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Southern Berkshire Regional School District

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING #1,543 - AMENDED

Date: Thursday, April 12, 2018

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Mt. Everett Regional School Library, 491 Berkshire School Road, Sheffield, MA

AGENDA

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 Minutes of School Committee Meetings #1541 and #1542
   b. Enrollment
   c. Miscellaneous Correspondence
3. **Student Representative Report**
4. **Public Comment**
5. **New Business**
   a. Request for Waiver of Tuition – Mr. & Mrs. Wandall
   b. Approval of Senior Class Overnight Field Trip to New York City (May 29-30, 2018) – D.EstesDaub
   c. Review and Approval of Mt. Everett Regional High School 2018-2019 Program of Studies – Glenn Devoti
   d. College & Career Planning Initiatives for FY19 and Beyond – Glenn Devoti
   e. Report of College Submissions and Acceptances – Glenn Devoti
   f. Vote by the School Committee to Explore Special Legislation Relative to Operating the Southern Berkshire Child Care Program and After School Program under the District's authority
6. **Unfinished Business**
   a. Review of Subcommittee Assignments
7. **Business with District Member Towns**
   b. Correspondence from New Marlborough
      - Motion to establish an Assessment Study Advisory Committee
8. **Subcommittee Reports**
   a. Policy Subcommittee – D. Sears
      JEB – Entrance Age
      Policy ILD - Student Submission to Educational Surveys and Research
   c. Future of South Berkshire Education – D. Sears
   d. Executive Evaluation Subcommittee –
   e. Curriculum Subcommittee – F. Lartigue
9. **Chairman's Report**
10. **Superintendent's Report**
11. **Curriculum & Professional Development Coordinator's Report**
12. **Director of Student Services Report**

13. **Business Manager's Report**
    a. Approval of Warrants: March 23, 2018 and April 6, 2018
    b. Vote to Accept Grants and Gifts
    c. Budget Transfers

14. **Future Agenda Items**
15. **Adjourn**

Next School Committee Meetings

April 26, 2018 (Town of Monterey)	*May 10, 2018 (Town of Egremont)*
June 7, 2018 (Town of Alford)	*June 28, 2018 (Town of Sheffield)*

Upcoming Events:

April 24	*3 p.m.*	*SBRSD SEPAC "ELL" Mt. Everett Library*
April 24	*6-8 p.m.*	*Dr. Bill Daggett "Relevance & Rigor" Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center*
May 1	*7 p.m.*	*Town of Egremont Annual Town Meeting – TACPAC*
May 4	*8:30 a.m. -2 p.m.*	*Health Fair – Mt. Everett Gym*
May 5	*11 a.m. – 3 p.m.*	*Stepping Stones Performance – TACPAC*
May 7	*6 p.m.*	*Town of Sheffield Annual Town Meeting – TACAPAC*
May 16	*7-8:30 p.m.*	*Gr 7-12 Spring Instrumental Concert – TACPAC*
May 18	*6 – 10 p.m.*	*Tentative Prom Date*
May 22	*3 p.m.*	*SBRSD SEPAC "Trauma" – Mt. Everett Library*
May 30	*6:30-7:15 p.m.*	*Gr 3-6 Elementary Choral Concert – TACPAC*
May 31	*6-7 p.m.*	*Gr 5-6 Elementary Spring Band Concert – TACPAC*
June 2	*10:00 a.m.*	*Graduation Ceremony – Tanglewood*
June 21	*6 p.m.*	*Gr 8 Graduation*

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Amended Agenda posted on: Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 11:45 a.m.
Friday, April 6, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.
Monday, April 9, 2018 at 3:20 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT 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 Chair shall determine the length of the public participation segment.

2. Speakers will be allowed three (3) minutes to present their material. The presiding Chair or a majority of the School Committee 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 or requests for future agenda items.

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 Chair may terminate that individual's privilege of address.

