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Southern Berkshire Regional School District
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING #1,545

Date: Thursday, May 10, 2018

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Egremont Town Hall, 171 Egremont Plain Rd (Rte 71), S. Egremont, MA 01258

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 #1543 and #1544
 - b. Enrollment
 - c. Miscellaneous Correspondence
3. **Student Representative Report**
4. **Public Comment**
5. **Student Spotlight**
6. **New Business**
 - a. Vote to Participate in the Massachusetts School Choice Program for the 2018-2019 School Year
 - b. Vote to accept Bids for Tennis Court Renovation
7. **Unfinished Business**
8. **Business with District Member Towns**
 - a. Status on S. Egremont School Project and Enrollment
9. **Subcommittee Reports**
 - a. Future of South Berkshire Education – D. Sears
 - b. Negotiation – C. Stewart
 - c. Building, Grounds & Technology – A. Batacchi
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: April 20, 2018 and May 4, 2018
 - b. Vote to Accept Grants and Gifts
 - c. Budget Transfers
15. **Future Agenda Items**
 - a. Approval of School Choice Openings for 2018-19 School Year (per C 76, s 12B)
16. **Adjourn**

Next School Committee Meetings
May 10, 2018 (Town of Egremont)
June 7, 2018 (Town of Alford)

May 23, 2018 (Mt. Everett Library, Sheffield)
June 28, 2018 (Town of Sheffield)

Upcoming Events:

May 11	7-9 p.m.	NHS Induction Ceremony-Lobby outside TACPAC
May 16	7-8:30 p.m.	Gr 7-12 Spring Instrumental Concert – TACPAC
May 18	6 – 10 p.m.	Prom- Country Club of Pittsfield
May 21	7-8:30 p.m.	MSHS Spring Choral Concert - TACPAC
May 22	3 p.m.	SBRSD SEPAC “ELL” – Mt. Everett Library
May 22	6 p.m.	Superintendent Regional Round Table Meeting- Library
May 24	6 p.m.	Music Banquet – UME Cafeteria
May 24	3 p.m.	Softball Game - Veterans Celebration
May 30	6-7:30 p.m.	UME Open House
May 31	6-7 p.m.	Gr 3-6 Elementary Spring Band/Choral Concert – TACPAC
June 2	10:00 a.m.	Graduation Ceremony – Tanglewood
June 9	1-5 p.m.	TEDx Youth - TACPAC
June 14	6-8 p.m.	NMC Talent Show for Hurricane Relief-NM Meeting House
June 19	6 p.m.	NMC Gr 4 Recognition Night
June 20	6 p.m.	Gr 6 Graduation
June 21	6 p.m.	Gr 8 Graduation

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Posted on:

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: Marya Makuc

1. **Call to Order:** Bonnie Silvers, Chair, called meeting #1542 to order at 6:05 p.m.

Mr. Stewart made a motion to alter the agenda and move item 5a. Request for Waiver of Tuition ahead of the meeting. Mr. Sears seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

5. **New Business**

- a. Request for Waiver of Tuition – Mr. & Mrs. Wandall informed the school committee that they had recently moved to Canaan, CT and were requesting a waiver of tuition so their son could finish the remainder of the school year at Mt. Everett.

Mr. Stewart moved that the SBRSD allow Caleb Wandall to complete the 17-18 school year and waive the cost of tuition. Ms. Lartigue seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Robert Law, School Committee member recently passed away. Ms. Silvers read a note from Bob Law's sister. Mr. Stewart and Mr. Travis also shared some of their memories of Mr. Law with the committee.

Mr. Travis moved that the district investigate the possibility of further theatre possibilities as a testament to Mr. Law's contributions to the district. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. **Standing Reports**

- a. Approval of Minutes of School Committee Meetings #1541 and #1542

- *Mr. Stewart moved to approve meeting minutes #1541 of March 9, 2018 as presented. Ms. Lartigue seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.*
- *Mr. Stewart moved to approve the Open Public Hearing Minutes of March 9, 2018 as presented. Ms. Lartigue seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.*
- *Mr. Stewart moved to approve meeting minutes #1542 of March 15, 2018 as presented. Ms. Lartigue seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.*

