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Southern Berkshire Regional School District
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING #1,561

Date: Thursday, March 14, 2019
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Mt. Everett Regional School Library, 491 Berkshire School Road, Sheffield, MA

Ag e n d a - AMENDED

All interested members of the public are invited to attend.

[The listing of matters is those reasonably anticipated by the Chairman which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.]

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Standing Reports**
 - a. Approval of Open Public Hearing Minutes and School Committee Minutes #1560 of March 7, 2019
 - b. Miscellaneous Correspondence
3. **Student Representative Report**
4. **Student Spotlight**
5. **Public Comment**
6. **New Business**
 - a. Adoption of FY'20 Operating, Transportation, and Capital Budgets
Motion to approve the FY20 Operating, Transportation and Capital Budget as follows.

FY20 Budget

• <i>Operating Expenditure Budget</i>	\$ 14,996,831
• <i>Transportation Expenditure Budget</i>	\$ 1,590,491
• <i>Capital Expenditure Budget</i>	\$ 358,461
• <i>Capital Project Bond Repayment</i>	\$ 375,950
TOTAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET	\$17,321,733

FY20 Assessments

• <i>Operating Assessment</i>	\$ 12,340,720
• <i>Transportation Assessment</i>	\$ 903,668
• <i>Capital Assessment</i>	\$ 358,461
• <i>Capital Project Assessment</i>	\$ 375,950
TOTAL TO BE ASSESSED	\$13,978,799

Roll Call Vote:

7. **Unfinished Business**
8. **Business with District Member Towns**

9. **Subcommittee Reports**
 - a. Policy Subcommittee –D. Sears
10. **Chairman’s Report**
11. **Superintendent’s Report**
12. **Curriculum & Professional Development Coordinator’s Report**
13. **Director of Student Services Report**
14. **Business Manager’s Report**
 - a. Approval of Warrants: March 8, 2019
 - b. Warrant Process
 - c. Vote to Accept Grants and Gifts
 - d. Budget Transfers
15. **Future Agenda Items**
 - a. College & Career Planning Initiatives for FY20 and Beyond – April 25, 2019 Meeting
 - b. Report of College Submissions – April 25, 2019 Meeting
16. **Adjourn**

Next School Committee Meetings:

<i>April 4, 2019 – Monterey</i>	<i>April 25, 2019 - Alford</i>	<i>May 9, 2019 (Sheffield)</i>
<i>June 13, 2019 - Egremont</i>	<i>June 27, 2019</i>	

Upcoming Events:

<i>March 22, 2019</i>	<i>7:00 – 9:00 p.m.</i>	<i>High School Musical TACPAC</i>
<i>March 23, 2019</i>	<i>3:00 – 5:00 p.m.</i>	<i>High School Musical TACPAC</i>
<i>March 24, 2019</i>	<i>3:00 – 5:00 p.m.</i>	<i>High School Musical TACPAC</i>
<i>March 29, 2019</i>	<i>8:30 - 11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Talent Show - UME</i>
<i>April 3, 2019</i>	<i>6:00 – 8:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Parent Workshop “Feeding the Developing Brain”, UME Library</i>
<i>April 30, 2019</i>		<i>Red Cross Blood Drive – Mt. Everett Gym</i>
<i>May 3, 2019</i>		<i>Senior Prom</i>
<i>May 4, 2019</i>	<i>9:30 – 10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Monterey Annual Town Meeting – Monterey</i>
<i>May 6, 2019</i>	<i>7:00 – 8:00 p.m.</i>	<i>New Marlborough Annual Town Meeting – UME Café</i>
<i>May 6, 2019</i>	<i>7:00 – 9:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Sheffield Annual Town Meeting – TACPAC</i>
<i>May 7, 2019</i>	<i>7:00 – 8:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Egremont Annual Town Meeting – TACPAC</i>
<i>May 14, 2019</i>	<i>7:00 – 8:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Alford Annual Town Meeting - Alford</i>
<i>May 16, 2019</i>	<i>7:00 – 9:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Grades 7-12 Spring Instrumental Concert TACPAC</i>
<i>May 30, 2019</i>	<i>6:00 – 8:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Gr 7-12 Music Banquet</i>
<i>June 1, 2019</i>		<i>Graduation - Tanglewood</i>
<i>June 6, 2019</i>	<i>6:00 – 7:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Gr 3-6 Chorus/Band - TACPAC</i>