5. All remarks will be addressed through the Chair of the meeting.

6. Speakers may offer objective comments or 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.

SOURCE: SBRSD Policy Subcommittee Meeting 7-12-2017
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BEDH-E; Guidelines for Public Comment

File: BEDH-E

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 30A Section 20(f) governs public participation at open meetings covering all public bodies.

Chapter 30A:20 **[Notice, Remote Participation, Public Participation, Certification]**

> *(f) No person shall address a meeting of a public body without permission of the chair, and all persons shall, at the request of the chair, be silent. No person shall disrupt the proceedings of a meeting of a public body. If, after clear warning from the chair, a person continues to disrupt the proceedings, the chair may order the person to withdraw from the meeting and if the person does not withdraw, the chair may authorize a constable or other officer to remove the person from the meeting.*

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. Such request should be in writing and should be received by the Superintendent of Schools and School Committee Chair 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. Brief oral requests for future agenda items may also be made during the public comment period at each School Committee meeting.

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

1. Public Comment on the meeting's agenda items and/or requests for future agenda items 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. The presiding Chair or a School Committee majority may permit extension of the time limit.

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. The Chair or a majority of the School Committee may permit extension of the speaker's time limit. No citizen may speak more than once without permission of the Chair or a majority of the School Committee. 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.

SOURCE: SBRSD Policy Subcommittee Meeting July 12, 2017
CROSS REFS: BEDB, Agenda Format

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Southern Berkshire Regional School District
Mt. Everett Regional School Library
Sheffield, MA
March 9, 2018
Open Public Hearing Re FY19 Budget

School Committee Members: Art Batacchi, Genis Melandez-Delaney, Cart Stewart, Bonnie Silvers, Maryellen Brown, Dennis Sears, Robert Law, David Travis, Fran Lartigue

Absent: Marcella Bush

Administration: Beth Regulbuto, Kerry Burke, Chris Regan, Sandi Hubbard (in audience)

Press: Cory Willey, Berkshire Record; Kristin Palpine, Berkshire Eagle; CTSB

Others: (See attached sign in sheet)

1. Welcome/Call to Order:
   Chairman Silvers called the public hearing to order at 5:00 pm and welcomed the town officials and other audience members.

2. Overview of FY19 Operating, Transportation and Capital Budgets
   Superintendent Regulbuto gave a power-point presentation of the FY19 Operating, Transportation and Capital Budget that covered the following areas:
   - Guiding Principles
   - State Budget Process
   - SBRSD FY19 Operating Budget Timeline
   - Return on Investment
   - SBRSD Data Driving Decision Making
   - Required Mandates
   - Efforts to Contain Costs & Promote Efficiency
   - FY19 Budget Overview

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

3. Overview of Assessments to District Towns by Chris Regan
   Also distributed at the open hearing were:
   FY19 versus FY18 Assessments by town (attached)
   Expenditures, by Function (attached)
   Revenues – FY19 Budget (attached)

   Questions and answers followed.

4. Comments and Questions from Town Officials/Audience Members
   Attached are questions that were submitted by the towns of New Marlborough and Egremont Finance Committees and Select Boards, with responses by SBRSD.

There was no response to Question #3 from the Town of New Marlborough Selectmen "If the Egremont school is closed, what will be the savings in the budget?"
Chris Regan explained that there are many unknowns, budgeting cost of a teacher, para, materials, specialists, physical ed, foreign language so an exact figure was not available.

Mr. Yohalam also asked how many students had requested South Egremont for next year. Superintendent Regulbuto responded that to date there was only one.

There was also a discussion on the middle school reconfiguration.

5. Adjourn
Mr. Sears made a motion to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Lartigue seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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Southern Berkshire Regional School District
Mt. Everett Regional School Library
Sheffield, MA
March 9, 2018
Meeting # 1541

School Committee Members: Art Batacchi, Genis Melandez-Delaney, Carl Stewart, Bonnie Silvers, Maryellen Brown, Dennis Sears, Robert Law, David Travis, Fran Lartigue

Absent: Marcella Bush

Administration: Beth Regulbuto, Kerry Burke, Chris Regan, Sandi Hubbard (in audience)

Press: Corey Willey, Berkshire Record; Kristin Palpine, Berkshire Eagle; CTSB

Others: (See attached sign in sheet)

1. **Call to Order**: Ms. Silvers, Chair, called meeting #1541 to order at 6:20 p.m.

