

School Committee Members: Art Batacchi, Jane Burke, Dennis Sears, Maryellen Brown, Bonnie Silvers, Jon Bruno, Jeffrey Blaugrund – arrived at 5:20 p.m.; David Travis – arrived at 5:30 p.m.

Absent: Marcella Bush, Danile Kelly

Administration: Beth Regulbuto, Sandi Hubbard, Judy Houle, Amy Lyn, Charles Miller

Press: CTSB TV; Ted Remsnyder-Berkshire Record

Others: Tara White, Sarah Siket, Tom Berkel, Nadine Hawver, Chris Thompson, Doug Newman, Martin Mitsoff

1. Welcome/Call to Order:

Chairman Jane Burke called the public hearing to order at 5:13 p.m. and welcomed the town officials and other audience members.

Roll call of all school committee members present.

2. Overview of FY21 Operating, Transportation and Capital Budgets

Superintendent Regulbuto gave a power-point presentation of the FY21 Operating, Transportation and Capital Budget that covered the following areas:

- District Vision
- Guiding Principles
- Strategy for District Improvement 2019-2022
- State Budget Process
- SBRSD FY21 Operating Budget Timeline
- FY21 Budget Overview – FY21 preliminary budget \$17,541,564 an increase of \$254,033 or 1.47% over the FY20 budget.
- FY21 Operating Budget (Operations and Transportation)– Major items affecting increase in operating budget is in transportation, an 11.44% increase.
- FY21 Capital Budget – Proposed budget is a 0% increase to Capital Expenditures
- FY21 Debt Schedule
- FY21 Proposed Increase to Assessments – Total net increase in assessments \$303,178 or 2.17%. See attached power point for details. This document is also available on the SBRSD website.

3. Comments and Questions from Town Officials/Audience Members

Doug Newman, New Marlborough had questions regarding the assessment calculation and E&D.

Tom Berkel, Egremont had questions regarding health insurance and cost share.

Nadine Hawver – Sheffield had questions regarding student enrollment and census. Lynette explained the registration process for incoming students (proof of residence, town codes used).

4. Adjourn

*Motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:13 p.m.*

*By: Jeff Blaugrund*

*Second: Art Batacchi*

*Vote: Unanimous*