- b. Enrollment – Superintendent Regulbuto informed the committee that as of April 1, 2018 the enrollment was at 689 up three (3) from March 1, 2018.
Superintendent Regulbuto also stated that there was encouraging information on early childhood enrollment. To date we have 18 enrolled at NMC (EK and K) and 58 at Undermountain (PreK, EK and K). These numbers are up from last year.
- c. Miscellaneous Correspondence – None

3. **Student Representative Report**

Marya Makuc introduced herself to the school committee and gave an update on events that have happened or happening at the school. Godspell was a huge hit. Also received approval and licensing on TEDx event on Saturday, June 9 from 1-5 p.m. WEA symposium will be hosted in India this Fall. Annual Spring Fling is in the works and will be hosted at the Sheffield Town Park. Sports season ended well, Mr. Carpenter was named Athletic Director of the Year. Health Fair will be held on May 4th and open to the parents. Student Government ran a Red Cross Blood Drive. Culinary students raised over \$2000 toward their scholarship fund. Students attended Project 351 – Clothing Drive. A few students attended a conference at Hancock Shaker Village.

4. **Public Comment – None**

- 5. b. Approval of Senior Class Overnight Field Trip to New York City (May 29-30, 2018)
Ms. Dawn EstesDaub presented the overnight field trip request to the school committee for approval.
Mr. Stewart moved to approve the Senior Class Overnight Field Trip to New York City from May 29-30, 2018 as presented. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. There was a discussion regarding finances and the ability of students to pay for the trip. Ms. Estes Daub replied that they have had very successful fundraising efforts. The motion was unanimously approved.
- c. Review and Approval of Mt. Everett Regional High School 2018-2019 Program of Studies – Glenn Devoti
Mr. Devoti presented the 2018-2019 Program of Studies to the committee for approval. With the School Committee approval, Mt. Everett will launch part two of a two-part process, which began in January. Mr. Devoti explained the process to the committee. Mr. Batacchi asked about AP Biology. Mr. Devoti replied that they were not ready to offer this now, but do offer it online. All students must take the MCAS Biology to graduate.

Mr. Stewart moved to accept and approve the 2018-2019 Mt. Everett Regional High School Program of Studies as presented. Mr. Sears seconded the motion.
Further discussion ensued.
Chris Thompson stated would like to launch a STEM Academy of Contemporary Technologies Courses concept in the high school. Would include Robotics I, Robotics II, Drones, 3D Printing and Design. These would all be online classes with hands-on workshops in the tech lab. Questions and answers followed.
Mr. Travis asked if Kerry Burke and Beth Regulbuto were involved with the decisions regarding the program of studies. Superintendent Regulbuto would like the program of studies to be a district wide discussion before it is brought to the committee for approval.
Mr. Travis asked about the \$75,000 Edgenuity course. Mr. Devoti responded that about a third of the students are involved in this program. Ms. Silvers suggested that it would be appropriate for this to come before the curriculum committee.
Further questions and discussion ensued.
Mr. Stewart called the question.
Vote: David Travis – No; Fran Lartigue – No; Carl Stewart – Yes; Art Batacchi – Yes; Dennis Sears – Yes; Maryellen Brown – Yes; Marcella Bush – Yes
Motion passed five – 2.

- d. College & Career Planning Initiatives for FY19 and Beyond – Glenn Devoti
 Mr. Devoti recognized Dawn Estes Daub and Kim Conant for the good work they do for our students. Dawn Estes Daub and Kim Conant introduced themselves to the committee. They presented a power point of College and Career Initiatives (attached). Over the past two academic years, the school counseling department has developed programming based on the Massachusetts School Counselors Association’s MA Model for Accountable, Comprehensive School Counseling Programs (MA Model 2.0) The MA Model 2.0 components consist of: Foundation, Accountability, Management, Delivery
 Massachusetts school counselors must collect and analyze data that demonstrates how the counseling program supports student achievement and school improvement, as well as college and career readiness.
 College representatives visit Mount Everett every fall.
 School Counseling office brings students to the annual College Fair in the fall.
 College visits are organized through the school counseling office, National Honors Society and Student Government.
 Additional college tours are set up by student interest and funded by the Perkins Grant. This year students will visit Fashion Institute of Technology and Culinary Institute of America. All Grade 10 students participate in Job Shadow Day
- e. Report of College Submissions and Acceptances – Glenn Devoti
 Dawn Estes Daub and Kim Conant presented a report for 2016, 2017 and 2018 of College Submissions and Acceptances. (Attached) Questions and discussion followed.
- 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.

