

School Committee Members: Bonnie Silvers, Dennis Sears, Bob Law, Genis Melandez-Delaney, MaryEllen Brown, Carl Stewart, Marcella Bush, David Travis and Art Batacchi (arrived at 6 pm)

Absent: Fran Lartigue, Sandi Hubbard

Others: Superintendent Regulbuto, Lynette Gagnon, Glenn Devoti, Mary Turo

**Call to Order:** Mr. Stewart called executive session meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Motion to enter executive session to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, or strategies with respect thereto and to comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements and to reconvene in Open Session.

By: Bonnie Silvers

Seconded: Marcella Bush

Roll Call Vote:

Dennis Sears – Yes; Bob Law – Yes, Marcella Bush – Yes, MaryEllen Brown – Yes, Bonnie Silvers – Yes, Carl Stewart – Yes, Genis Delaney – Yes, Carl Stewart - Yes

Mr. Stewart informed the committee that an ethics complaint had been filed against him.

Superintendent Regulbuto stated that as a new superintendent her job was to listen to what was going on in the community, work with administrators to form a vision and direction of where the district is going in the future, and to respond when teachers were asking for additional resources to address social and emotional needs in our schools. Administration has had discussions around suicide and accidental deaths the district had faced recently. Teachers and staff asked for tools of support to deal with these issues.

To that end, the district had reached out to Mr. Steven Hoff from the Berkshire Psychology Center to help the district address some of our concerns. Mr. Hoff has worked as a consulting psychologist for the Southern Berkshire Regional School District for the last six years, working with high risk families and students. Mr. Hoff presented on the topic of Suicide and Suicide Prevention (copy attached).

Mary Turo and Glenn Devoti shared what programs and efforts are being done in their respective schools to help students and staff deal with social and emotional challenges.

Discussion and question and answer session ensued.

Dennis Sears moved to adjourn from executive session at 6:30 p.m. Bonnie Silvers seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Dennis Sears – Yes; Bob Law – Yes, Marcella Bush – Yes, MaryEllen Brown – Yes, Bonnie Silvers – Yes, Carl Stewart – Yes, Genis Delaney – Yes, Carl Stewart - Yes

The School Committee returned to Open Session at 6:31 p.m.