The SBRSD shall post all School Committee and Subcommittee meetings on its website (<http://www.sbrsd.org/school-committee.html>) in compliance with Open Meeting Law and pursuant to the regulations of the Massachusetts Attorney General’s Office 940 CMR 29.03(4). Please visit the SBRSD’s website for all meeting information. All approved meeting minutes of the SBRSD school committee are posted on the district’s website on the school committee page.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All regular and special meetings of the School Committee shall be open to the public. Executive sessions will be held only as prescribed by the Statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The School Committee desires citizens of the District to attend its meetings so that they may become better acquainted with the operations and the programs of our local public schools. In addition, the Committee would like the opportunity to hear the wishes and ideas of the public.

In order that all citizens who wish to be heard before the Committee have a chance and to ensure the ability of the Committee to conduct the District's business in an orderly manner, the following rules and procedures are adopted:

1. At the start of each regularly scheduled School Committee meeting, individuals or group representatives will be invited to address the Committee. The Chairperson shall determine the length of the public participation segment.
2. Speakers will be allowed three (3) minutes to present their material. The presiding Chairperson may permit extension of this time limit.
3. Topics for discussion must be limited to those items listed on the School Committee meeting agenda for that evening.
4. Improper conduct and remarks will not be allowed. Defamatory or abusive remarks are always out of order. If a speaker persists in improper conduct or remarks, the Chairperson may terminate that individual's privilege of address.
5. All remarks will be addressed through the Chairperson of the meeting.
6. Speakers may offer such objective criticisms of the school operations and programs as concern them, but in public session the Committee will not hear personal complaints of school personnel nor against any member of the school community. Under most circumstances, administrative channels are the proper means for disposition of legitimate complaints involving staff members.
7. Written comments longer than three (3) minutes may be presented to the Committee before or after the meeting for the Committee members' review and consideration at an appropriate time.

GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

A School Committee Meeting is a meeting of a government body at which members of the body deliberate over public business. We welcome the attendance of members of the school district community to view your School Committee as it conducts its regular business meeting.

Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 39 Section 23C governs public participation at open meetings of municipal government bodies.

Chapter 39: Section 23C, Regulation of participation by public in open meetings

Section 23C. No person shall address a public meeting of a governmental body without permission of the presiding officer at such meeting, and all persons shall, at the request of such presiding officer, be silent. If, after warning from the presiding officer, a person persists in disorderly behavior, said officer may order him to withdraw from the meeting, and, if he does not withdraw, may order a constable or any other person to remove him and confine him in some convenient place until the meeting is adjourned.

The School Committee believes that the school district community should have an opportunity to comment to the Committee on issues that affect the school district and are within the scope of the Committee's responsibilities. Therefore the Committee has set aside a period of time at each School Committee meeting to hear from the public. In addition, if the Committee believes that an issue requires a dialogue with the school district community, the Committee may schedule a separate public hearing on that issue.

Any citizen who wishes to make a presentation to the School Committee on an item which is of interest to him/her and within the scope of the Committee's responsibilities may request to be placed on the agenda for a particular meeting. Such request should be in writing and should be received by the Superintendent of Schools at least one week prior to the date of the meeting. Such request should contain background statements which would explain the scope and intent of the agenda item. The Chair of the Committee works with the Superintendent to formulate the meeting agendas. Together they will determine whether or not to place an item on the agenda and if the item is to be taken up they will also determine when to place an item on the agenda and all parameters to be required of the presenter.

Here are the general rules for the Committee's public comment period:

1. Public Comment shall be for a period of 20 minutes and shall generally follow the opening of the meeting. The Committee reserves the right to rearrange its agenda to accommodate scheduled presenters.
2. Any citizen wishing to speak before the Committee shall identify themselves by name and address and shall speak for no longer than 3 minutes. No citizen may speak more than once without permission of the Chair. All citizens shall speak to the full Committee through the Chair and shall not address individual members or administrators.
3. Individuals may address topics on the agenda, items specified for public comment, or items within the scope of responsibility of the School Committee. The Chair shall rule out of order any individual who fails to honor the guidelines or who addresses a matter inappropriate for public comment.
4. Any Committee member may direct questions to the speaker through the Chair in order to clarify comments of the speaker.