Ms. Lartigue moved that the School Committee vote to explore special legislation relative to operating the Southern Berkshire Child Care Program and After School Program under the District’s authority. Mr. Travis seconded the motion.

Historically the program has been open and operated through the school district; the purpose here is to formalize the program through the district. It was set up as an independent entity which is not feasible anymore.

Mr. Stewart called the question. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. **Unfinished Business**

- a. Review of Subcommittee Assignments
Mr. Stewart moved that in view of the two unfortunate vacancies on the school committee that the school committee review the subcommittee assignments and make changes as necessary. Mr. Sears seconded the motion.
 Following subcommittee were changed.
Building, Grounds & Technology
 Art Batacchi, Maryellen Brown, David Travis, Fran Lartigue
Curriculum Subcommittee
 Fran Lartigue, Bonnie Silvers, David Travis, Kerry Burke
Executive Evaluation Subcommittee
 Fran Lartigue, Marcella Bush, David Travis
Regional Agreement Review Committee
 Art Batacchi, Carl Stewart, Dennis Sears, Maryellen Brown (Alternate)
SBRSD Future of Education in South County
 Dennis Sears, Bonnie Silvers, Marcella Bush, David Travis, Fran Lartigue (Alternate)

Warrant Subcommittee

Dennis Sears, Carl Stewart, Bonnie Silvers (All board members serve as alternates)

Liaison to Southern Berkshire Child Care Program

Fran Lartigue

Liaison to Early Childhood

Fran Lartigue

7. Business with District Member Towns

b. Correspondence from New Marlborough

- Motion to establish an Assessment Study Advisory Committee

Mr. Travis moved that the district establish an Assessment Study Advisory Committee. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Tara White had sent Ms. Silvers an email requesting a discussion of the regional school assessments. The feeling is that the towns should not be subject to the ups and downs of the assessment changes from year to year and that the district move to another system of assessments. The school committee cannot do this, but the Regional Agreement Review Subcommittee can look at a request from the School Committee to look at the issue of the assessments.

Mr. Batacchi will convene a meeting and report back by September 1st. The Assessment Study Advisory Committee will refer to the Regional Agreement Committee.

8. Subcommittee Reports

a. Policy Subcommittee – Dennis Sears

- JEB – Entrance Age

Mr. Stewart moved to approve/adopt Policy JEB – Entrance Age. Mr. Batacchi Seconded the motion.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Stewart moved to set aside the normal policy on policy adoption to allow approval on the first reading rather than after the second reading. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion.

Mr. Travis requested an explanation of changes to the policy.

Mr. Stewart withdrew the above motion.

Mr. Sears explained the changes/additions that were made to Policy JEB.

Mr. Stewart restated the above motion to change the procedure, seconded by Mr. Batacchi. This motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Stewart moved to approve/adopt policy JEB as presented. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

- Policy ILD – Student Submission to Educational Surveys and Research

Mr. Stewart moved to approve/adopt policy ILD as presented. Mr. Travis seconded the motion. There was a brief discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

c. Future of South Berkshire Education – D. Sears

SBEF is hosting Bill Daggett at the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center on April 24th from 6 – 8 p.m. Everyone was invited to attend. This event will be videotaped and available on the CTSB site.

d. Executive Evaluation Subcommittee

David Travis is the now chair of this committee. Executive Evaluation Subcommittee met. Forms will be available on Monday for the school committee to complete.

e. Curriculum Subcommittee – F. Lartigue (Fran had to leave early)

Superintendent Regulbuto gave an update on the middle school task force and the transition plan for Kerry Burke's position.

9. **Chairman's Report**

10. **Superintendent's Report**

- At the Superintendent Regional Roundtable, meeting the select board members suggested that they would support any efforts made by the district on advocacy for items in the budget, on regional transportation, and budget formula.
Today the Superintendent received from the Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools two amendments that they are looking for support on.
Amendment 29, which would increase regional transportation reimbursement to 85% and the second, was for the legislature to approve the formation of a regional school district foundation budget commission for regional schools to look at how the formula is done.
- There are two critical positions that need to be filled. Kerry Burke, Curriculum & Professional Development Coordinator's and Mary Turo, Elementary Principal.
Sandi Hubbard will lead the screening committee process for Kerry Burke's position.
Kerry Burke will lead the screening committee process for Mary Turo's position.

