

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

Absent: Fran Lartigue, Genis Melandez-Delaney

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

Press: Corey Wiley, Berkshire Record

Others: Mary Turo, Marya Makuc, Nat Yohalem, Jeremiah Bickford, Tara white, Sarah Siket, Lynette Gagnon

1. **Call to Order:** Bonnie Silvers, Chair, called meeting #1539 to order at 6:01 p.m. Ms. Silvers requested a moment of silence for the children, staff and administration of Parkland School in Florida.
2. **Executive Session:**
Art Batacchi motioned to move into Executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares and to reconvene in Open Session. Marcelle Bush seconded the motion.

Mr. Stewart objected to the wording of the motion. Discussion followed.

Mr. Sears then moved to enter Executive Session to discuss FY19 budget strategy because open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining between SBRSD and SBREA units, and to reconvene in Open Session. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion.

*Roll Call Vote: Art Batacchi – Yes; Carl Stewart – Yes; Bonnie Silvers – Yes; David Travis – Yes, Maryellen Brown – Yes; Marcella Bush – Yes; Dennis Sears – Yes; Bob Law
Motion carries.*

Reconvened in Open Session at 6:37pm

3. **Standing Reports**
 - a. Approval of Minutes of School Committee Meetings #1537 and #1538
Mr. Sears moved to approve the minutes of meeting #1537 as submitted. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Sears moved to approve the minutes of meeting #1538 as submitted. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.
 - b. Enrollment: Superintendent Regulbuto reported that as of February 1, 2018 there were 690 students enrolled, up by four from the previous month.

c. Miscellaneous Correspondence - None

4. **Student Representative Report**

Marya Makuc reported the following:

- Job shadow day for sophomores – Students visited many local businesses, the local police and fire departments, the forensic department in Pittsfield, Berkshire Magazine, welding and repair, Shakespeare and Co.
- The career series continued for juniors and seniors
- Middle School held EXPO last week. The students' projects will be on display at the Old Stone Store in Sheffield. Students will be presenting on Saturday, February 24th from 4-5 p.m.

5. **Public Comment:** A parent spoke about the minutes not being available to review on the website, in particular the Policy Subcommittee minutes regarding the adoption of the attendance policy.

6. **New Business**

a. Preliminary Adoption of the FY19 Operating, Transportation, and Capital Budgets

Mr. Sears, Finance Committee Chair, motioned that the Finance Committee recommends that the school committee vote for and adopt the preliminary FY19 budget as presented. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

b. Approval of District Calendar for 2018-2019

Mr. Stewart moved to approve the 2018-2019 academic calendar as presented. Mr. Travis seconded the motion. There was a brief discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Early dismissal time will be added to the calendar.

c. Use of SBRSD Email – School Committee Members

Superintendent Regulbuto stated that this agenda item arose out of scheduling conflicts. Chris Thompson will hold a training session on Friday from 11-1 p.m. for any school committee members on how to use Outlook Groups. Bob Law, Bonnie Silvers, Maryellen Brown, Marcella Bush and Dave Travis will attend.

d. Proposed Change of April 5, 2018 School Committee Meeting date to April 12, 2018

Mr. Travis motioned to change the April 5, 2018 school committee date to April 12, 2018. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

e. Shakespeare Production at Mahaiwe – C. Stewart

Mr. Stewart informed the committee that the Mahaiwe would be holding three different productions broadcast in HD from the National Theatre in London. Mr. Stewart has negotiated with the Mahaiwe and \$8 tickets will be offered to middle and high school students from Mt. Everett. Mr. Stewart will be contributing half towards the ticket so that the cost to the student will be \$4.

7. **Unfinished Business**

a. Remote Participation at School Committee Meetings – Vote

Mr. Stewart made a motion to adopt Remote Participation at School Committee Meetings. Mr. Law seconded the motion. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Stewart stated that remote participation once adopted holds for all meetings unless it is rescinded and applies to every subcommittee meeting and executive session meetings. In addition, there must be a quorum of the board physically present to participate remotely. Concerns were discussed especially regarding getting a quorum for subcommittee meetings.