Southern Berkshire Regional School District
Mt. Everett Regional School Library
Sheffield, MA
March 7, 2019
Open Public Hearing Re FY20 Budget

School Committee Members: Art Batacchi, Jeffrey Blaugrund, Jane Burke, Ken Knox, Dennis Sears, Maryellen Brown, Marcella Bush, Bonnie Silvers, Jon Bruno

Absent: David Travis

Administration: Beth Regulbuto, Chris Regan, Peter Dufresne, Sandi Hubbard, Jesse Carpenter, Glenn Devoti

Press: Hanna Shirley, Berkshire Record; CTSB TV;

Others: Michele Shalaby, Mary Shalaby, C. Ketchen, K. Ketchen, Amy Lyn, Charles Miller, Robert Miller, Tara White, Sarah Siket,

1. Welcome/Call to Order:

Chairman Knox called the public hearing to order at 5:07 pm and welcomed the town officials and other audience members.

Roll call of all school committee members present.

2. Overview of FY120 Operating, Transportation and Capital Budgets

Superintendent Regulbuto gave a power-point presentation of the FY20 Operating, Transportation and Capital Budget that covered the following areas:

- District Vision
- Guiding Principles
- Strategy for District Improvement 2018-2021
- State Budget Process
- SBRSD FY20 Operating Budget Timeline
- FY20 Budget Overview – FY20 preliminary budget \$17,321,733 an increase of \$631,722 or 3.79% over the FY19 budget.
- FY20 Operating Budget – Major items affecting increase in operating budget are
- FY20 Capital Budget – Proposed budget is a 0% increase to Capital Expenditures
- FY20 Debt Schedule
- FY20 Proposed Increase to Assessments – Total net increase in assessments \$400,951 or 2.95%.

See attached power point for details. This document is also available on the SBRSD website.

3. Comments and Questions from Town Officials/Audience Members

Michele Shalaby, New Marlborough, asked for clarification on some items that were presented.

4. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at 5:35 p.m.

By: Dennis Sear

Second: Art Batacchi

Vote: Unanimous

School Committee: Art Batacchi, Jeffrey Blaugrund, Jane Burke, Ken Knox, Dennis Sears, Maryellen Brown, Marcella Bush, Bonnie Silvers, Jon Bruno

Absent: David Travis

Administrators: Superintendent Regulbuto, Chris Regan, Peter Dufresne, Jesse Carpenter, Glenn Devoti

Press: CTSB TV, Hannah Shirley - Berkshire Record

Others: Charles Miller, Amy Lyn, Sarah Siket, Mary Shalaby

1. **Call to Order:** Ken Knox, Chair, called meeting #1560 to order at 6:02 p.m.
2. **Standing Reports**
 - a. Approval of Minutes of School Committee Meetings #1559
Motion to approve the minutes of school committee meeting #1559 as presented.
By: Bonnie Silvers
Second: Art Batacchi
Vote: Jeffrey Blaugrund – Abstain; Yes vote from rest of committee. Motion passes.
 - b. Enrollment
Superintendent Regulbuto reported that the District enrollment was at 694 as of March 1, 2019, down by one student since February 1, 2019.
 - c. Miscellaneous Correspondence - None
3. **Student Representative Report**

Mary Shalaby, Grade 11 Student Representative reported on past and upcoming events at the school: Model UN Debate; Little Shop of Horrors – HS Musical; Varsity Basketball Team will be playing this Saturday at UMass; Prom will be held on May 3rd and this year grade 10 students will be allowed to attend.
4. **Public Comment - None**
5. **Student Spotlight** – Mr. Miller mentioned that this February vacation some Grade 5 students attended a Science Camp and they will be presenting at the next meeting.
5. **New Business**
 - a. Approval of the 2019-2020 Academic Calendar
Motion to approve the 2019-2020 Academic Calendar as presented.
By: Dennis Sears
Second: Jane Burke
Discussion: Superintendent Regulbuto informed the committee that she had received some feedback from the staff after they had reviewed the calendar. Some of the suggestions were to eliminate February break and Good Friday Holiday, have a half day before thanksgiving; and have staff start the Thursday and Friday before the last week in August. Superintendent Regulbuto would like to send out a survey to parents in September to get feedback regarding some of the suggested changes for the 2020-21 academic year.. Her recommendation is to adopt the current calendar for the 2019-2020 school year.

