

School Committee: Ms. Silvers, Mr. Batacchi, Mr. Sears, Mr. Law, Mr. Stewart, Ms. Bush,
Ms. Melendez-Delaney, Ms. Brown, Mr. Travis

Absent: Ms. Lartigue

Administrators: Mr. Hastings, Ms. Regan

Others: Ms. Lynette Gagnon, Beth Regulbuto

Mr. Stewart called the Executive Session meeting to order at 7:27 p.m.

Mr. Stewart stressed the importance of confidentiality regarding the issue of the Town of Egremont vs. the Southern Berkshire Regional School District lawsuit. He reiterated the compromise that was discussed at the prior meeting and counter offer relayed to our Attorney:

1. There will be no school program at South Egremont for the 17-18 school year;
2. The lawsuit will be dismissed without prejudice;
3. The school committee would be required under their counter proposal to begin by September 1, 2017, to start the process of closing the South Egremont School or fund the school for the 2018-2019 school year. We are to commence the process under the regional school agreement that currently exists on September 1, 2017.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding this.

Mr. Stewart moved, seconded by Ms. Silvers, that the Southern Berkshire Regional School District School Committee submit a counter offer to the Town of Egremont that changes their offer of a school closure vote and running a program and funding a program to change that to define program as viable and to be funded if and only if 12 in-district enroll for the 2018-2019 school year.

1. That there will be no school program at South Egremont for the 17-18 school year;
2. The lawsuit will be dismissed without prejudice;
3. Counter Offer on point 3 is that the School Committee will not initiate a school closure vote; and we will fund a program at the South Egremont School on the condition that there are not fewer than 12 in-district students.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Melendez-Delaney – Yes *Mr. Batacchi – Yes* *Mr. Travis – Yes*
Ms. Silvers – Yes *Ms. Brown – Yes* *Ms. Bush – Yes* *Mr. Sears – Yes*
Mr. Law – Yes *Mr. Stewart – Yes*

Mr. Sears moved, seconded by Mr. Batacchi to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Melendez-Delaney – Yes *Mr. Batacchi – Yes* *Mr. Travis – Yes*
Ms. Silvers – Yes *Ms. Brown – Yes* *Ms. Bush – Yes* *Mr. Sears – Yes*
Mr. Law – Yes *Mr. Stewart – Yes*