11. **Curriculum & Professional Development Coordinator's Report** (Attached)

12. **Director of Student Services Report**

13. **Business Manager's Report**

- a. Approval of Warrants : March 23, 2018 and April 6, 2018
*Mr. Stewart moved to accept the warrants of March 23, 2018 and April 6, 2018 as presented.
Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.*
- b. Vote to Accept Grants and Gifts
Mr. Stewart moved to approve the grants and gifts as submitted. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.
- c. Budget Transfers

14. **Future Agenda Items**

15. **Adjourn**

Mr. Stewart moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. Mr. Travis seconded the motion. The motion as unanimously approved.

Documents presented at this meeting:

- Agenda #1543
- Minutes of Meeting #1541, Open Hearing Minutes, Minutes #1542
- Request for Waiver of Tuition
- Overnight Field Trip to NY City
- FY18-19 Program of Studies
- College & Career Planning Initiatives for FY19
- Policy JEB, ILD
- Curriculum & Professional Development Coordinator's Report
- Warrants: March 23 and April 6
- Grants and Gifts

School Committee Members: Bonnie Silvers, Dennis Sears, MaryEllen Brown, Art Batacchi, David Travis, Marcella Bush

Absent: Carl Stewart, Fran Lartigue, Kerry Burke

Administration: Superintendent Regulbuto, Christine Regan, Sandi Hubbard

Press: Corey Willey, Berkshire Record

Others: Marya Makuc, Nadia Makuc, Carol Edelman, Kay Purcell, Valerie Costas, Colleen Johnson, Ken Basler, Hilary Bashara, Michael Strawbridge, Patrick Barrett, Marie Enoch, Elizabeth Enoch, Mary Makuc, John Makuc, Evelyn V. Christine Martin, Amanda, Pat Solomon and others.

1. **Call to Order:** Bonnie Silvers, Chair, called meeting #1544 to order at 6:07 p.m.
2. **Standing Reports:** None
3. **Student Representative Report**

Marya Makuc, Secretary to Class of 2018 and 2020 Class President, Elizabeth Enoch introduced themselves to the school committee.

Marya and Elizabeth gave an update of events that have been happening at Mt. Everett. Greek Week for Grade 7, National Honor Society Induction Ceremony is on May 11th, there will be 11 new inductees, Grade 10 just finished the English MCAS and are prepping for the Math and Science MCAS.

Ms. Silvers thanked Ms. Edelman for encouraging the school committee to take the meetings on the road. Ms. Edelman also thanked the school committee for making the journey to Monterey and gave a brief history of the Monterey Community Center, a gift from Edith Wilson. Ms. Edelman also mentioned that there is a scholarship fund available.
4. **Public Comment**

Christine Martin, resident of Monterey and teacher at SBRSD, raised a question regarding the budget and the elimination of a grade 5 classroom at Undermountain next year.

Ms. Silvers stated at this point programs have not been sacrificed at the expense of any new positions being added. Superintendent Regulbuto also stated that things could change and all depends on enrollment.
5. **New Business**
 - a. MASS Award

There was a short recess to recognize Marya Makuc for receiving the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (MASS) Award. Superintendent read aloud the letter presented to Marya (see attached). Marya was also presented with a certificate of Academic Excellence.

- b. Approval of Overnight Hiking Field Trip – Pat Barrett
Mr. Barrett presented the overnight hiking trip to the school committee.
*David Travis moved to approve the two Overnight Hiking Trips:
April 29 – May 1, 2018 – AT from Tyringham to Cross Blotz and
May 20 – May 23, 2018 – AT from North Adams to Pittsfield Rd. Art Batacchi seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.*
- c. SBRSD Health Fair – May 4, 2018
Hilary Bashara, Elementary School Nurse at Undermountain Elementary, introduced herself to the committee. She has coordinated the fair which will be held on May 4, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Mt. Everett Gym. Ms. Bashara gave an overview of the schedule for the day. Parents, families, students and staff are encouraged to attend this event. Superintendent Regulbuto commended Ms. Bashara for coordinating the fair.
Questions and answers ensued.

