

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2014
Executive Session at 6:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
South Burlington High School Cafeteria 1**

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Julie Beatty, Diane Bugbee, Dan Fleming

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, John Stewart

GUESTS

No guests

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss a potential legal claim and the district's investigation of the matter 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. Young and Mr. Stewart attend executive session. The motion was approved.

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

In: 6:00 p.m.

Out: 6:10 p.m.

No Action

Collective Bargaining – Discussion Regarding Labor Negotiations

In: 6:11 p.m.

Out: 6:54 p.m.

No Action

The executive session was closed at 6:54 p.m.

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Julie Beatty, Diane Bugbee, Dan Fleming, Neerja Patel

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, John Stewart, Stuart 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

- Remove 2.0 Global Executive Constraint
- Add 2.2 Treatment of Staff
- Add 2.5 Financial Planning and Budgeting
- Remove City School Collaboration and add VSBA Policy Governance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The SBHS Annual Winter Chorus Concert is Sunday, December 7 at 2:00 p.m. in the SBHS Auditorium.
- SBHS will host the largest Academic Tournament in New England on Friday, December 5.
- Neighborhood Learning Conversations on the SBHS Advisory System: Students, Staff, and Families are welcome! Monday, December 8 from 6:30–8:00 p.m. at SBHS Cafeteria 2.
- Frederick Tuttle Middle School, in conjunction with First Light Theater Project, will be performing Mary Zimmerman’s 2009 Tony award-winning “The Arabian Nights” on Friday, January 9 and Saturday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the South Burlington High School auditorium.
- Ms. Bugbee announced that she will not be seeking reelection to the Board. She is making the announcement now so that prospective candidates will have time to explore the role fully and ask questions. The signature deadline is at the end of January.
- The Middle School elevator has arrived and the work to put it together has started.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Neerja Patel reported the following:

- High School Key Club Sock Drive was a big success.
- Before the Thanksgiving break, DECA did a lot of community outreach.
- Winter sports have begun.

LANDFILL SOLAR PROJECT NET METERING AGREEMENT

Chad Farrell provided information to the board on the Landfill Solar Project Net Metering Agreement. A resolution was presented to the Board to authorize the Superintendent to execute a contract with SolarCity Corporation and the City of South Burlington to develop a net-metered solar array on the city landfill and purchase net-metering credits once the agreement has been negotiated. Mr. LaLonde moved to approve the resolution, Ms. Beatty seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was approved.

CITY/SCHOOL COLLABORATION

This item was removed from the agenda.

VSBA POLICY GOVERNANCE

Harry Frank from the Vermont School Boards Association will be attending the next board meeting on December 17. Mr. Frank will be providing feedback on our Ends metrics to ensure they reflect accurate achievement of the Ends. This will be recorded for other districts and supervisory unions to view.

MASTER PLANNING/FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

The city accepted cost sharing. Mr. Young provided a document that showed the budget for service providers and how costs would be shared with the city. It also showed where the money would come from to fund these service providers. Mr. Fleming made a motion to redeploy funds to support the master planning and visioning budget that is identified as being funded by the district of \$60,892 as recommended by the administration, Ms. Bugbee seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was accepted.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**Update on NECAP Science Results**

Mr. Weiss provided an update to the Board on the NECAP science results. The Board asked several questions.

FY2016 Budget Introduction: Key Budget Issues-Local and State

Mr. Young provided a multi-year plan for the district and Mr. Stewart provided information on some of the key issues that need to be considered when putting together the budget. There was discussion. A preliminary budget will be brought to the next board meeting. Mr. Stewart provided the board with Commissioner Peterson's tax letter and highlighted some of the key areas of the letter.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**Long-term Financial Stewardship Plan**

Mr. Young and Mr. Stewart discussed the long-term financial stewardship plan with the Board.

Healthcare Benefit Trends

Mr. Young discussed healthcare benefits and trends with the Board.

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS POLICY MONITORING**2.0 Global Executive Constraint**

This was removed from the agenda and will be brought back to the next meeting.

2.2 Treatment of Staff

2.2 Treatment of Staff was reviewed and accepted.

2.5 Financial Planning and Budgeting

This was removed from the agenda and will be brought back to the next meeting.

BID FOR STORM WATER/DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AT ORCHARD SCHOOL

Mr. Young gave an overview of the storm water/drainage improvement project at Orchard School. There was discussion.

Mr. LaLonde made a motion to approve the bid for the storm water/drainage improvement project at Orchard School using funds proposed by the administration, including a portion of funds budgeted for staff pension obligations, with the understanding that up to \$100,000 of any contingency funds or extra funds available at year end will be put toward the support staff pension fund. Ms. Bugbee seconded the

motion. All were in favor. The motion was approved.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION FOR LEGISLATURE REGARDING SCHOOL FUNDING

Ms. Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the board to approve the resolution as amended. There were no objections.

SET AGENDA FOR THE DECEMBER 17, 2014 MEETING

The Board discussed the December 17, 2014 meeting agenda.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board discussed future agenda items.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 2014

Ms. Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the board to approve the minutes of the November 19 meeting as amended. There were no objections.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #21, #21a, and TP#86

The Board reviewed accounts payable order #21, #21a and TP#86.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Chair

Martin LaLonde, Clerk