Roll call vote as follows:

Mr. Batacchi – No; Mr. Stewart – No; Mr. Sears – No; Mr. Travis – Yes; Ms. Brown – Yes; Ms. Bush – Yes; Mr. Law – Yes

Motion carries 4 to 3

Ms. Silvers will contact Berkshire Hills and Lenox to find out what they have in place for remote participation.

8. **Subcommittee Reports**

a. Finance Subcommittee – D. Sears

Mr. Sears reported that the Finance Subcommittee had met earlier and their recommendation was to approve the preliminary budget as presented.

b. Curriculum Subcommittee – F. Lartigue

Ms. Lartigue was absent but Kerry Burke reported on the meeting that was held.

c. Building, Grounds & Technology – A. Batacchi –

Mr. Batacchi reported that BG&T had met, and reviewed budget summaries with Chris Regan and Jeremy Wells. Topics discussed were the window in the high school office, the boiler in New Marlborough, tennis courts and signs.

d. Negotiation Subcommittee – C. Stewart

Mr. Stewart stated that there have been regular meetings and that it is a continuing process

e. Berkshire County Task Force – C. Stewart

Mr. Stewart informed the committee that he had attended the Berkshire County Task Force meeting last Thursday. The recommendation of the BCTF that there should be a single county educational district will not go anywhere. Maybe consolidation of some of the Berkshire county districts. The Berkshire Regional Planning Association projects a greater decrease in student population.

f. Wellness Committee – C. Stewart

Mr. Stewart is the School Committee Liaison to the Wellness Committee, which met today at 3 p.m. Mr. Stewart requested Mr. Sears check our Policy to make sure that SBRSD is a nicotine free campus not just smoke free. The Wellness Committee is planning a Health Fair on May 4th. They are also working on getting a grant to have breakfast in the classroom.

9. **Chairman's Report**

Ms. Silvers reported that there would be a special meeting on February 21, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss whether to begin the process based on the Regional Agreement for the closure of the Monterey and South Egremont schools.

Ms. Silvers also informed everyone that the deadline for the Eagle Fund grant applications is March 1st.

10. **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Regulbuto reported the following:

- Budget presentations are being uploaded to the website
- Public Relations- sending articles to local newspapers and receiving positive feedback from the community
- Angus Kerr and Mary Shallaby have agreed to be public relations interns as part of their community service.

- Safety – sent letters to families in response to the shooting in Florida. Will be working closely with the SRO to look at our policies and practices to improve and make safety our number one priority.

11. Curriculum & Professional Development Coordinator’s Report (report attached)

Ms. Burke gave a summary of the curriculum subcommittee meeting held on February 2, 2018.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 20th at 10:30 a.m.

The Middle School Task Force held their first meeting on February 13, 2018 with 24 people present.

The objective were to answer three guiding questions:

- Why reconfigure our middle school now to include grade 6?
- What is our Common Ground for this work?
- Where do we go from here?

Information regarding this meeting and all future meetings will be posted on the SBRSD website under the Middle School Task Force button.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2018 at 3:15 p.m.

David Travis mentioned that on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 4 p.m. an information session would be held at the Bushnell Library on the Khan Academy.

12. Director of Student Services Report – attached

Ms. Hubbard reported that the second in an on-site training series would take place on March 16th. This will give special education staff an opportunity to refresh their skills in IEP goal writing, plan development and meeting facilitation. The fourth discussion in our series (Autism Spectrum Disorders) will be held on February 27th. Susah Hawkins will lead this discussion. Every 3 years DESE conducts the Coordinated Program Review. Our district will be reviewed this April/May.

13. Business Manager’s Report

- a. Approval of Warrants: January 26, 2018, February 9, 2018

Mr. Sears made a motion to accept the warrants of January 16, 2018 and February 9, 2018 as submitted. Bob Law seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

- b. Vote to Accept Grants and Gifts - None

- c. Budget Transfers - None

14. Future Agenda Items

- a. Report of College Submissions – March

- b. College and Career Planning Initiatives for Fy19 and Beyond – April

Mr. Stewart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. No discussion and the motion as unanimously approved.

Documents presented at this meeting:

- Agenda #1539
- Minutes of meetings #1537 and #1538
- Enrollment Figures
- Preliminary FY19 Budget
- 2018-2019 Academic District Calendar
- Warrants of January 26, 2018 and February 9, 2018
- Curriculum Coordinator’s Report
- Director of Student Services Report
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