Vote: Unanimous

- b. Approval/Signing of SBREA Unit D and Unit E Contracts
Motion to ratify/approve the SBREA Unit D and Unit E Contracts.
By: Dennis Sears
Second: Bonnie Silvers
Discussion: none
Vote: Art Batacchi – abstain; Rest of committee Yes; Motion passes.

6. **Unfinished Business**

- a. Vote to approve the SBREA Unit A Memorandum of Agreement to add the following stipend positions:
FASTBridge Leader – Secondary for \$1,900
FASTBridge Leader – Elementary for \$1,900
Motion to approve the MOA for the elementary and secondary FASTBridge stipends with the following added to #1 “in keeping with existing policies regarding stipend positions”.
By: Bonnie Silvers
Second: Jeffrey Blaugrund
Discussion: Ms. Silvers explained that the negotiation subcommittee had met after the last school committee meeting to review these MOAs. The negotiation subcommittee had previously moved to add non-pensionable to the MOA, but the SBREA President did not agree to this and therefore the negotiation subcommittee had met again today to revise the MOA.
Vote: Unanimous.

7. **Subcommittee Reports**

- a. Finance Subcommittee– D. Sears
Mr. Sears reported that the committee had met yesterday and they agreed to recommend the proposed preliminary budget to the full School Committee.

Motion that the school committee approve the preliminary FY20 budget.

By: Dennis Sears
Second by Jane Burke.
Discussion followed.

Mr. Sears then withdrew his motion.

Motion that the School Committee preliminarily approve the FY20 budget.

By: Dennis Sears
Second: Ms. Silvers
Roll Call Vote:
Art Batacchi-Yes, Jeffrey Blaugrund-Yes, Jane Burke-Yes, Ken Knox-Yes, Dennis Sears-Yes, Maryellen Brown-Yes, Marcella Bush-Yes, Bonnie Silvers-Yes, Jon Bruno-Yes

- b. Negotiation Subcommittee – B. Silvers
Already reported in item 6 a above.

8. **Chairman’s Report** – No report

9. **Superintendent’s Report** – No Report

10. **Curriculum & Professional Development Coordinator's Report** (Report attached)
Peter Dufresne reported that the Title 1 team had attended a two day intensive workshop in Boston. This professional learning opportunity provided them the structure to revamp the Title 1 program for next year.

He also stated that the planned coursework at Mt. Everett is continuing. As the budget develops the picture will become clearer as to what will be incorporated in the Program of Studies.

March 8th will be a RTI training day with Dr. Chris Weber. The morning will be spent working with the building leadership teams to review processes and protocols and the afternoon will be spent with the entire faculty and paraprofessionals in the district. Through grant funding the district was able to purchase Dr. Weber's book "Simplifying Response to Intervention" for all adults in the district.

11. **Director of Student Services Report** (Report attached)
Ms. Hubbard reported that her staff had attended a conference on Occupational Opposition Disorder. The Early Childhood Taskforce had also met and they are looking at the program and making recommendations regarding screening and entrance age. Special Olympics will be at Monument Mountain Regional High School on May 1st.

12. **Business Manager's Report**

- a. Approval of Warrants: February 22, 2018
Motion to approve the warrant of February 22, 2018 as presented
By: Dennis Sears
Second: Bonnie Silvers
Vote: Unanimous

b. Vote to Accept Grants and Gifts - None

c. Budget Transfers - None

13. **Future Agenda Items - None**

14. **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m.
By: Dennis Sears
Second: Art Batacchi
Vote: Unanimous

Documents presented at this meeting:

- *Agenda SCM 1560*
- *Minutes of SCM #1559*
- *Enrollment*
- *Academic Calendar 2019-2020*
- *Unit A MOAs*
- *Curriculum & Professional Development Coordinator Report*
- *Director of Student Services Report*
- *Warrant of February 22, 2018*