2. **Standing Reports**
   a. Approval of Minutes of School Committee Meetings #1539 and special meeting #1540
      - *Mr. Stewart made a motion to approve minutes #1539 as presented. Mr. Travis seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.*

      - *Mr. Stewart made a motion to approve minutes of special meeting #1540 as presented. Ms. Lartigue seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.*

   b. Enrollment: Enrollment as of March 1, 2018 was 686 down by four.

   c. Miscellaneous Correspondence

3. **Student Representative Report -** None

4. **Public Comment**
   Mr. Basler read a personal statement regarding the closing of the school in the Town of Monterey and asked the school committee to withdraw the motion to close both schools. He then referenced the attached letter from the Town of Monterey.
   Ms. Silvers requested clarity in terms of the letter and what the Town of Monterey was requesting.
   Mr. Basler explained that the Town of Monterey was requesting that the vote to close the Monterey School be tabled, and that the Town of Monterey will assume all operational costs of the Monterey School during the 'tabling period'.
   Discussion ensued.
   Ms. Silvers stated that this item will be added to the next school committee meeting agenda, after consultation with legal counsel.

   Mr. Sears made moved that the SBRSD School Committee is opposed to any Local, Commonwealth or National legislation that would allow or require any SBRSD staff members other than School Resource Officers to carry any working firearm of any type into any District building or onto District property. Mr. Law seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stewart had no objection to the substance of the motion, but asked where this motion fell under the agenda.

Ms. Silvers stated that this motion fell under item 5d Student Safety.

Mr. Stewart then withdrew his objection.

Mr. Sears moved that the SBRSD School Committee supports and approves actions by students who desire to participate in firearm protests similar to those taken by Parkland, Florida students. Mr. Law seconded the motion.

Mr. Travis asked if the motion could be amended to "*....supports and acknowledges the rights of students to participate...*"
There was further discussion regarding this.
Mr. Sears then withdrew his motion.

Mr. Travis moved that the SBRSD School Committee supports and acknowledges the rights of students to participate in non-violent firearm protests. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion.

There was further discussion regarding this motion.
Kerry Burke shared the legal advisory received from Murphy, Lamere & Murphy, P.C.
First Amendment Implications
Although school administrators are responsible for ensuring student safety and providing an educational environment that is free from disruption, they must be careful to respect the First Amendment rights of both students and staff. In striking this balance, schools should be mindful of the following:

- Political expression that does not disrupt the school setting is permitted and may not be regulated.
- Political expression may not be regulated based on viewpoint. Teachers and staff should remain neutral regarding the viewpoints expressed by students.
- By permitting students to participate in walk-ins on the school campus, the school district is creating a limited public forum. Therefore, if the school permits students to express one viewpoint, students expressing opposing or unrelated viewpoints must also be permitted to do so in a similar forum.
- While staff members have First Amendment rights when they engage in speech/expression that is a matter of public concern, this right is limited during work hours. Staff members should be reminded that their roles do not extend to supporting the student expressed message and during any student protest, all work rules, including attendance, remain in effect.

Roll Call Vote:
Art Batacchi – Yes; Genis Melendez-Delaney – No; Carl Stewart – Yes; David Travis – Yes;
Fran Lartigue – Yes; Maryellen Brown – Yes; Dennis Sears – Yes; Bob Law – Yes; Bonnie Silvers - Yes
Motion passes: 8 to 1

5. New Business

a. Student Spotlight – None

b. Approval of Overnight Field Trip (April 18-21, 2018) to Tampa, Florida (Grades 7&8) to provide students hands-on science experiences related to aquatic habitats. - A.VonRuden
This item was tabled to the March 15, 2018 meeting.

