not to adjust the tuition for FY 2014. Ms. Bugbee moved and Mr. LaLonde seconded the motion that no adjustment to FY 2014 tuition is necessary as the actual “allowed” amount provided by the State is \$14,480, which is only \$113 or 0.7% above the districts announced rate of \$14,367.

SET AGENDA FOR THE NOVEMBER 19, 2014 MEETING

The board discussed the November 19, 2014 meeting agenda.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board discussed future agenda items.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 15, OCTOBER 16, AND OCTOBER 20, 2014

Ms. Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the board to approve the minutes of the October 15, October 16, and October 20, 2014 meetings as amended. There were no objections.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #15, #16, and #17

The Board reviewed accounts payable orders #15, #16, and #17.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Martin LaLonde, Clerk

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Chairperson