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March 1, 2019

Beth L. Regulbuto, Superintendent
Christine Regan, Business Administrator
Southern Berkshire Regional School District
491 Berkshire School Road | P.O. Box 339
Sheffield, MA 01257

Re: FY19 Rural School Aid and SBRSD

Dear Superintendent Regulbuto, Administrator Regan, and members of the School Committee:

I am writing in response to a letter I received from the Southern Berkshire Regional School District (SBRSD), dated January 14th, with regards to Rural School Aid and it's applicability to the school district. In the letter, Superintendent Regulbuto and Business Administrator Regan discussed their concerns with the district's ineligibility to receive Rural School Aid for the FY19 state budget cycle.

Please know that I, as well as DESE, am aware of your concerns and the issues you have raised in the letter. I understand from my staff that DESE has explained to SBRSD why the school district did not qualify for FY19 Rural School Aid. Estimates provided to my office by stakeholders last spring when I was working to establish a new grant program in the state budget were not the same estimates that DESE developed in their final calculations. Different underlying income and student enrollment data was used to calculate the original aid distribution, leading some districts to believe that they were eligible for funding when they may not have been. The information that was distributed to the public was intended to build advocacy and interest in Rural School Aid during the FY19 budget debate, but it was not an official calculation. Rather, it was a snapshot prediction of what may be expected when Rural School Aid would first be implemented.

Nevertheless, having heard from SBRSD and other communities and school districts, I am actively exploring how to capture schools that were not eligible for aid last year in FY20, considering improvements to the present Rural School Aid formula, and working to improve the state's education funding formula to ensure that Chapter 70 provides for the inclusivity of rural schools.

In fact, on February 28th, I hosted a Rural Schools Lobby Day at the State House in Boston with Representative Blais and the Massachusetts Rural Schools Coalition to promote our for fair funding for rural schools campaign. Dozens of legislators, school administrators, teachers, parents and students traveled across the state to attend the advocacy day and to support a bill I filed this session, *SD.2292, An Act ensuring fair funding for rural schools*. SD.2292 establishes a modified and expanded version of Rural School Aid in statute and establishes rurality within Chapter 70. The bill intends to capture rural schools that did not receive FY19 Rural School Aid and intends to ensure that all of our rural schools are equitably funded by Chapter 70. In tandem with SD.2292, we are also advocating for an increase in funding for Rural School Aid to \$9 million in the FY20 state budget.

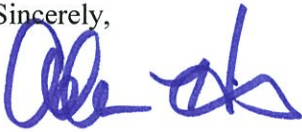
I was extremely pleased that Senator Jason Lewis, newly tasked by the Senate President to chair the Joint Committee on Education, attended our briefing and met with a number of rural superintendents and legislators yesterday to further discuss the challenges faced by rural schools. I am also a member of the Education Committee and am pleased that Chairman Lewis pledged to work with us this session, and asked me to coordinate efforts on rural school issues for the Committee. I expect that together we will make progress on impactful reforms.

This session the Senate will continue to recognize the need and sense of urgency to change the way we fund public education in the Commonwealth. The Legislature will be debating legislation relative to the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission (FBRC), *S.238, The PROMISE Act*, filed by Senator Chang-Diaz and of which I am a cosponsor. S.238 intends to fix the state's Chapter 70 funding formula to more accurately and equitably distribute state resources, so that all schools have the funding they need to deliver a high-quality, 21st century education.

I have also been appointed by the Senate President to serve as co-Chair of the Special Commission on Improving Efficiencies in Student Transportation. The Special Commission was created in the FY19 state budget, section 77 of Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2018, and shall be studying regional school transportation issues. As co-chair, rural school issues will remain at the forefront of my mind as the Special Commission studies school transportation.

Throughout the session I will continue to advocate for the needs of our rural schools with my colleagues in the Legislature. I thank you for sharing your concerns and for remaining engaged on such an important state-wide issue. I hope this update on our agenda for a rural school is helpful, but please do not hesitate to reach out if you have further questions on this matter.

