

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2016
Executive Session at 6:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School Library**

PRESENT

Patrick Leduc, Julie Beatty, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Bridget Burkhardt

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, John Aubin

GUESTS

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Discussion Regarding Labor Negotiations with Teachers and Support Staff

In: 6:00 p.m.

Out: 6:50 p.m.

No Action

The executive session was closed at 6:51 p.m.

PRESENT

Patrick Leduc, Julie Beatty, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Bridget Burkhardt, Isaiah Hines

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, Delina Gilroy, John Aubin, Stuart Weiss, Karsten Schlenter

GUESTS

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REGULAR SESSION

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

A member of the public asked that the district reconsider the Rebel name and put it on a future agenda for discussion.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

The Board added a continuation of the executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss labor negotiations.

FREDERICK H. TUTTLE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PRESENTATION

Mr. Schlenter introduced Ms. Lori Centerbar, Ms. Hayley Fletcher (student teacher) Ms. Karola Troidl, and 7 students (Asser Abdel Gawwad, Andrew Kim, Ogyen Anak, Michael Agbessi, Kaitlyn Davis, Megan Knudsen, and Emma Shedleur) who presented on rap songs they created during a joint project with Language Arts and Information Technology Education. The Board thanked the students and staff for the presentation.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ The SBHS Drama program will present the hilarious comedy, *Sister Act - The Musical* on Thursday, Friday & Saturday night at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale in the high school lobby during all lunches and on the SBHS web page. Tickets are \$5 for students/seniors and \$10 for adults.
- The Pre-Holiday Academic Tournament (PHAT) is Friday, December 2. Almost 70 teams from four states and perhaps two countries will descend upon SBHS to participate in PHAT X. This tournament is now the largest in the Northeast. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Eric Stone know.
- SBHS is still collecting donations to help us support our SB families in need this holiday season. No pressure but if you are inclined to donate, please see Nikki or Amanda in Guidance at the high school. The high school will begin distributing gift cards to local grocery stores next week and will continue to support families throughout the winter holiday season. The SBHS Key Club has donated \$1,200 to support SB families this season.
- November 21-22 – Conferences
- November 23-25 – Thanksgiving Break
- This Saturday Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School will hold The Rebel Chef Competition.
- At the high school, this week was planned to be Transgender Awareness Week which was postponed and will be rescheduled.

CITY AND SCHOOL COLLABORATION

Mr. Young and Mr. Leduc meet regularly with Kevin Dorn, City Manager, and Helen Riehle, City Council Chair. The next meeting is scheduled for December 2. At the last meeting they discussed the airport home buyout; Feasibility study, which is still in draft form; update on the performing arts center, and the TIF vote. The Board would like to be informed about upcoming city projects.

MASTER PLANNING AND VISIONING

The Board agreed they were not yet ready to take action but provided some themes regarding Master Planning and Visioning.

- Develop a long-term facility focused strategic plan that will address required maintenance and improvements of the quality of K-12 public education. The plan will include needed facility upgrades and consolidations, staffing needs, programming investments, financial stewardship, and professional development. Recommend fiscally-responsible preventative and maintenance investments in its facilities.

- Specific needs at the High School & Middle school for upgrades and the educational value of each with a recommendation on timelines and impacts to tax payers, including outcomes of the NEASC report.
- 21st Century learning practices.
- A determination as to whether the location and/or physical space at Chamberlin is leading to adverse health or educational outcomes.

The Board agreed to add Master Planning and Visioning to the next agenda for action.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Stewardship needs (multi-year focus) and funding recommendation

Mr. Young provided the Board with a facilities stewardship plan through 2026. The Board discussed the plan, asked questions, and made suggestions.

2016-2017 Budget Status

Mr. Aubin gave an overview of the budget status for 2016-2017 and the seven-year tuition enrollment history which includes 165 students for FY 2017.

2016-2017 Budget Update/Status -- Mr. Young and Mr. Aubin continue to meet with administrators to plan the FY 2018 budget. The adjusted budget timeline was discussed.

Projected Student Enrollment

Mr. Young provided the current and projected enrollments at the elementary schools.

UPDATE ON NEGOTIATIONS

The first negotiations meeting with the SBEA was held last week and three more meetings are scheduled and ground rules were approved. The first union support staff meeting will be on November 30.

REVIEW TOPICS FOR OTHER PAPER ARTICLES

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) – What does this mean to the schools? How does it relate to education funding? Mr. Leduc will work with the administration to draft an article for review by Board members for early January publication in the *Other Paper*.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS POLICY MONITORING

2.2 Treatment of Staff

Mr. Young provided policy monitoring report 2.2 Treatment of Staff to the Board. There was discussion and a suggested change. The monitoring report was approved as amended.

2.4 Financial Condition and Activities

The Board reviewed the suggested changes to the monitoring report and the report was approved as amended.

2.5 Financial Planning and Budgeting

The Board provided suggested changes to the monitoring report and the report will be brought back to the next meeting with changes for discussion.

SET AGENDA FOR THE DECEMBER 7, 2016 MEETING

The Board discussed the agenda for the regular Board meeting of December 7.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board discussed future agenda items.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF NOVEMBER 2 AND NOVEMBER 9, 2016

Mr. Leduc announced general consensus of the Board to approve the minutes of November 2 and November 9, 2016. There were no objections.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #19 and #20

The Board reviewed accounts payable orders #19 and #20.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDER CHECK TO HOWARD CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$72,962.76 AND PRO GRASS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$79,195.80

Ms. Fitzgerald moved that the Board approve the checks to Howard Center in the amount of \$72,962.76 with the notation that this is for a quarterly payment not for the month of September and to Pro Grass in the amount of \$79,195.80. Ms. Burkhardt seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was approved.

The regular session was closed at 9:40 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board reentered executive session at 9:45 p.m. to discuss 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. Young and Mr. Aubin attend executive session. The motion was approved.

Discussion Regarding Labor Negotiations with Teachers and Support Staff

In: 9:45 p.m.

Out: 9:58 p.m.

No Action

The executive session was closed at 9:58 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Patrick Leduc, Chair

Julie Beatty, Clerk