6. **Unfinished Business – None**

7. **Business with District Member Towns – None**

8. **Subcommittee Reports**

- a. Southern Berkshire Educational Future (SBEF) – D. Sears
Ms. Silvers thanked Mr. Sears for arranging the Bill Dagget event at the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center on April 24th. Mr. Sears stated that there were about 125 attendees. This was a collaborate effort of the SBEF which comprises the SBRSD, BHRSD, Lee and Lenox. The next meeting of the SBEF is scheduled for May 9th and will be hosted by SBRSD.
- b. Negotiations
Ms. Silvers reported that the negotiation subcommittee is close to finalizing the three contracts.
- c. Exec Evaluation: Mr. Travis reported that the committee has just completed the mid-year review of the Superintendent, surveys were completed and the Executive Evaluation Subcommittee will meet soon to discuss this. The community can expect a substantial report after the end of the year review is complete.

9. **Chairman’s Report**

- a. Annual Town Meetings
Ms. Silvers distributed a letter to the school committee that, with approval of the school committee, will be included with the budget book that Chris Regan is preparing for town meetings. (Attached)
*Mr. Sears moved to approve the letter as submitted to be included with the budget book.
Ms. Bush seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.*
- b. Super Evaluation Process – This was explained by Mr. Travis under Executive Evaluation
- c. School Committee Vacancies
The Town of Egremont has three people who have shown interest in filling the position left by Genis Melendez-Delaney.
The Town of Sheffield are currently speaking to local council regarding the section in the Regional Agreement about replacing a school committee member.
The appointment is only until the election in November and position vacated is until 2020.

10 **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Regulbuto informed the committee that both she and Ms. Regan are preparing for town meetings and budget. She informed the committee that there are a lot of events occurring before the end of school. There was discussion about scheduling another school committee meeting in May. It was decided that another school committee meeting will be held on May 23, 2018 at 6 p.m.

11. **Curriculum & Professional Development Coordinator's Report**

Kerry Burke was not present the report is attached for review.

12. **Director of Student Services Report** (report attached)

Sandy Burke informed the committee that the next discussion hosted by SEPAC and Student Services was moved from April 24th to May 22nd and will focus on English Learners. She also informed the committee that Special Olympics will be held on May 2nd at Monument Mountain.

13. **Business Manager Report**

Approval of Warrants: April 20, 2018 was tabled to the next meeting.

Vote to accept grants and gifts as attached.

Mr. Sears moved to approve the grant item changes as presented. Title 11A \$55 increase to \$34,448 and Title III grant of \$1,811. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Regan informed the committee that the bids for the Tennis Courts have gone out and are due in on May 9th.

Berkshire Health Group at the last meeting mentioned that the Berkshire County Insurance Group is dissolving. The BCIG has been a voting member at the Berkshire Health Group meetings. The member towns need a sponsor to keep them in the group, Alford, Mt. Washington, New Marlborough and Sheffield. Ms. Regan was seeking approval to for SBRSD to become a sponsor. There is no financial liability. This will be voted on later.

14. **Future Agenda Items**

Mr. Sears raised a question regarding the legal notice that was in the Berkshire Record regarding the signs at the school.

15. **Adjourn**

Mr. Sears moved to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Documents presented at this meeting:

- *Agenda #1544*
- *MASS Letter*
- *Overnight Field Trip*
- *SBRSD Health Fair*
- *Letter for budget book*
- *Curriculum & Professional Development Report*
- *Gifts and Grants*

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

9c.

TENNIS COURT RENOVATION PROJECT IFB - BID OPENING, WEDNESDAY MAY 9, 2018

NAME OF BIDDER	ASPHALT FOUR COURTS	ASLPHALT ALTERNATE #1 - 5TH COURT
Williams Paving, West Stockbridge MA	\$153,130	\$45,350
RS Site and Sports, LLC, Seymour CT	NO BID	NO BID

CONCRETE ALTERNATE #2a - FOUR COURTS	CONCRETE ALTERNATE #2b - 5TH COURT
NO BID	NO BID
\$280,000	\$84,000

SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Kerry Burke, Curriculum & Professional Development Coordinator

School Committee Report for Thursday, May 10, 2018

Instructional Updates for SY 2018-19

The following is part two of an update about the instructional programming implemented this year and the supports in place for the coming school year.

