

Southern Berkshire Regional School Committee
Mt. Everett Regional School
Sheffield, MA
February 2, 2017
Meeting #1,520
Executive Session

School Committee: Ms. Silvers, Ms. Lartigue, Mr. Batacchi, Mr. Sears, Mr. Flynn, Mr. Law, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Travis, Ms. Bush

Administrators: Mr. Hastings, Ms. Regan

Others: Ms. Lynette Gagnon

The Committee moved to Room F1 and entered into executive session at 6:12 p.m.

1. Ms. Silvers reported that Mr. Buoniconti had informed Jennifer Dowley today that he was withdrawing his name from the finalist pool. After conversations with Jennifer Dowley, he stated that he would consider remaining a candidate if the district considered him for the position of shared superintendent. Ms. Silvers reminded the school committee that they had voted to hire a full time superintendent for the district.

Mr. Stewart informed the committee that we would have to reverse our initial decision.

Ms. Lartigue explained that Mr. Buoniconti had come to us in good faith to be our sole superintendent, but circumstances changed in this district and he is now only willing to work for us as a shared superintendent.

Further discussion ensued. Mr. Stewart suggested going around the table and gave everyone a chance to voice their opinion.

David Travis - No

Francoise Lartigue – Given the current financial climate she would like to look at shared services - Yes

Art Batacchi – felt the decision is too rushed - No

Marcie Bush – would like to entertain the idea, but this person would not be present like Mr. Hastings and this is a concern

Charles Flynn – should not command 2 schools at this time – No

Carl Stewart – no philosophical objection. He did not like the fact that this was sprung on the committee just before the meeting.

Dennis Sears – would be willing to entertain the idea – No

Bob Law – feels that it is important to have someone visible to students, community and faculty - No

Ms. Silvers – we have 2 other strong candidates, would like to suggest that we go ahead with the 2 but do something formally tonight.

The vote to consider this candidate as a shared superintendent was cast.

Art Batacchi, Charles Flynn, Bob Law voted No

Bonnie Silvers, Fran Lartigue, Marcie Bush, David Travis, Dennis Sears voted Yes

There was further discussion.

Ms. Silvers moved, seconded by Mr. Stewart, to reconsider the candidate for shared superintendency.

Fran Lartigue, Dennis Sears, David Travis - Yes

*Bonnie Silvers, Marcie Bush, Charles Flynn, Art Batacchi, Carl Stewart, Bob Law - No
Motion fails 6 No; 3 Yes.*

The district will move forward with the two candidates.

Bob Law and Art Batacchi had to leave executive session.

2. There was discussion on the changes to the health plan. Michelle McNulty has spoken with Alex (SBREA).

3.

Ms. Lartigue moved, seconded by Mr. Flynn, to direct the negotiation subcommittee to go no higher than 25%.

Ms. Silvers – No

Mr. Travis, Ms. Lartigue, Ms. Bush, Mr. Flynn, Mr. Sears, Mr. Stewart – Yes

Mr. Batacchi moved, seconded by Ms. Lartigue to leave executive session at 6:50 p.m.

Ms. Silvers – Yes

Ms. Bush – Yes

Mr. Sears – Yes

Mr. Travis – Yes

Ms. Lartigue – Yes

Mr. Stewart – Yes

Mr. Flynn - Yes