

Southern Berkshire Regional School District
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING #1,564

Date: Thursday, May 9, 2019
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Sheffield Town Hall, 21 Depot Square, Sheffield, MA 01257

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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** – Beth Regulbuto, Superintendent
2. **Reorganization** (District policies in agenda packet)
 - a. Election of Chair
 - b. Election of Vice Chair
3. **Standing Reports**
 - a. Approval of School Committee Minutes #1563 of April 25, 2019
 - b. Enrollment as of May 1, 2019
 - c. Miscellaneous Correspondence
4. **Student Representative Report**
5. **Student Spotlight**
Nadia Makuc and Jason Peck – Peru Experience.
6. **Public Comment**
7. **New Business**
 - a. Massachusetts Association of School Superintendent Award – B. Regulbuto
 - b. Vote to Participate in the Massachusetts School Choice Program for the 2019-2020 School Year
 - c. Collaboration with Bard College at Simons Rock – L. Davidson
8. **Unfinished Business**
9. **Business with District Member Towns**
10. **Subcommittee Reports**
11. **Chairman’s Report**
12. **Superintendent’s Report**
13. **Curriculum & Professional Development Coordinator’s Report**

14. **Director of Student Services Report**
15. **Business Manager's Report**
 - a. Approval of Warrants: May 3, 2019
 - b. Vote to Accept Grants and Gifts
 - c. Budget Transfers
16. **Future Agenda Items**
 - a. Policy References made at meetings – J. Bruno
17. **Adjourn**

Next School Committee Meetings:

June 13, 2019 - Egremont June 27, 2019

Upcoming Events:

May 14, 2019	7:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Alford Annual Town Meeting - Alford
May 16, 2019	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Grades 7-12 Spring Instrumental Concert TACPAC
May 30, 2019	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Gr 7-12 Music Banquet
June 1, 2019		Graduation - Tanglewood
June 6, 2019	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.	Gr 3-6 Chorus/Band - TACPAC

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

Absent: Marcella Bush (tried to participate remotely)

Administrators: Superintendent Regulbuto, Peter Dufresne

Press: CTSB TV

Others: Jesse Carpenter

1. **Call to Order:** Beth Regulbuto called meeting #1563 to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **Reorganization**

a. Election of Chair

Superintendent Regulbuto asked for nominations for Chair

Jeffrey Blaugrund nominated Jane Burke. David Travis seconded the nomination.
Maryellen Brown nominated Art Batacchi. David Travis seconded the nomination.
Bonnie Silvers nominated Dennis Sears. Jonathan Bruno seconded the nomination.

Jane Burke, Art Batacchi and Dennis Sears all made statements supporting their nominations.

Roll Call Vote:

- Dennis Sears voted for himself
- Jeffrey Blaugrund voted for Jane Burke
- Jonathan Bruno voted for Jane Burke
- Maryellen Brown voted for Jane Burke
- David Travis voted for Jane Burke
- Jane Burke voted for herself
- Art Batacchi voted for himself
- Bonnie Silvers voted for Dennis Sears

Further discussions ensued and another roll call vote was taken:

- Dennis Sears voted for himself
- Jeffrey Blaugrund voted for Jane Burke
- Jonathan Bruno voted for Jane Burke
- Maryellen Brown voted for Jane Burke
- David Travis voted for Jane Burke
- Jane Burke voted for herself
- Art Batacchi voted for himself
- Bonnie Silvers voted for Dennis Sears

Beth declared the committee was at an impasse and that Mr. Sears will be acting Chair for the meeting.

3. **Standing Reports**

- a. Motion to approve School Committee Minutes #1562 of April 4, 2019
By: David Travis
Second: Art Batacchi
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous

- b. Miscellaneous Correspondence - None

4. **Student Representative Report**

Melissa Rathburn, a senior at Mount Everett introduced herself to the school committee. Melissa talked about her plans and experience getting ready for college. She talked about the process of applying to various colleges and taking the SATs and ACTs and the scholarship process.

5. **Student Spotlight** - None

6. **Public Comment**

Carl Stewart – commented on policy BEDH-E that will be eliminated if BEDH is approved. Recommends that the committee strongly consider not limiting public comment to what is strictly on the agenda.

Finance committee member in Alford. Was hoping that someone could talk about issues on the continued increase in the budget.