Foundations Overview

Based on the Wilson Reading System® principles, Wilson *Foundations*® provides research-based materials and strategies essential to a comprehensive reading, spelling, and handwriting program. *Foundations* makes learning to read fun while laying the groundwork for life-long literacy. Students in grades K-3 receive a systematic program in critical foundational skills, emphasizing:

- Phonemic awareness
- Phonics/ word study
- High frequency word study
- Reading fluency
- Vocabulary
- Comprehension strategies
- Handwriting
- Spelling

The instruction aligns with states' rigorous college- and career-ready standards, including those in Massachusetts English Language Arts/Literacy Curriculum Frameworks. Although *Foundations* includes comprehension strategies, it must be combined with a core/literature-based language arts program for an integrated and comprehensive approach to reading and spelling.

Foundations is a prevention/early intervention with whole group, explicit reading instruction for grades K-3. Grade K students, for example, use Level K *Foundations* activities to learn letter-keyword-sound, alphabetic order, and letter-formation skills.

As a prevention program, *Foundations* helps reduce reading and spelling failure. It is integral to a Response to Intervention (RTI) framework, providing research-based instruction in Tier 1 and early intervention (Tier 2) for students at risk for reading difficulties. To support the implementation of a RTI framework, progress monitoring is built into *Foundations*. This allows students requiring a more intensive program to be identified early before undergoing years of struggle.

Source: <https://www.wilsonlanguage.com/programs/foundations/>

Foundations at our Elementary Schools

We introduced *Foundations* at UME in grades K- and 1 this year with plans to begin in grade 2 next year. This whole group, Tier 1 instruction happens at the classroom level with additional Tier 2 instruction for identified at-risk readers provided by Title I teachers at UME. Over the course of the last two years, most classroom teachers and interventions working in grades K-2 in both elementary schools have received training from Wilson Language to ensure the rollout and fidelity to the program necessary for success.

NMC teachers in grades K-2 will start *Foundations* next year while funds for materials and additional training have been budgeted to implement *Foundations* at South Egremont in the fall.

Guided Reading at our Elementary Schools

Guided reading is another research-based approach to teaching reading (Jaquinta, 2006) that is an essential part of a balanced and comprehensive literacy program. This small-group reading instruction is designed to provide differentiated teaching to a broad range of learners in a classroom (Pinnell & Fountas, 2010).

The teacher uses a range of assessment tools to determine their students' strengths and deficits to place them into small groups according to instructional needs. This allows the teacher to focus precisely on what the students need to learn in order to advance. The teacher selects a text that provides students with a few challenges, as well as enough support to read it with a high degree of accuracy (90% or greater). Before students read the text, the teacher prepares them by offering some information about the story's topic. This introduction to the text is designed to give students scaffolds, as well as opportunities for problem solving.

The students read the entire text in a soft voice. The teacher listens to each student and teaches, prompts, and/or reinforces strategic actions. After students finish reading, the teacher invites the group to discuss the text and guides the discussion toward improving students' comprehension. The teacher often selects one or two teaching points from the text to work on with the group to expand their strategic processing.

Through careful text selection and strong teaching, skillful educators can help students learn to problem solve, decode, and deeply comprehend more and more challenging materials. Most importantly, guided reading can help students become independent learners who want to read.

Source: <https://www.literacyfootprints.com/assets/overview/LF-WhitePaper-3c852bf97a6c1ebd53f7ad78a7486e26f4134d3abfe0bf6ddbeed6068585be3f.pdf>

Guided Reading at our Elementary Schools

In summer of 2017, grade 1 UME teacher Christina Carlson and Title I Coordinator JoAnn Gavity completed a 2-day Guided Reading training offered by Jan Richardson at the Literacy Footprint Institute (LFI) a division of Pioneer Valley Books in Northampton, MA. This summer, UME teachers in grades K-1-2 with their Title I colleagues are enrolled in another 3-day Guided Reading training with Jan Richardson at LFI.

