

School Committee Members: Bonnie Silvers, Dennis Sears, Genis Melendez-Delaney, MaryEllen Brown, Art Batacchi, David Travis, Bob Law

Absent: Carl Stewart, Fran Lartigue, Marcella Bush, Kerry Burke

Administration: Superintendent Regalbuto, Christine Regan, Sandi Hubbard, Mary Turo

Press: CTSB, Corey Wiley – Berkshire Record

Others: Mrs. Lotz, Karen Chamberland, Chief Munson, Christina Carlson, Marion Dodds, Joanne Duval, Chris Thompson, Paul O'Brien, Asha VonRudden

1. **Call to Order:** Bonnie Silvers, Chair called meeting #1535 to order at 6:03p.m.

Ms. Silvers stated that the meeting will open with the Student Spotlight.

Chris Thompson introduced the Middle School Robotics Team: Collin, Isiah, Carter, Travis, Michael, Logan, Kota and Vaughn. The Mt. Everett Robotic Team were champions in Framingham and qualified for the Southern New England Championship on March 10, 2018. The students proceeded to give a demonstration of their robot and the game.

Sandi Hubbard, Student Services Director introduced sophomore students Grayson, Carly and Cole Duval who were going to talk about technology and assistive technology in the classroom. They gave a presentation on how their iPads (with keyboards) help them with studying and taking notes. They emphasized how useful having the iPad was to all students, with or without disabilities, and would love to see all students have access to an iPad every day during the school year.

Mary Turo, Elementary Principal introduced Christina Carlson, Grade 1 teacher. Christina showed a video of the first grade students utilizing the Foundation phonics program that was implemented last year at Undermountain. This year the program was expanded to include Kindergarten and Grade 1 with the help of Title 1 funds. The children learn how to utilize phonics in helping them read. Questions and answers followed.

2. **Executive Session:**

Mr. Sears made a motion to enter executive session at 7:03 p.m. to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, and to reconvene in open session. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

*Art Batacchi - Yes Genis Melendez-Delaney - Yes David Travis - Yes
Bonnie Silvers – Yes Maryellen Brown – Yes Dennis Sears – Yes Bob Law - Yes*

The committee reconvened in Open Session at 8:05 pm

Ms. Silvers asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Mr. Bob VanDusen who passed away, long time member of the school committee and building committee.

2. **Standing Reports**

- a. Approval of Minutes of School Committee Meeting #1533 and #1534
Mr. Sears made a motion to approve school committee minutes #1533 and #1534 as submitted. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.
- b. Enrollment: As of December 1, 2017 enrollment was up by five students (report attached). There was a brief discussion on the report showing the enrollment from one grade to another over the past years.
- c. Miscellaneous Correspondence – None.

3. **Student Representative Report-**

Mary Shallaby reported that Grade 10 had a bake sale made a \$107. She reported that currently they are meeting with the elementary principal to start monthly movies for elementary students. In October they hosted the WEA Rhythm and Rhyme at the Mahawie. SADD group have been holding movies. Students helped put up flags at town park for Veterans Day. Model UN Members visited the UN in New York City last week. TEDed club is forming and the purpose is to make their own TED talks and to cultivate their own interests.

4. **Public Comment - None**

5. **New Business**

- a. Student Spotlight – Addressed earlier in the meeting.

6. **Unfinished Business**

- a. Vote to Confirm Subcommittee Assignments
Ms. Silvers asked the committee members to look at the subcommittee assignments and to verify that the list is correct. She also asked members to think of what subcommittee they would like to be on as an alternate. This will be addressed at the January 4, 2018 meeting. Mr. Sears requested one more member to be on the Finance Subcommittee. Maryellen Brown volunteered.

7. **Business with District Member Towns**

- a. Superintendent Regulbuto stated that the first Regional Round Table Meeting was very positive and well attended by the school committee members, select board members and town finance committee members. The next meeting is on January 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. Superintendent Regulbuto is looking forward to building relationships and increasing community involvement support between the towns. Ms. Silvers reported that four of the five towns were represented at this meeting except from the Town of Sheffield.

