

Southern Berkshire Regional School Committee
Mt. Everett Regional School
Sheffield, MA
March 11, 2015
Meeting #1,489

School Committee: Mr. Valentini, Ms. Silvers, Mr. Sears, Mr. Stewart, Ms. Sahn, Ms. Lartigue, Ms. Rundle, Mr. Batacchi, Mr. Flynn, Ms. Sparhawk

Absent:

Administrators: Mr. Hastings, Mr. Turner

Press: CTSB Television

Student Representative: Madison Ryan, Lauren Edwards, Nolan Dupont

Others: Ingrid Borwick

1. Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm
2. **Communications from the Audience Pertaining to this Evening's Agenda**
 - A. Student Representative Report:
 - Madison Ryan reported that the trip to Washington D.C. was a success, despite the fact that the city was shut down due to the snow storm. One of the highlights of the trip was attending a speech by Supreme Court Justice Scalia.
 - Students are working on non-perishable food drive with Monument Mountain. They hope to have Lee and Lenox also get involved.
 - B. There were no communications from the audience.
3. **Updates/Presentations**
4. **Business**
 - A. Superintendent's Report (David Hastings):
 - Mr. Hastings introduced Nolan Dupont as the freshman class president.
 - The District had a very successful blood drive, and everyone had wonderful things to say about the school.
 - The District will be sharing the busses with the Senior Center in Sheffield. This is another way the District can reach out to the community.
 - An elementary principal screening team has been established. Letters have been written to the team members thanking them for volunteering. There is a team meeting on March 24th with Glenn Devoti. We are starting to receive resumes.
 - The Honors Society induction ceremony is on April 13th.
 - The Robotics team is headed to the regional finals in Pennsylvania; the Lego Robotics team will compete in Lenox this weekend, as well.
 - *Footloose* is scheduled for March 27th, 28th and 29th.
 - There will be a SADD Breakfast on March 17th.

- FFA fieldtrip to the State Veterinary Competition is scheduled for March 13
- The informational meeting in New Marlborough on the roof/project went very well.

B. Adoption of the FY16 Operating Transportation and Capital Budget

- Motion made by Mr. Valentini:

I move that the SBRSD School Committee authorize the District Business Manager to establish an account to be known as The Capital Projects Account for the purposes of containing all funds appropriated for capital projects in the district.

Motion seconded by Ms. Silvers.

Handout with distributed proposal of how the fund might be managed.

Some discussions ensued.

Motion unanimously approved.

- Motion by Mr. Valentini to approve the FY16 Operating, Transportation and Capital Budget. Mr. Flynn seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Valentini	yes	Mr. Flynn	yes	Ms. Silvers	yes
Ms. Rundle	yes	Ms. Sahn	yes	Mr. Sears	yes
Mr. Batacchi	yes	Ms. Lartigue	yes	Ms. Sparhawk	yes

C. Approval of June 6, 2014 Graduation Ceremony at Tanglewood at 10 A.M. for the Mount Everett Class of 2015.

- Motion made by Mr. Flynn to approve; seconded by Ms. Silvers; motion approved unanimously.

D. Review/Approval, as possible, 2015-2016 School Calendar

- Mr. Flynn moved to approve the calendar. Ms. Sparhawk seconded the motion. Motion to approve calendar unanimously approved.

E. Appointment of Two (2) School Committee Representatives to the Sick Bank Committee

- Ms. Lartigue and Mr. Sears volunteered; Mr. Stewart volunteered as an alternate.

F. Subcommittee/Representative Reports

1. Policy: 2nd reading, approval, as possible, of the following policies:

Mr. Valentini moved to incorporate the following policies:

- ADDA/ADDA-R, Background Checks
- DJE, Bidding Requirements
- GCCD, Domestic Violence Leave
- JEB, Entrance Age
- JIC, Student Discipline
- JII, Student Complaints and Grievances
- JK, Student Conduct

Ms. Silvers seconded the motion. Ms. Rundle recused herself on voting for JEB since she has a child in the age group affected by that policy. Unanimous vote to incorporate the policies.

G. Collective Bargaining Subcommittee

- Mr. Stewart reported that the subcommittee met this afternoon in executive session. They were supposed to meet with representatives of the Association, but that didn't happen because they need more time to discuss the School Committee's proposal.

H. Financial Updates/Transfers: There were no financial updates or transfer requests.

5. **Communications from the Public:** None

On a motion by Ms. Lartigue, seconded by Ms. Silvers, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Documents presented at this meeting:

- *Agenda, School Committee Meeting #1,489*
- *2015-2016 Calendar*
- *FY 16 Budget*
- *Motion to create Capital Projects Account and Fund Management procedures*
- *Capital Projects List FY-16*
- *Summary of FY16 Operating, Transportation and Capital Budgets and Assessments*