

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD
APRIL 21, 2010 7:00 P.M.
FREDERICK H. TUTTLE MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

PRESENT

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Agnes Clift, Janine Allo, Martin LaLonde

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF

John Everitt, JoAn Canning, John Stewart, David Young

GUESTS

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COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ms. Susie Merrick spoke about the upcoming Sophomore Advisory and Sophomore Exhibitions at South Burlington High School. She invited the board and public to attend the Sophomore Exhibitions. Ms. Fitzgerald thanked Ms. Merrick for her comments.

Ms. Meaghan Emery said the orientation meeting for the fifth grade parents held recently was excellent.

CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 7, 2010

Ms. Fitzgerald announced a general consensus of the Board to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2010 meeting as presented. There were no objections.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Personnel

Hires

Debra Alberghini-Miller, .50 FTE Kindergarten Teacher at Rick Marcotte Central School

Karsten Schlenter, Principal Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School starting July 1, 2010

Leaves

Katie Ransom, .50 FTE Elementary Teacher at Rick Marcotte Central School for one year only

Paula Jensvold, .50 FTE Elementary Teacher at Rick Marcotte Central School for one year only

b. Accounts Payable Orders

#40 \$116,418.30

#41 \$135,091.59

c. Quarterly Payroll Registers

d. Bid for Life, Accidental Death, and Long-term Disability Insurance

e. Bid for Custodial Paper Products

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

COMMUNITY CONNECTION—MEAGHAN EMERY (F-35'S AT BURLINGTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT)

Ms. Fitzgerald introduced Ms. Meaghan Emery to speak about the F-35's proposal to come to Burlington International Airport. Ms. Emery said that Burlington will receive the Environmental Impact Statement sometime this summer or early fall and the public will have 45 days to review the proposal. After which time a hearing will be scheduled for public comments.

The board decided it would be helpful for the board to identify what the interests/concerns of the board are as they relate to the F-35's so they will be prepared to take action on this issue. The following are some of the items the board discussed.

- Taxes
- Decrease in availability of housing
- Noise levels at the schools—Is there an interruption in instruction during take off and landing
- A board member suggested researching the notes from the other two school districts that have F-35's near them to see what those school boards considered
- Decrease in students
- Board should find out how many students we have lost from the homes already purchased by the airport

The board agreed to discuss these items at a future meeting.

GRANT DISCUSSION—EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Everitt discussed defining the authority of the superintendent with regard to application and acceptance of grants.

Mr. Everitt suggested adding the following statement to 2.4 Financial Condition and Activities--...the superintendent shall not:

- 1.1 Enter into grant agreements that are not focused on the district ends policy or operations effectiveness and efficiency, total more than \$250,000, or that requires redirection of district resources greater than 10% of the grant over the life of the grant.

The board agreed to the language above with the change of \$250,000 to \$400,000. The board asked that the language be changed in the policy and that it be warned for the next meeting.

The board reviewed the e-Vermont "The Vermont Community Broadband Project" and the Rural Utility Service Grant. The board agreed to move forward with these two grants/applications.

MONITORING REPORT 2.7—ASSET PROTECTION CONTINUED

The Board reviewed the changes made to Monitoring Report 2.7 Asset Protection. The board agreed with the changes and approved the monitoring report.

4.1.6 BOARD PROCESS REVIEW

The board reviewed the evaluation summary. They suggested the following improvements to the evaluation survey for next time. A board member asked for clarification on Question #2—Should this be based on a single meeting or meetings in general?

It was agreed that the following questions needed additional discussion at the next meeting as the responses were not all good or commendable.

2, 3, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19

Mr. LaLonde suggested adding the following questions to the board evaluation survey.

1. The Board is providing appropriate linkages between ownership and operational organization.
2. The Board is progressing in modifying the District's Ends Statement and is working towards implementing a monitoring plan for the ends statement.
3. The Board is appropriately advocating for legislative change that positively impacts public education.
4. The Board is fulfilling its role in undertaking its specified non-governing roles in negotiating teacher union contracts, recognizing the contribution of individuals to the success of the District, naming of programs and facilities, and considering conditional gifts or gifts with accompanying liabilities.
5. Board members are following their code of conduct.

Mr. Everitt said he would do a new Google form and send it to board members with the additional questions.

A member of the board asked what they would do with the assessment tool once it is finished. The board discussed a variety of possibilities.

The board agreed to add this to the next agenda for additional discussion.

BOARD ASSIGNMENTS

Library Committee—The board asked the superintendent to bring them information about this committee.

South Burlington Schools' Foundation—Martin LaLonde

Real Estate Committee—Elizabeth Fitzgerald and Janine Allo

The board discussed the possibility of having someone from the preschool collaboration or John Everitt present on preschool at a future meeting.

The board agreed it would be good to plan a schedule of items under community linkage for reports.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Middle School Principal—Karsten Schlenter was appointed as the principal of FHT Middle School.

Grants—This was discussed earlier in the evening.

Teacher contract—Teacher contracts went out today without a salary figure or a step as negotiations are ongoing.

F-35's—This was discussed earlier in the evening.

Use of Turf Field—The district is working on expanding the use of the turf field. Mr. Young attended the Developmental Review Board (DRB) to ask for expansion of use of the turf field. This was approved at the DRB meeting last evening with conditions.

Board Summit—Mr. Everitt said he has discussed this with area superintendents and they are receptive to the idea.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

- Ms. Clift said there was a foundation meeting last week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ms. Clift said she enjoyed going to the preschool presentations last week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered executive session at 9:07 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining and a personnel issue and added that it would be significantly disadvantageous to the District not to do so in Executive Session. The motion was approved.

The executive session was closed at 9:59 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Agnes Clift, Acting Clerk

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Acting Chairperson