c. Change the School Committee Meeting Date of May 17, 2018 (Alternative dates 5/10 and 5/15) – B. Regulbuto

Superintendent Regulbuto and Chris Regan will be attending the MASBO conference on May 17th. *Mr. Sears made a motion to move the school committee meeting from May 17, 2018 to May 10, 2018. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.*

Mr. Stewart requested that item 5g. School Lunch Price Increase be addressed at this time.

d. School Lunch Price Increase – Vote Required
Mr. Wells stated that per federal regulations we are out of compliance regarding what we charge for school lunch. The recommended increase would be 4.6% each year.
The cost of lunch is currently $2.75 and needs to go up to $2.86 to be compliant.

Mr. Stewart moved to approve the school lunch price increase as set forth by Mr. Wells effective immediately. Ms. Lartigue seconded the motion.
Discussion ensued regarding when the increase would take effect.

Mr. Stewart then withdrew his motion.

Mr. Stewart moved to approve the school price increase to take effect on March 26, 2018. Ms. Lartigue seconded the motion.

Discussion followed regarding the increases for future years.

Mr. Stewart then revised the motion to approve the school price increase to $2.90 to take effect March 26, 2018; $3.10 to take effect on the first day of the 18-19 school year; and $3.25 to take effect on the first day of the 19-20 school year. Ms. Lartigue seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

f. Student Safety
Beth informed the school committee that she had been asked to join the discussion with the students regarding what they are planning for their protest. The students are being very respectful of not disrupting the education process and thoughtful of where they think they will have the most effect. There are lots of ideas of way to express their concerns. There are also quite a few students who are attending the march in Washington on March 24th which is not sponsored by the Southern Berkshire Regional School District.

Marya Makuc would like to invite the school committee on March 14th to attend the National School Walk-Out at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Silvers gave a breakdown of the events happening on March 14th.

Coffee with the SFO and friends will be Monday night at 6 p.m. in the Eagles Loft for parents and community.

g. Entry Plan Findings – This was tabled to the meeting on March 15th.

6. **Unfinished Business**

7. **Subcommittee Reports**
   a. Policy Subcommittee –D. Sears
      First Reading
      Policy ADF – School District Wellness Program – Policy does exist but the Wellness committee brought forward some changes.
      Policy EFD – Meal Charge Policy
      Policy GBEBD – Online Fundraising and Solicitations
      Policy ILD – Student Submission to Educational Surveys and Research

   b. SBRSD Future of South Berkshire Education Ad Hoc Committee – D. Sears
      Mr. Sears reported that they had a meeting in Lee. The next meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2018 in Lenox. Mr. Sears informed the committee that an arrangement has been made with Dr. Bill Dagget to present at the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center on Relevance & Rigor, Meeting the needs of our Students in the 21st Century, scheduled for April 24th.

      Ms. Lartigue moved to transfer $1250. Art Batacchi seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

   c. Building, Grounds & Technology – Art Batacchi
      Mr. Batacchi informed the school committee that they had met on Monday. They are currently over the $400,000 capital in the budget and will need to prioritize needs.

      Genis Melenadez-Delaney informed the school committee that she will be resigning from the committee and that this would be her last meeting.

   d. Executive Evaluation Subcommittee – B. Law
      Bob Law informed the committee they had met on Tuesday. They went over the superintendent goals with Beth and talked about what kind of tools would be used for mid cycle evaluation and time line.

   e. Finance Subcommittee– D. Sears
      Mr. Sears had nothing new to add.

   f. Negotiation Subcommittee – C. Stewart
      Mr. Stewart informed that they has not been a meeting since the last report.

8. **Chairman's Report**
9. **Superintendent's Report**
10. **Curriculum & Professional Development Coordinator's Report**
    See attached report.
11. **Director of Student Services Report**
12. **Business Manager's Report**
    a. Approval of Warrants: February 26, 2018

       Mr. Stewart moved to approve the warrant of February 26, 2018. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lartigue. No discussion motion carries.

    b. Vote to Accept Grants and Gifts - none
    c. Budget Transfers - none

13. **Future Agenda Items**
    a. Report of College Submissions – March 15th Meeting
    b. College & Career Planning Initiatives for FY19 and Beyond – April Meeting

14. **Adjourn**

Mr. Stewart moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Lartigue. No discussion, motion passes unanimously.