Peggy Wilson – resident of Alford and Select Board member. The Town of Alford is concerned with the increase in the budget and the continued support of the South Egremont School. They will be encouraging their residents not to pass the school budget.

7. **New Business**

- a. Annual Guidance Department Report
Dawn Estes-Daub, Grades 7, 8, 9 Guidance Counselor and Kimberly Conant, Grades 10, 11, 12 Guidance Counselor introduced themselves to the school committee. They shared information about the college process and career initiatives for the class of 2018. The slide presentation was the outcome of a survey given to the class of 2018. (Slide presentation attached)
Questions and answers followed.

- b. 2019-2020 Program of Studies
Mr. Travis stated that the curriculum subcommittee had met and gone through the changes in the 2019-2020 program of studies. In the interest of expediting the process, the subcommittee felt it was important to bring the program of studies forward to the school committee for approval.

Motion to approve the working copy of the 2019-2020 Program of Studies for Mount Everett Regional.
By: David Travis
Second: Bonnie Silvers
Discussion ensued. Mr. Sears stated that the District is in an excellent position to providing the pathways that today's students need in the work of tomorrow.
Bonnie Silvers suggested that the copy that goes home to parents have a letter from the Superintendent and the Principal included.
Vote: Unanimous

8. **Unfinished Business** - None

9. **Business with District Member Towns**

a. Informational Sessions on Proposed Regional Agreement Amendment

Superintendent Regulbuto referenced the summary of the rationale behind the proposed amendment to the regional agreement assessment formula which Chris Regan had put together (attached).

The other towns decided to host informational meetings regarding the budget and changes to the assessments as follows:

Monterey Town Hall - April 26, 2019

TACPAC at SBRSD for all five towns - April 29, 2019

Town of New Marlborough - April 30, 2019

10. **Subcommittee Reports**

a. Joint Buildings, Grounds & Technology Committee and Finance Committee

Superintendent Regulbuto stated that the district had gone out to bid again for the tennis court renovation. The bids that came in were higher than the last year, hence the need to use money from stabilization funds.

Vote on use of Stabilization Funds for Tennis Court Project

Motion to use \$22,295 from the Stabilization Fund for the Tennis Court Project

By: Bonnie Silvers

Second: Jane Burke

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

Vote to award the tennis court project

Motion to award the Tennis Court Project to Vermont Recreational Surfacing & Fencing, Inc. for \$177,884.

By: Bonnie Silvers

Second: Jeffrey Blaugrund

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

b. Policy Subcommittee –D. Sears

Mr. Sears asked to amend the agenda to add policy BDE-E Warrant Subcommittee to the second reading.

Motion to add Policy BDE-E Warrant Subcommittee to the agenda for second reading.

By: Jeffrey Blaugrund

Second: Bonnie Silvers

Vote: Unanimous

Second Reading

BDE-E Warrant Subcommittee

BEDH – Public Participation at School Committee Meetings

BEDH-E Guidelines for Public Comment (remove if BEDH is adopted)

BDE-E Warrant Subcommittee

Motion to approve Policy BDE-E as presented

By: Bonnie Silvers

Second: Art Batacchi
Vote: Unanimous

Motion to approve Policy BEDH – Public Participation at School Committee Meetings
By: Art Batacchi
Second: Jane Burke

A lengthy discussion followed regarding allowing public comment at the beginning of the meeting and also the opportunity to add public comment at the end of the meeting and also on allowing public comment to items not on the agenda. The modification to this policy was at the recommendation of MASC and district attorneys. The school committee welcomes transparency and in addition, would like to hear from our communities. Therefore they kept public comment limited to items on the agenda, but also provided an opportunity for any citizen who wished to place an item on the agenda.

Vote: 5 yes; 3 no. Motion carries.

Motion to remove policy BEDH-E Guidelines for Public Comment
By: Art Batacchi
Second: Jane Burke
A brief discussion ensued.
Vote: Unanimous

Ms. Silvers asked the policy subcommittee to relook at the above policies at their next meeting.

c. Community Outreach and Input

Ms. Silvers presented the newsletter that will be mailed out to residents in the district regarding the budget and change to the assessment.

Add: Southern Berkshire Regional School District; increase font for New Assessment Formula and bold All Five Towns Must Vote Yes; add some headings as a question

Motion to approve the content of the flyer as presented for sending out next week.

