

School Committee Members: Art Batacchi, Bonnie Silvers, Dennis Sears, Bob Law, Genis Melandez-Delaney, Fran Lartigue, MaryEllen Brown

Absent: Carl Stewart, Marcella Bush, David Travis

Administration: Superintendent Hastings, Christine Regan, Beth Regulbuto

Press: CTSB, Cory Wiley – Berkshire Record,

Student Representatives: None Present

Others: Melissa Burns, Karen Chamberland, Carol Edleman

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Ms. Silvers called meeting #1527 to order at 6:05 p.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - a. *The Executive Session Minutes of April 27, 2017 were reviewed. Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the minutes were unanimously approved.*
 - b. *The minutes of School Committee Meeting #1525 of May 25, 2017 were reviewed. Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the minutes were unanimously approved.*
 - c. *The minutes of School Committee Meeting #1526 of June 8, 2017 were reviewed. Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the minutes were unanimously approved.*
3. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE PERTAINING TO THIS EVENING'S AGENDA ITEMS**
 - A. Student Representative Report: None
 - B. Public Comment: None
4. **UPDATES/PRESENTATIONS:** None
5. **BUSINESS**
 - A. Litigation Update – Town of Egremont – Bonnie Silvers
Ms. Silvers informed the school committee that the Southern Berkshire Regional School District had reached a settlement agreement with the Town of Egremont. The case will be dismissed without prejudice.

As part of the settlement agreement:
 1. The SBRSD will not be running a program in Egremont for the 2017-2018 school year.
 2. By October 1, 2017 the District must begin the process of funding for the 2018-2019 program at South Egremont or begin the process of closing the school as set forth in the regional agreement.

Ms. Silvers and Mr. George McGurn, Selectman from the Town of Egremont, met to write a joint press release regarding the settlement. Ms. Silvers also reported that the Town of Egremont had their town meeting and the FY18 budget was approved. The Town of Monterey will hold their meeting tomorrow, June 30, 2017.

- B. Vote to establish an activities account for the Mount Everett Interact Club – Angela Spitia
The request from Angela Spitia was reviewed. *Ms. Lartigue made a motion to establish an activities account for the Mount Everett Interact Club. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.*
- C. Request for waiver of tuition from Mr. John Wheeler (letter attached)
The letter from Mr. Wheeler was reviewed. *Ms. Lartigue made a motion to approve the waiver of tuition for Mr. Wheeler’s daughter for the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.*
- D. Superintendent’s Report – David Hastings
- Grade 6 and Grade 8 held their graduations ceremonies.
 - Dan Kringer, the long term substitute Choral Teacher, has done an amazing job during his tenure here while Chris Clark was on a leave of absence.
 - The Central Office has been reorganized. What was Terri Licata’s office will be Beth Regulbuto’s office. Ingrid and Terri will now share what was Dave Hastings office. Kerry Burke has moved into Ingrid’s office and Kerry’s old office is now the conference room.
 - The Sophomore class went on the annual rope course which builds confidence.
 - FI has new uniform closets built by the students in Mr. VanRuden’s class. These still need to be modified to fit the uniforms.
 - The last day of school field day was very well attended by the students. Everyone had a great time.
 - The class of 2015 had a student who did not graduate. Kurt DeGrenier and Glenn Devoti worked with this student and he now has a high school diploma.
 - The special education summer program will begin after July 4th.
 - Middle and High School summer school has also commenced.
 - Finally, Dave thanked the administrative team and the school committee for the honor to have had the opportunity to work in the district.
- E. School Committee Schedule 2017-2018 School Year (plus July and August 2017)
The dates for the school committee meeting calendar for 2017-2018 were reviewed. *Ms. Silvers made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 meeting calendar dates with the following changes:*
- *The July meeting is changed from July 20th to July 17th at 3 p.m.*
 - *An additional meeting scheduled on September 28, 2017 at 6 p.m.*
- Mr. Law seconded the motion. After discussion the motion was unanimously approved.*
- a. Possible School Committee Retreat Dates
Ms. Silvers stated that Glenn Koocher from MASC is available on the following dates: August 14, 15, 22, 24 and 25. Ms. Silvers requested that the committee respond with what dates work for them so that the retreat can be scheduled.
- F. MASC/MASS Conference Attendance – Bonnie Silvers
Ms. Silvers informed the school committee that the MASC conference is November 1-4 in Hyannis. Ms. Silver asked what was budgeted for this conference. Ms. Regan responded that \$1200 is budgeted. Ms. Silver requested that if anyone is interested to contact her and she will let Ms. Regulbuto know. Further discussion ensued.

G. Special Superintendent's Committee: District Visioning – Volunteers – Bonnie Silvers
Ms. Regulbuto reported to the committee on the District Visioning plan. We need to determine who the key members of the visioning task force will be. The Special Superintendent Committee should consist of a representative group of administrators, school committee members, parents, community members (16-20 people). The first step would be a presentation in August. The commitment would be an hour and a half meeting, twice a month with one session being 4 hours. The objective is to get us as a School District believing in the same mission that is going to drive all of our goals. Mr. Law, Ms. Lartigue, Ms. Melendez-Delaney and Ms. Silvers are interested in being on this committee. Ms. Silvers will check with absent members.

H. Subcommittee Reports

a. Policy Subcommittee – Dennis Sears

Mr. Sears had nothing to report. The subcommittee had met and reviewed policies but they need to meet again on July 12, 2017 to review them, specifically the public comment.

Mr. Sears did mention that if the district is combining administrative positions, by our policy, the school committee has to agree to make changes in administrative positions. The administration also need to provide job descriptions and requirements of the job.

I. Financial Updates – Chris Regan

a. Transfers: None

b. Vote to approve District Warrants: Nothing at this meeting

c. Vote to accept Grants and Gifts: Nothing at this meeting

d. Other: Christine Regan informed the committee that the FY18 budget has passed. Chris Lynch from DESE will be sending a letter stating we have a budget.

Chris Regan will contact Scanlon & Associates to find out when Tom Scanlon is available to present the Audit Report.

MSBA – Carl Rowel from Unibank will present at the July 17th meeting regarding the Bond Anticipation Note.

J. Superintendent David Hasting's Evaluation – Bonnie Silvers

Ms. Silvers read Superintendent Hasting's final evaluation. Ms. Lartigue made a motion to approve Superintendent Hasting's evaluation as presented. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

6. **REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Melissa Byrns, a parent, requested that the topic of the why the Southern Berkshire Child Care Program and the Southern Berkshire Regional School District share the same EIN# but are separate entities be placed on the next agenda. Ms. Silvers replied that there may not be enough time to research this in time for the next meeting, but that it will definitely be looked into and added to a future meeting agenda.

Mr. Law requested that Supervision, Safety and Protocol of the Theatre Program be added.

Ms. Regulbuto would like the topic of Subcommittees added to a future agenda.

7. **Motion to Adjourn**

Ms. Silvers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Ms. Lartigue seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.