Sincerely,



ADAM G. HINDS, *State Senator*
Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin & Hampden District

cc: Rep. Smitty Pignatelli
AGH/da

FY19 WARRANTS SIGNED
WARRANT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING, 3-8-19

	Date	Voucher #	Total Amount:	General Fund Amount:
Manual Warrant	2/28/2019	1405	\$ 139,725.72	\$ 139,712.50
Vendor Warrant	3/8/2019	1502	\$ 213,199.86	\$ 177,099.02
P-Card Warrant	1/31/2019	1306	\$ 2,867.23	\$ 673.12
Payroll Warrant	2/14/2019		\$ 383,407.89	\$ 362,184.57
Payroll Warrant	2/28/2019		\$ 357,689.46	\$ 336,840.27
			<u>\$ 1,096,890.16</u>	<u>\$ 1,016,509.48</u>

14a.

HOUSE No. 271

By Mr. Hill of Ipswich, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 271) of Bradford R. Hill, Timothy R. Whelan and David Paul Linsky for legislation to allow regional school district school committees to designate one of its members to sign payroll warrants and accounts payable warrants. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to regional schools.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 16A of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof
3 the following paragraph: -

4 The regional school committee may designate any 1 of its members for the purpose of
5 signing payroll warrants and accounts payable warrants to allow for the release of checks
6 provided, however, that the member shall make available to the board, at its next meeting, a
7 record of such actions. This provision shall not limit the responsibility of each member of the
8 board in the event of a noncompliance with this section.

HOUSE No. 271

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradford R. Hill

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to regional schools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bradford R. Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>

JEB - EARLY CHILDHOOD ENTERING AGES

Integrated Pre-Kindergarten

For the Integrated Pre-Kindergarten, students with special needs are eligible to join the program when they turn 2.9- 3.0 years of age, as determined by the Special Education TEAM. It is a half day program (housed at Undermountain and New Marlborough). Pre-Kindergarten transportation on small buses and vans equipped with appropriate safety devices will be provided to in-district Pre-Kindergarten students on Individual Education Plans (IEPs).

Priority for Peer Partners will be given to students who are **4 years** of age by **September 1st** and who meet Peer Partner criteria as determined by the Director of Student Services, the Pre-Kindergarten Teachers, the Building Principal and the Early Childhood Screening TEAM. Students **3 years** of age or older by **September 1st** will be added to a lottery/wait list for peer partners.

If more students register for Pre-Kindergarten than there is space, the students will be added to a lottery/wait list.

Early Kindergarten

To be eligible, Early Kindergarten students must turn **5 years** of age between **September 1st** and **March 1st** of the school year in which they are enrolling.

Priority is given to Peer Partners who have completed a year in the Pre-Kindergarten Program in-district students. For the school year 2019-2020 only, Peer Partners who have completed a year in the Southern Berkshire Child Care Program and are age eligible (based on previous policy entering age requirements) will be guaranteed admission to the Early Kindergarten program. Remaining seats are offered to in-district students. If necessary, seats will be selected using a lottery system.

Kindergarten

Children must be **5 years** of age before **September 1st** to enter Kindergarten.

Grade One

Children must be **6 years** of age before **September 1st** to enter first grade in the Southern Regional School District with the same exception listed below.

Exception for Grade One

Any student who is a resident of the District and who has successfully completed Kindergarten with documentation of such from his/her Kindergarten Teacher or school, or is 6 years old by September 1, will be permitted to enroll in Grade One in the District.

*For the 2019-2020 school year, individual cases may be evaluated by the Superintendent/designee.

*School Choice: Students who reside within the state of Massachusetts, who meet the age guidelines above will be eligible to enroll in district programs, per the MA School Choice Law. Non-resident students wishing to enroll in a half-day Pre-Kindergarten program will be eligible if space permits, participation in a screening, and upon School Committee granting admission once requested and a decision about tuition charges is made.

Early Kindergarten is for resident students. If space permits, non-resident students may request admission, following participation in a screening and School Committee Approval.

School Choice is available in Kindergarten and Grade One, as space permits.

IE - ORGANIZATION OF INSTRUCTION

The District offers a diversified educational program compatible with the needs of the community and state standards.

The organizational plan is designed to facilitate the philosophy of educating every student, each to his/her fullest potential.