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Southern Berkshire Regional School District
Mt. Everett Regional School Library
Sheffield, MA
March 15, 2018
Meeting #1542

School Committee Members: Bonnie Silvers, Dennis Sears, MaryEllen Brown, Art Batacchi, Bob Law, Carl Stewart, Fran Lartigue, David Travis

Absent: Genis Melandez-Delaney, Marcella Bush

Administration: Superintendent Regulbuto, Christine Regan, Kerry Burke, Sandi Hubbard

Press: Corey Willey, Berkshire Record

Others: Ken Basler, Karen Chamberland, Marya Makuc, Tara White, Julie Hannum, Carol Edelman, Sarah Siket, Angus Kerr

1. **Call to Order:** Bonnie Silvers, Chair, called meeting #1542 to order at 6:05 p.m.
Mr. Sears made a motion to alter the agenda to move item 7b. Letter from the Town of Monterey. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.
Ms. Silvers suggested that the meeting begin with Item 7.b. Letter from the Town of Monterey, dated March 8th regarding the school closing.

7. Business with District Member Towns

b. Letter from the Town of Monterey dated March 8, 2018 regarding school closing (attached)
Mr. Sears stated that we would proceed with the understanding that no classes will be held in the Monterey school building for the upcoming school year.

Mr. Sears moved to reconsider the SBRSD School Committee vote of February 21, 2018, whether to begin the process based on the Regional Agreement for the closure of the Monterey School. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. Mr. Sears voted on the prevailing side so he was able to bring this forward.

Following a discussion on the motion, the roll call vote was as follows:
Art Batacchi –No; Carl Stewart - Yes; David Travis -Yes; Fran Lartigue - No;
Maryellen Brown – Yes; Dennis Sears – Yes; Bob Law – Yes; Bonnie Silvers – Yes.
Motion carries 6-2

Monterey

Mr. Sears moved that pursuant to Section 3 of the Regional Agreement for the Southern Berkshire Regional School District, to provide notice to all Member Towns of the District of a proposed school action to close the existing Monterey School located at 459 Main Rd, Route 23, Monterey, MA, with such closure to take effect commencing with the 2018-19 school year; and to include in such notice to all Member Towns the times, dates, and places of two public hearings to be held regarding such proposed school action: namely a meeting to be held in Monterey, Massachusetts at the Monterey Town Hall on March 20, 2018 beginning at 7:00 p.m.; and a meeting to be held at the Mt. Everett Regional School TACPAC at 491 Berkshire School Road, Sheffield, MA 01257 on March 28, 2018 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Lartigue seconded the motion.

Discussion followed on the motion. Ms. Silvers indicated that this action does not preclude that at some point a program will not take place in Monterey. Ms. Silvers stated that a no vote takes the motion off the table.
Roll Call Vote:
Art Batacchi – Yes; Carl Stewart –No; David Travis -No; Fran Lartigue –No; Maryellen Brown - No; Dennis Sears - No, Bob Law - No, Bonnie Silvers - No.
Motion carries 7 to 1

Mr. Sears moved to reconsider the SBRSD School Committee vote of February 21, 2018, whether to begin the process based on the Regional Agreement for the closure of the South Egremont School. Mr. Sears voted on the prevailing side. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. There was no discussion, the roll call vote was as follows:
Art Batacchi – Yes; Carl Stewart - Yes; David Travis - Yes; Fran Lartigue - No; Maryellen Brown - Yes;Dennis Sears - Yes, Bob Law - Yes, Bonnie Silvers - Yes.
Motion carries 7-1

