

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2015
Executive Session at 6:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
South Burlington High School Cafeteria I**

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Julie Beatty, Dan Fleming

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

John Stewart

GUESTS

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations with teachers and support staff, a real estate proposal, and evaluation of personnel 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. 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: 6:19 p.m.

No Action

Legal Matter – Real Estate Proposal Discussion

In: 6:19 p.m.

Out: 6:36 p.m.

No Action

Evaluation of Personnel

In: 6:36 p.m.

Out: 6:50 p.m.

No Action

The executive session was closed at 6:50 p.m.

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Julie Beatty, Dan Fleming, Nirali Desai

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, 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

Item #9, Solar Array at South Burlington Landfill will be removed from the agenda and will be placed on the December 16 agenda. The Board's communication plan will be added after announcements.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A toiletry and food drive took place at the high school
- Winter sports have begun
- Scholars Bowl tournament this weekend hosted by SBHS
- Mini Spirit Week coming up, organized by Student Council
- Dan Fleming has announced that he will not seek reelection at the end of his term. He welcomes anyone interested in running to contact him via email or by phone. The Superintendent's Office can provide his contact information. The entire school board is also available to speak with anyone interested in running for school board.
- There is a Public Meeting to discuss the possible legalization of marijuana, December 8 at 7:00 pm in the high school auditorium.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMUNICATION PLAN

The school board will have a monthly column in the "Other Paper" to provide updates to the community on topics that relate to education in South Burlington.

Ms. Fitzgerald spoke with Judy Kearns regarding the board having a monthly article in the Other Paper. Mr. LaLonde suggested several parameters for the board to consider. There was discussion. Ms. Fitzgerald suggested a follow up conversation with Judy Kearns with a couple of identified topics and calendar with future subject areas and authorship. She would also like a regular item on the board agenda to review the article.

STUDENT VOICE – ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Ms. Fitzgerald stated that the board would like to set up a sub-committee of the board to work with the student representative to define roles and responsibilities, expectations, and selection process among other items. Nirali Desai reported that she recently visited the Vermont Board of Education to see how their representative was selected and what responsibilities the representative had on the board. Nirali would like to collaborate with the student representative for the Vermont Board of Education (she is from Winooski) to see how they can lead an initiative for making substantial roles for the student representatives that can be used throughout the State of Vermont. Ms. Desai has had discussion with Mr. Burke and felt that the Junior Representative to the board should be decided through an application process from all interested students from the Junior class.

Ms. Fitzgerald and Ms. Beatty will be on the subcommittee. The first task of the subcommittee will be to define the scope of the work. The sub-committee will find a time

to meet and will report out at the next board meeting.

PROPOSED HOMELESS SHELTER AT 372 DORSET STREET

Mr. Young introduced Jon Svitavskay to the board. He has proposed opening a homeless shelter in the recently vacated (radio station) building on Dorset Street. This will be the sixth shelter he has opened. Mr. Svitavskay stated that those staying at the shelter need to be sober and willing to resolve their homelessness. This shelter is run by a Christian ministry addressing the real issues of people to help them rebuild their lives. The board asked several questions. There will be a maximum of 20-25 beds open to sober males and females over the age of 22. The average length of stay is approximately 20 days. The hours of operation are 7:00 p.m. to 7:45 a.m. The board thanked Mr. Svitavskay for providing the board information about the proposed shelter.

CITY AND SCHOOL COLLABORATION

Mr. Young and Ms. Fitzgerald meet regularly with Pat Nowak, City Council Chair, and Kevin Dorn, City Manager. There is a Public Meeting on the possible legalization of marijuana on December 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the South Burlington High School auditorium.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Allowable Tuition – Rate Reconciliation

Mr. Young explained that the district invoices each student coming from a district that does not have a high school according to a formula set in Title 16. The Agency of Education has reconciled the costs of each school district for the last fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 and has calculated the allowed tuition rates. These rates are now compared against those that the district announced for billing back in January, 2014 based on the estimated budget information known at that time. Because the allowed rates are within 3% of the billed rate, no adjustment is necessary. The announced rate for grades 7-12 was \$14,798 and the allowed rate is \$14,873. The announced rate for grades K-6 was \$12,746 and the allowed rate is \$12,451. There was discussion and suggestions made by board members when reaching out to sending districts. Meetings with sending schools are now being set up.

Recap of Tax Commissioners Memo Regarding Recommended State Tax Rates

First estimate of equalized pupils should have come on December 1, however has not been received at this time. This estimate tells what the cost containment is going to be.

The State Tax Commissioner, Mary Peterson, sent a press release providing forecasts related to education tax rates for the upcoming fiscal year. Mr. Stewart will take time to analyze the release to understand the calculation and will provide more explanation to the board at the next board meeting.

MASTER PLANNING AND VISIONING UPDATE

Ms. Fitzgerald read a statement on behalf of the board regarding recent questions about whether Art Klugo's participation on the Master Planning and Visioning Task Force was a conflict of interest given his employment with PC Construction. The board stated that they perceived no conflict of interest of any participants. Since this issue has arisen, they sought legal advice and are still confident that there was no conflict of interest. They have no doubt that the Task Force report is credible and reliable. On behalf of the

board they would like to thank Mr. Klugo and all the Task Force members for their great service.

The Board has employed the firm of White and Burke to help provide further financial information on the options that have been shared. White and Burke will provide an update to the board at the December 16 meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Integrated Data Systems

Mr. Weiss provided a report to the board on the Integrated Data Systems. There was discussion, several questions were asked, and recommendations made by the board.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS POLICY MONITORING

2.0 – Global Executive Constraint

Mr. Young provided updates to 2.0 Global Executive Constraint for the board. Ms. Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the board to approve the policy monitoring report as presented. There were no objections. At a future meeting, the board would like to consider how to respond to complaints that go directly to the board.

Ends Monitoring – Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements

Mr. Weiss provided a PowerPoint presentation on Ends Timeline, What's next? There was discussion and several questions asked by the board.

SET AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 2015

The Board discussed the agenda for the regular board meeting on December 16, 2015.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board discussed future agenda items.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2015

Ms. Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the board to approve the minutes of November 18, 2015. There were no objections.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #21

The Board reviewed accounts payable orders #21.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDER CHECK TO ESSEX COMMUNITY EDUCATIONAL CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$61,045.80

Mr. LaLonde moved that the board approve the accounts payable order check to Essex Community Educational Center in the amount of \$61,045.80. Ms. Beatty seconded the motion, all were in favor. The motion was approved.

BOARD SELF-EVALUATION

The board discussed their self-evaluation.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Chair

Martin LaLonde, Clerk