

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 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, 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: 6:20 p.m.

No Action

Collective Bargaining – Discussion Regarding Labor Negotiations

In: 6:21 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, Diane Bugbee, Dan Fleming

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, John Stewart, Stuart Weiss, Delina Gilroy

GUESTS

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REGULAR SESSION

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- South Burlington Rotary Club members honored Pat Burke on December 4 as the recipient of the Frederick H. Tuttle Award.
- Orchard School has participated, the last two years, in providing the students with computer science education, specifically, learning how to code. Because all students received this instruction they were awarded a \$10,000 check that can be used for technology equipment. Orchard was the only school in Vermont to receive this award.
- Ms. Gladys Dostie, an Orchard School community member, made and donated winter hats for students at Orchard.
- Thanks to the good work of Bart Miceli and his amazing team, South Burlington High School was notified by the EPA that it was awarded an EPA Energy Star Rating.
- Mr. LaLonde and Mr. Fleming attending the City Council Meeting and presented the Education Funding Brief prepared by the Board.
- Ms. Fitzgerald and Mr. LaLonde attended the administrative team meeting on Tuesday.
- Some of the School Board members attended the Legislative Breakfast this morning and discussed Education Funding.
- Mr. LaLonde attended the VT Digger Education Funding Symposium last week.
- Ms. Fitzgerald and Mr. Stewart served on a panel at the VASBO meeting last week at the VSBIT offices.
- Mr. Young provided the Board with a copy of the Master Planning and Visioning press release sent out today.
- The Chamberlin Airport Neighborhood Planning Committee will hold its first meeting in January.
- Big Picture student presentations are taking place this week.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

The students were not in attendance.

POLICY GOVERNANCE®

Mr. Young introduced Harry Frank, Vermont School Boards Association, to present on Policy Governance®. The Policy Governance® Network is a group of 32 school boards from around the state that practice Policy Governance®. Mr. Frank provided examples on Ends and Indicators from other districts. He also provided feedback on our Ends metrics to ensure they reflect accurate achievement of the Ends. Ms. Fitzgerald thanked Mr. Frank for his presentation.

MASTER PLANNING/FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Mr. Young provided a brief overview of the most recent Task Force meeting. He said the Task Force Committee has another meeting scheduled for tomorrow evening.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**FY2016 Budget**

Mr. Young provided a preliminary budget to the board for the district. Mr. Stewart discussed the key issues that were considered when putting together this baseline budget. There was discussion and questions from the board. The board asked that the administration look at the following items for the next meeting.

- Forecasted finish for the current school year

- Staff/student ratios at the building level and grade level by school
- Per Pupil Spending
- The board asked to see what a 3.09% increase would mean. This would meet the tax commissioners recommended budget.
- Board members are concerned with the big increase in the income sensitivity base tax rate. This might sensitize a lot of voters who might not have been affected in previous budget votes.
- Point out in the budget where the district is saving costs/cost containment.
- What would we have to cut for a 0% increase?
- Concerned about the other two tax rate parameters. Non-residential tax rate is not rising as much as the resident tax. Why?

EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS POLICY MONITORING

2.0 Global Executive Constraint

The board discussed the monitoring report and made suggested changes. The report will be reviewed again at the next meeting.

2.5 Financial Planning and Budgeting

The board discussed the monitoring report and made suggested changes. Two board will meet with Mr. Stewart to discuss the report contents and timing.

SET AGENDA FOR THE JANUARY 7, 2014 MEETING

The Board discussed the January 7, 2014 meeting agenda.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board discussed future agenda items.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 1 AND DECEMBER 3, 2014

Ms. Fitzgerald announced general consensus of the board to approve the minutes of the December 1 and December 3 meetings as presented. There were no objections.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #22, #23, and TP#87

The Board reviewed accounts payable order #22, #23 and TP#87.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CHECK TO HOWARD CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,604.75 AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CHECK TO ESSEX COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER IN THE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,079.68

Mr. Fleming moved to approve the accounts payable checks to Howard Center in the amount of \$57,604.75 and Essex Community Education Center in the amount of \$59,079.68 and Ms. Bugbee seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 p.m.