South Egremont
Mr. Sears moved that pursuant to Section 3 of the Regional Agreement for the Southern Berkshire Regional School District, to provide notice to all Member Towns of the District of a proposed school action to close the existing South Egremont School located at 42 Main Street, South Egremont, MA, with such closure to take effect commencing with the 2018-19 school year; and to include in such notice to all Member Towns the times, dates, and places of two public hearings to be held regarding such proposed school action: namely a meeting to be held in South Egremont, Massachusetts at the Egremont Town Hall on March 21, 2018 beginning at 7:00 p.m.; and a meeting to held at the Mt. Everett Regional School TACPAC at 491 Berkshire School Road, Sheffield, MA 01257 on March 28, 2018 beginning at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion.

Mr. Batacchi called the question, Ms. Lartigue seconded the motion. Voted 4 Yes; 4 No. Motion fails.
Discussion ensued regarding the South Egremont School.

Roll Call Vote:
Art Batacchi - Yes; Carl Stewart - No; David Travis – No; Fran Lartigue - Yes; Maryellen Brown - No; Dennis Sears – No; Bob Law – No; Bonnie Silvers – No.
Motion carries 6-2

2. **Standing Reports**
   a. Miscellaneous Correspondence

3. **Student Representative Report**
Marya Makuc and Angus Kerr gave the committee an update on the student walkout yesterday. Marya said that they took a lot of time and consideration in planning this event. Workshops were held in the morning prior to the walk out at 10 a.m. There were four workshops:
Equipping Youth as Citizens about the Government; 17 acts of Kindness; Writing Petitions "Open Letter to Trump"; Marching Effectively. About 100 students participated and 60-70 students participated in the four workshops that were held. The students learned skills that they will be able to use the rest of their life.
Mr. Stewart stated that this event was a credit to the school and community. Mr. Sears, who attended the workshop on petition writing, said that it was amazing.

4. **Public Comment**
Sarah Siket and Karen Chamberland voiced their concerns regarding making March 30, 2018, currently a holiday, a half day of school to make up for snow days. The school committee stated they would consider their concerns when making a decision.

5. **New Business**
a. Student Spotlight (Project 351) – None.

b. Approval of Overnight Field Trip (April 18-21, 2018) to Tampa Florida (Grades 7&8) to provide students hands-on science experiences related to aquatic habitats. - A.VonRuden
Mr. Batacchi made a motion to approve the Overnight Field Trip (April 18-21, 2018) to Tampa Florida. Mr. Travis seconded the motion. There was a brief discussion regarding the cost and how students pay and the motion was unanimously approved.

c. School Cancellations – Propose Half day for March 30, 2018
Superintendent Regulbuto informed the school committee that she had met with the staff during a union meeting. One of the items discussed was to have the last day of school be Friday, June 22nd. We currently have used seven (7) snow days and the last day would be Monday, June 25th. The proposal of having a half-day of school on March 30th (Good Friday holiday) was mentioned and the faculty who were present at the meeting overwhelmingly suggested bringing it forward to the school committee for a vote.
A discussion followed. Mr. Stewart noted point of order. A motion should be made, followed by discussion.

Mr. Stewart made a motion that the school committee vote to have a half day of school on March 30, 2018. Mr. Law seconded the motion.
Further discussion ensued.
Mr. Batacchi requested that the district look at Blizzard Bags for next year. Absences will be reviewed on a case by case basis by the Superintendent.

Mr. Travis called the question, Mr. Sears seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Roll call vote:
Art Batacchi – Yes; Carl Stewart – Yes; David Travis – No; Fran Lartigue – No;
Maryellen Brown – Yes; Mr. Sears – No; Mr. Law – Yes.
Motion carries 4 to 3.

d. Adoption of FY19 Operating, Transportation and Capital Budgets
Mr. Stewart made a motion that the SBRSD school committee approve the FY19 Operating, Transportation and Capital Budget as listed. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion.

A discussion followed. Superintendent Regulbuto explained that this was a leveled service budget and there may be some reduction in force in certain areas. A clerical staff retirement will be replaced with a .5 fte. It was noted that the motion had to include a breakdown of the budget. Questions and answers followed.