The structure consists of multiple levels, Elementary and Secondary.

The Elementary level includes schools with pre-kindergarten through grade 5. The Secondary consists of a middle level program grades 6-8 and a high school level program grades 9-12.

Special education services are integrated across each grade level in all schools.

The organization is designed to meet the standards established within the Curriculum Frameworks as required by the State Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education and to serve the needs of all students.

ACCEPTANCE OF FY19 GRANTS AND GIFTS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING, 3-14-19
NOTE: Highlighted items are being presented to the School Committee for approval.

GIFTS	DONOR	AMOUNT	PURPOSE	APPROVED	DATE APPROVED
	Anonymous	\$ 2,600	Mt. Everett August 30, 2018 speaker, speaker lodging, and cookout	YES	8/16/2018
	Covestro	\$ 5,000	Support for the SBRSD STEM program	YES	9/13/2018
	Anonymous	\$ 610	Faculty luncheon	YES	11/29/2018
	Old Parish Church	\$ 725	Discretionary, in a way that all District Elementary School children will have an opportunity to benefit	YES	1/10/2019
	Gulotta Brothers Inc.	\$ 500.00	To support academic programs at Mt. Everett School	YES	1/31/2019
	Karebear Foundation	\$ 2,500	To assist students who need financial support in order to be able to participate in the SBRSD school program, to aid in the student's educational, athletic or social well-being - \$1,875 for Middle and High Schools; \$625 for Elementary schools	YES	2/21/2019

NMC-Monterey PTA \$ 3,033 Instructional and general supplies for the NMC classrooms

GIFTS \$ 14,968

NON-MONETARY GIFTS

Ben Berman Photographic Enlarger for the Art Department YES 1/31/2019

GRANTS	FUNDER	AMOUNT	PURPOSE	APPROVED	DATE APPROVED
	Department of Energy Resources (DOER)	\$ 111,796	Fund adjustments to pellet boiler system to meet new emissions and metering requirements. This work will allow us to receive alternative energy credits.	YES	8/16/2018
	DESE - SPED Early Childhood (262)	\$ 7,443	SPED early childhood education - Behavioral Supports	YES	9/13/2018
	DESE - SPED IDEA 94-142 (240)	\$ 262,090	Out-of-District Tuition, Professional Development, 1:1 Nurse	YES	10/25/2018

14c.

GRANTS FUNDER	AMOUNT	PURPOSE	YES	10/25/2018
DESE - TITLE I (305)	\$ 194,531	Assistance to district to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards. Funding is based primarily on census poverty estimates.	YES	10/25/2018
DESE - TITLE IIA (140)	\$ 33,394	Teacher Quality - mentoring, professional development	YES	10/25/2018
DESE - TITLE IV-A (309)	\$ 13,828	Safety supplies, Professional Development, Technology - Supplemental resources to build capacity to help ensure that all students have equitable access to high quality educational experiences.	YES	10/25/2018
DESE - CONNECTING ACTIVITIES	\$ 3,500	Supports college and career readiness for all students. Connects schools and businesses by providing structured work-based learning experiences that support both their academic and employability skill attainment.	YES	10/25/2018
MA DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH - ESSENTIAL SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES	\$ 3,000	Nurses' training, supplies	YES	10/25/2018
COLLEGE CLUB	\$ 575	Commercial Design Studio Service Project (Culinary)	YES	11/29/2018
DESE - PERKINS (400)	\$ 14,286	Vocational classroom supplies, travel/conference	YES	11/29/2018
MA Cultural Council	\$ 2,700	STARS Residencies Grant - NMC	YES	1/10/2019
MA Cultural Council	\$ 2,500	STARS Residencies Grant - UME	YES	1/10/2019
MA Cultural Council	\$ 2,300	STARS Residencies Grant - South Egremont School	YES	1/10/2019
MA Cultural Council	\$ 1,200	STARS Residencies Grant - Mt. Everett Middle and High School	YES	1/31/2019
Berkshire Health Group	\$ 2,000	Wellness activities for SBRSD employees	YES	2/21/2019
CASH GRANTS	\$ 655,143			

NON-MONETARY GRANTS

USDA DoD Food Fresh Provision of fresh produce valued at \$4,090