The towns had mentioned that they would like school committee meetings held in their respective towns, as was done in the past. The school committee agreed to hold meetings at each town as follows:

New Marlborough - April 5, 2018

Egremont – April 26, 2018

Monterey – May 17, 2018

Alford – June 7, 2018

- b. Egremont Town Visit – Superintendent Regulbuto reported she had spent time with the Egremont Select Board, Mary Brazie and the architect to go over the plans for the renovation of the South Egremont School.

8. Subcommittee Reports

- a. SBRSD Future of South Berkshire County Education Ad-Hoc Committee – D. Sears
Mr. Sears reported that they had the first joint meeting with Berkshire Hills and Lenox. The next one is on December 21st at 4:30 p.m. in the Mt. Everett Library. Lee will attend the next meeting.
- b. Finance Subcommittee – D. Sears
Mr. Sears reported that the Finance Subcommittee could not meet because there was no quorum.
- c. Policy Subcommittee – D. Sears
Mr. Sears reported that the Policy Subcommittee had met on December 4th. The Concussion Policy still needs to be addressed and was tabled to the next meeting. Discussion on the Transportation Policy was started and will also need to be discussed at the next meeting.
- d. Curriculum Subcommittee – F. Lartigue
Superintendent Regulbuto reported that this was a well-attended meeting. Discussion was around middle school programing and the establishment of a middle school task force to develop a plan and time line.
- e. Negotiation Subcommittee – C. Stewart
Ms. Silvers reported that the Negotiation Subcommittee are looking at all three groups, Unit A, Unit D and Unit E. They have exchanged proposals and have meetings next week.

David Travis needed to leave the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Sears made a motion to amend the agenda to move Item 13. Seconded by Mr. Travis. It was so voted unanimously.

13. Business Manager's Report

- a. Approval of Warrants: November 17, 2017 and December 1, 2017
Mr. Law made a motion to approve the warrants of November 17 and December 1, 2017 as submitted. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.
- a. Vote to Accept Grants and Gifts – None.
- b. Budget Transfers
Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the budget transfers as presented. Mr. Travis seconded the motion. A brief discussion followed and the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Regan informed the committee that the Student Activity account for Spanish needs to be broken out into two accounts (Elementary and MSHS).

Mr. Sears made a motion to establish a separate Elementary Spanish Student Activity Account.

Ms. Melendez-Delaney seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

9. Chairman's Report – None.

10. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Regulbuto reported that the District Visioning Committee had completed the District Vision. Superintendent Regulbuto commended the group, which was comprised of students, teachers, administrators, community and school committee members, on their tireless commitment to developing the district vision. The vision will be present in every classroom and throughout the district.

“As a vibrant center for the five towns and the greater community we serve, the Southern Berkshire Regional School District envisions a rigorous educational environment that prepares and inspires all students to be resilient, curious, and ethical global citizens who embrace the challenges of an ever-changing world through a commitment to our core values of opportunity, excellence, character, and community.”

Mr. Law asked Cory Wiley from the Berkshire Record if he would be willing to interview Superintendent Regulbuto for a press release. Superintendent Regulbuto also stated that the vision will be submitted to the local newspapers with her monthly articles.

11. Curriculum & Professional Development Coordinator's Report – None.

12. Director of Student Services Report – Copy attached

13. Future Agenda Items

School Improvement Plans

- a. Elementary School Improvement Plan – Mary Turo
- b. Middle/High School Improvement Plan – Glenn Devoti

14. Adjourn

Ms. Melendez-Delaney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sears, to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Motion unanimously approved.

Documents Presented at this meeting:

- *Agenda #1535*
- *Minutes of Meeting #1533 and #1534*
- *Enrollment Figures*
- *Subcommittee Assignments*
- *Superintendent's Report and District Vision*
- *Warrants November 17, 2017 and December 1, 2017*
- *District Vision*