Mr. Stewart then withdrew his prior motion and moved that the SBRSD school committee approve the FY19 Operating, Transportation and Capital Budget stating each item as listed. Mr. Travis seconded the motion.

FY19 Budget

• *Operating Expenditure Budget*	*$ 14,744,965*
• *Transportation Expenditure Budget*	*$ 1,313,568*
• *Capital Expenditure Budget*	*$ 358,461*
• *Capital Project Bond Repayment*	*$ 273,017*
TOTAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET	***$16,390,011***

Ms. Lartigue moved to amend the Total Expenditure Budget to read $16,690,011 (typo in the above figure of 16,360,011). Mr. Stewart accepted this amendment to his motion, and it was seconded by Mr. Batacchi.

FY19 Assessments

• *Operating Assessment*	*$ 12,175,107*
• *Transportation Assessment*	*$ 771,263*
• *Capital Assessment*	*$ 358,461*
• *Capital Project Interest Assessment*	*$ 273,017*
TOTAL TO BE ASSESSED	***$13,577,848***

Roll Call Vote:
Art Batacchi – Yes; Carl Stewart – Yes; David Travis – Yes; Bonnie Silvers – Yes; Fran Lartigue – Yes; Maryellen Brown – Yes; Dennis Sears – Yes; Bob Lay – Yes
Motion passes unanimously.

6. **Unfinished Business**
7. **Business with District Member Towns**
   a. Move the April 12th meeting from Town of New Marlborough to the Sheffield Campus
   The Town of New Marlborough had sent an email requesting that since the school committee would be voting on the closure of the Monterey and Egremont schools at the April 12th meeting, they felt it should be moved to the Sheffield campus.
   Ms. Lartigue made a motion to move the April 12th School Committee Meeting to the Sheffield Campus. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.
8. **Subcommittee Reports**
   a. Policy Subcommittee – D. Sears
   Second Reading
   - *Mr. Stewart moved to adopt policy ADF – School District Wellness Program. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.*
   - *Mr. Stewart moved to adopt policy EFD – Meal Charge Policy. Mr. Law seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.*
   - *Mr. Stewart moved to adopt policy GBEBD – Online Fundraising and Solicitations. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. Ms. Silvers requested that the Superintendent ensure the faculty are aware of this policy. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.*
   - *Mr. Sears moved to adopt policy ILD – Student Submission to Educational Surveys and Research. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion.*
     Discussion followed regarding this policy. Mr. Stewart stated that this policy contained several provisions that are in violation of the United States constitution, specifically paragraph two "without the prior written consent of the…..".
     Mr. Stewart made a motion to amend the policy as follows:

Strike "prior written" and also "if he/she is at least 18 years of age"; strike 18 years older (last para). There was no second to the motion.

Mr. Travis suggested that the Policy Subcommittee take a further look at this policy.
Ms. Silvers moved that Mr. Sears withdraw his motion and take it back to policy for further discussion. Unanimously approved.

9. **Chairman's Report**
Ms. Silvers mentioned the walk out on March 14th and commended Superintendent Regulbuto, Principal Devoti and the Sheffield Policy Department for the effort they had put into planning this event and the students for this well executed event.

10. **Superintendent's Report (attached)**
- Shout-out to the Highway Road Superintendents for a job well done.
- Coffee with the SRO and Chief was an opportunity for the community to interact and ask questions of the SRO regarding security. Mr. Batacchi was disappointed that the event was poorly attended. Mr. Law stated that Superintendent Regulbuto had sent out communication to public regarding the event.
- Calendar – The musical Godspell was moved from Saturday to Thursday, Friday and Sunday because many of the students will be at the march on March 24th.
- Superintendent's Entry Plan Report was presented to the school committee. (Attached)

11. **Curriculum & Professional Development Coordinator's Report (attached)**
Kerry went through her report and the professional development schedule.

