

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2016
Executive Session at 5:30 P.M.
Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School Library**

PRESENT

Patrick Leduc, Julie Beatty, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Martin LaLonde, Bridget Burkhardt

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, John Aubin

GUESTS

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered executive session at 5:30 p.m. to discuss a legal matter-real estate; labor negotiations with teachers and support staff; and employment, evaluation, and discipline of a public officer or employee and added that it would be significantly disadvantageous to the district not to do so in executive session. The Board requested that Mr. Young, Mr. Aubin, and Attorney David Rugh attend executive session. The motion was approved.

Legal Matter – Real Estate

In: 5:30 p.m.

Out: 6:10 p.m.

Attorney Rugh left the meeting.

No Action

Discussion Regarding Labor Negotiations with Teachers and Support Staff

In: 6:10 p.m.

Out: 6:30 p.m.

No Action

Employment, Evaluation, and Discipline of a Public Officer or Employee

[16 V.S.A. §1752]

In: 6:30 p.m.

Out: 6:45 p.m.

No Action

The executive session was closed at 6:45 p.m.

PRESENT

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

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

David Young, Delina Gilroy, John Aubin, Stuart Weiss, Joanne Godek

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 about the classroom size concerns at Rick Marcotte Central School. Mr. Leduc said this will be discussed under the superintendent's report item.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

The Board amended the agenda to remove action from item #12 - superintendent's job description and removed item #13 - superintendent's goals.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Students are ready for the winter break.
- Mr. Leduc announced that Isaiah has early acceptance to Columbia.
- Ms. Beatty announced that she will not run for reelection to the school board and made a brief statement.
- Mr. Leduc announced that he will not be running for reelection to the school board.
- The screening of the documentary *13th* was held last week. Approximately 60 people attended with good discussion following the screening. Ms. Fitzgerald thanked Isaiah and the Diversity Union team for organizing the event.

CITY AND SCHOOL COLLABORATION

Mr. Young and Mr. Leduc meet regularly with Kevin Dorn, City Manager, and Helen Riehle, City Council Chair. Mr. Young and Mr. Leduc met with Mr. Dorn last Friday and discussed the upcoming work plan for the Rick Marcotte Central School area. The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for mid-January.

ELECTION SURVEY RESULTS

Mr. Vince Bolduc presented the survey results collected during the city wide election on November 8. The results will be posted to the web. The board thanked Mr. Bolduc for his presentation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**Update on Class Sizes at the Elementary Schools**

Mr. Young and Ms. Godek provided the Board with an update on the Rick Marcotte Central School class size information. The administration will provide the board with another update at a mid-January meeting.

DRAFT OF PRELIMINARY 2017-2018 BUDGET

Mr. Young thanked the members of the Budget Advisory Committee in attendance for their hard work and input into the budget. Mr. Young, Mr. Aubin, Mr. Weiss, and Ms. Godek provided an overview of the FY 18 Preliminary Budget. Details of the FY18 Preliminary Budget are attached and posted to the web.

The board requests the following additional information on the Preliminary FY 18 Budget:

- Net Additional FTE's
- Yield Parameters – What yield number would provide an impact on the tax rate
- Is there money in the budget for the baseline health study at Chamberlin? If not, this should be added.
- Funding for Master Planning and Visioning to do list.
- The board asked the administration to prioritize the list of initiatives.
- The administration asked for guidance from the board, specifically on the initiatives.
- K-1 World Languages – Why only K-1 and not all students. Need additional details.
- Can we get a projection on how investing in Preschool support now can help make these expenditures different down the road for us?
- Concern that the down trend in student enrollment and increasing FTE's is an issue or will continue to be an issue as enrollment continues to decline.

SCHOOL CHOICE CAPACITY – Title 16, Section 822(a)

Mr. LaLonde moved and Ms. Beatty seconded the motion to set the school choice cap at one (1) student for the 2017-2018 school year and that no additional siblings be provided the opportunity to attend as stipulated by the Board at its February 18, 2015 meeting. All were in favor. The motion was approved.

MASTER PLANNING AND VISIONING COMMITTEES

The Board discussed the configuration of the Master Planning and Visioning Committees. This will be added to the first or second board meeting in January for further discussion.

CONSIDER SUPERINTENDENT'S JOB DESCRIPTION

The board reviewed and adopted the job description for the superintendent.

UPDATE ON SUPERINTENDENT'S GOALS

This will be discussed at a future meeting.

SCHOOL BOARD COMMUNICATION GUIDELINES

The board will discuss this at the January 11 board meeting.

UPDATE ON NEGOTIATIONS

The negotiations meetings with the SBEA team are ongoing with two more meetings scheduled. The board team met with union support staff yesterday and have additional meetings scheduled.

REVIEW TOPICS FOR OTHER PAPER ARTICLES

The next article will be on the open board positions.

SET AGENDA FOR THE JANUARY 4, 2017 MEETING

The Board discussed the agenda for the regular Board meeting of January 4, 2017.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board discussed future agenda items.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF DECEMBER 7 AND DECEMBER 12, 2016

Mr. Leduc announced general consensus of the Board to approve the minutes of December 7 and December 12, 2016. There were no objections.

CONSENT AGENDA

Hires

Dana Nelson, .80 FTE Physical Education Teacher at Chamberlin School

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDERS #23 AND #24

The Board reviewed accounts payable orders #23 and #24.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ORDER CHECK TO ESSEX COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,131.31 AND HOWARD CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$122,235.12

Ms. Beatty moved that the Board approve the checks to Essex Community Education Center in the amount of \$63,131.31 and Howard Center in the amount of \$122,235.12. Ms. Fitzgerald seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Patrick Leduc, Chair

Julie Beatty, Clerk