From November 2017 through March 2018, several of our elementary teachers from UME and NMC in grades K-4 along with special educators and interventionists (Title I) participated in a peer-lead book study about Guided Reading practices. Led by Christina Carlson and JoAnn Gavity, the participants worked through The Next Step Forward in Guided Reading by Jan Richardson, Ph.D., with five (5) earning district-issued PDPs for the completion of a related, outside project.

In addition, we have used Title I funds to purchase materials from Pioneer Valley Books to ensure we have a range of leveled texts available to support Guided Reading work next year in these grades levels at UME in grades K-4.

Finally, we continue to address how to offer a balanced literacy program at the elementary level. Next year teachers and administrators will evaluate the role our current core-reading program *Journeys* has played in an integrated approach to literacy for students in grades K-5 during its past six (6) years of use. They will assess what direction we take to implement literature and non-fiction based reading into our

elementary language arts curriculum that also supports our core-writing instruction program *Empowering Writers* in grades K-6 and early literacy with *Foundations* in grades K-2.

Literacy Coaching at UME

Kristen Burke, (no relation) a consultant from Berkshire Literacy Group, has been working this year with classroom teachers and Title I interventionists in grades K-4 at UME to support the implementation of *Foundations* and Guided Reading practices. By the end of the school year, Ms. Burke will have done grade-level coaching paid through grant funds with all of these UME teaching teams. In addition, she will have introduced herself to our NMC faculty as a potential resource for next year as they begin their work with *Foundations*. Finally, NMC's grade 1-2 teacher Elizabeth O'Donnell, who is Wilson certified and familiar with *Foundations*, may serve as an onsite resource for her colleagues.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Burke

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May 9, 2018

To: Superintendent Regulbuto, School Committee Members, and the SBRSD School Community
From: Sandi Hubbard, Director of Student Services
Re: May 10, 2018 Director's Report for School Committee Meeting

Hello!

Our Coordinated Program Review onsite portion, conducted by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, will conclude on May 10th. The report will likely be issued in fall 2018 and I will share the information as soon as it is available. Special Education, Civil Rights, and English Language Education programs and supports are being reviewed. More to come!

A reminder about our next discussion in our series, entitled Working with English Learners (hosted by SEPAC and the Department of Student Services, which was moved April 24th to May 22nd). Christine Martin, our ESL teacher and ELE Coordinator, will be conducting the discussion on May 22nd at 3pm in the Mt. Everett Library. We hope that you find these discussions informative and all are invited to attend. Hope to see you there!

Special Olympics was held on May 2nd at Monument Mountain High School track/field. Many of our students participated as athletes and volunteers. Faculty, staff, and family members were there to support and cheer them on. It was truly a great day!

Our final, half-day training on facilitating effective IEP meetings will be held on June 14th. We rescheduled to allow our trainer to recover from an automobile accident, but she is now on the mend! This year-long training and implementation of best practices is evident in our student documentation already. We are fortunate to have grant-funds available for this valuable training!

We are busily planning summer school, which will run from July 10-August 2 (T, W, and Th). We are extending the day for our special education summer program, to allow students to receive all supports and services (and also have a little time to socialize and do a few fun activities). Summer will be here before we know it!

Thanks to all for supporting our budget and our programs. Without the support of our families, committee members, and towns, we would not be able to provide programs that meet all of our student needs in such a comprehensive way. Thank you all again!

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi

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WARRANT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING, 4-20-18

	Date	Voucher #	Total Amount:	General Fund Amount:
Manual Warrant				
Health Insurance Warrant				
Vendor Warrant	4/20/2018	1603	\$ 164,461.36	\$ 147,661.44
Payroll Warrant				
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P-Card Warrant	3/31/2018	1506	\$ 3,285.58	\$ 1,546.30
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FY18 WARRANTS SIGNED
WARRANT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING, 5-4-18

	Date	Voucher #	Total Amount:	General Fund Amount:
Manual Warrant				
Health Insurance Warrant	5/1/2018	1701	\$ 305,635.00	\$ 284,016.00
Vendor Warrant	5/4/2018	1702	\$ 160,348.23	\$ 140,335.89
Payroll Warrant	4/12/2018		\$ 350,700.96	\$ 328,821.24
Payroll Warrant	4/26/2018		\$ 342,991.12	\$ 325,814.66
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