12. **Director of Student Services Report**
Ms. Hubbard informed the committee that the next SBRSD SEPAC session is on April 24th at 3 p.m.in the Mt. Everett Library on Language and Language Processing Disorders. The Special Olympics is set for May 2nd.

13. **Business Manager's Report**
a. Approval of Warrants : March 9, 2018 (attached)
Mr. Stewart moved to approve the warrant of March 9, 2018 as submitted. Ms. Lartigue seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.
b. Vote to accept Grants and Gifts - None
c. Budget Transfers (attached)
Mr. Stewart moved to approve the budget transfers as presented. Ms. Lartigue seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

14. **Adjourn**
Mr. Batacchi moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. Ms. Lartigue seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Documents presented at this meeting
- *Agenda #1542*
- *Overnight Field Trip to Tampa Florida*
- *FY19 Budget*
- *Letter from the Town of Monterey*
- *Policies: ADF, EFD, GBEBD, ILD*
- *Superintendent's Report and Entry Plan*
- *Curriculum & PD Coordinator's Report*
- *Warrant March 9, 2018*
- *Budget Transfers*

ENROLLMENT 2017-2018

As of	8/1/2017	9/1/2017		10/2/2017		11/1/2017		12/1/2017		1/2/2018		2/1/2018		3/1/18		4/1/18	
Undermountain																	
Pre-K	12	10	-2	10		11	+1	12	+1	12		12		12		13	+1
Early K	13	12	-1	12		13	+1	13		13		13		13		13	
Kindergarten	33	34	1	34		33	-1	33		33		33		33		33	
Grade 1	34	33	-1	33		32	-1	32		32		32		32		32	
Grade 2	38	40	2	40		40		40		40		40		40		40	
Grade 3	33	31	-2	31		31		31		31		31		32	+1	32	
Grade 4	29	29	0	29		30	+1	30		31	+1	31		30	-1	31	+1
Grade 5	59	57	-2	56	-1	56		58	+2	56	-2	57	+1	57		57	
Grade 6	45	45	0	45		45		45		45		45		44	-1	44	
Total UME	**296**	**291**	-5	**290**	-1	**291**	+1	**294**	+3	**293**	-1	**294**	+1	**293**	-1	**295**	+2
New Marlborough																	
Pre K	4	6	2	6		6		6		6		6		7	+1	7	
Early K	8	8	0	8		7	-1	7		7		7		7		7	
Kindergarten	8	8	0	8		8		8		8		8		8		8	
Grade 1	20	20	0	20		20		20		20		20		20		20	
Grade 2	10	11	1	11		10	-1	10		10		10		10		11	+1
Grade 3	18	18	0	18		18		18		18		18		18		18	
Grade 4	16	17	1	16	-1	16		17	+1	17		17		17		17	
Total NMC	**84**	**88**	4	**87**	-1	**85**	-2	**86**	+1	**86**		**86**		**87**	+1	**88**	+1
Total Elementary	**380**	**379**	-1	**377**	-2	**376**	-1	**380**	+4	**379**	-1	**380**	+1	**380**		**383**	+3
Mt Everett																	
Grade 7	62	60	-2	62	2	62		62		62		63	+1	63		63	
Grade 8	48	47	-1	46	-1	47	+1	47		46	-1	47	+1	47		47	
Grade 9	53	50	-3	51	1	52	+1	52		52		53	+1	51	-2	51	
Grade 10	56	53	-3	55	2	55		56	+1	56		57	+1	57		57	
Grade 11	46	46	0	45	-1	45		45		45		45		45		45	
Grade 12	43	45	2	45		46	+1	46		46		45	-1	43	-2	43	
Total MSHS	**308**	**301**	-7	**304**	3	**307**	+3	**308**	+1	**307**	-1	**310**	+3	**306**	**-4**	**306**	
Total all Schools	**688**	**680**	-8	**681**	**1**	**683**	**+2**	**688**	**+5**	**686**	**-2**	**690**	**+4**	**686**	-4	**689**	+3