By: David Travis
Second: Bonnie Silvers
Discussion: none
Vote: Unanimous

11. **Chairman's Report** - None

12. **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Regalbutto reported that the students came back from Peru and will present and share a video at the next meeting, May 9, 2019 in Sheffield

Safety Summit will be held in Executive Session prior to the meeting

Two teachers have received the Fulbright Award (Kari Giordano – for 3 month grant to Scotland, and Stephanie Graham a 6 month grant to New Zealand)

13. **Curriculum & Professional Development Coordinator's Report** – No Report

Jeffrey Blaugrund reported that the Town of Alford had received a letter from Senator Hinds stating that the town of Alford did not have a flag. The Select Board recommended that the students at UME design a flag for the Town of Alford. The teachers introduced the grade 5 students to the history of Alford, flag design, and choosing the right colors to help create a flag. All students in PK through grade 6 voted. The final decision will be made by the Select Board.

14. **Director of Student Services Report** – Report attached.
15. **Business Manager's Report**
 - a. Approval of Warrants: April 5 and 19, 2019
Motion to approve the warrants of April 5 and April 19, 2019 as presented.
By: Jonathan Bruno
Second: Art Batacchi
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous
16. **Future Agenda Items**
17. **Adjourn**
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.
By: Bonnie Silvers
Second: Art Batacchi
Vote: Unanimous

Documents presented at this meeting:

- *Agenda #1563*
- *Minutes of meeting #1562*
- *Program of Studies 2019-2020*
- *Guidance Department Report*
- *Policies: BEDH, BEDH-E, BDE-E,*
- *Warrants April 5 & 19, 2019*

Pre/K-6 PROJECTED ENROLLMENT BY SCHOOL/CLASS FOR 2019-2020

Grade	Undermountain			Undermountain			Total	School Choice	SC Applications	School Choice
	Enrollment as of 4/1/19			Projected Enrollment 19-20			In-District	Openings FY20	Received FY20	Opening Left
Pre-K*	17			7			7	0	1	
Early K	17			7			7	0		
K	16	15		21			21	11	1	
1	16	14		30			30	6		
2	18	19		28			28	10		
3	23	19		37			37	4		
4	16	17		20	21		41	0		
5	21	21		24	25		49	6		
6	18	17	17	14	14	14	42	0		
Total	301			262			262	37		
Grade	South Egremont			South Egremont			Total	School Choice	SC Applications	School Choice
							In-District	Openings FY20	Received FY20	Opening Left
EK	10			0			0	3		
K	4			10			10	3	2	
Total	14			16			10	6		
Grade	New Marlborough			New Marlborough			Total	School Choice	SC Applications	School Choice
							In-District	Openings FY20	Received FY20	Opening Left
Pre-K	8			12			12	0		
Early K	3			1			1	0		
K	13			7			7	10	1	
1	7			14			14	4		
2	17			6			6	5	1	
3	12			17			17	1		
4	16			11			11	7		
Total	76			68			68	83		

There is no school choice for PK unless requested. Waiver of tuition must be granted by SC.

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Grade	Mount Everett			Mount Everett			Total	School Choice	SC Applications	School Choice
							In-District	Openings FY20	Received FY20	Opening Left
7	42			52			52	10		
8	59			69			69	10		
9	52			57			57	5		
10	50			55			55	5		
11	55			65			65	10		
12	42			52			52	10		
Total	300			350			350	50		

FY19 WARRANTS SIGNED

May 3, 2019

	Date	Voucher #	Total Amount:	General Fund Amount:
Manual Warrant				
Vendor Warrant	5/3/2019	1701	\$ 156,191.94	\$ 131,804.41
P-Card Warrant				
Payroll Warrant				
			<u>\$ 156,191.94</u>	<u>\$ 131,804.41</u>

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District Curriculum Report

5.9.19

STRATEGIC

As we look to wind up the school year, planning for next year has already begun. A professional development survey will be going out to faculty shortly as we begin our needs assessment for school year 19-20. Response To Intervention and Differentiated Instruction will play a major role in our professional development plan. Adding RTI and DI tools to our arsenal will only further the good work we do for our students K – 12.

OPERATIONAL

Friday May 24th is a half day for students. The second half of the day is professional development for faculty. This will be a safety focused day. We are pleased to be able to bring in the dispatcher for the town of Sheffield. We will review her experience as the dispatcher on the day we had to evacuate to the Berkshire School. Further, we will review our “Go Bags” with our school nurses. Finally, we will get some training in the use of our tactical tourniquets.