

School Committee Members: Bonnie Silvers, Dennis Sears, Bob Law, Genis Melandez-Delaney, MaryEllen Brown, Carl Stewart, Marcella Bush, David Travis, Fran Lartigue, Art Batacchi

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

Press: CTSB, Cory Willey – Berkshire Record; Heather Bellows – Berkshire Eagle; Terry Cowgill – Berkshire Edge

Student Representatives: Mary Shallaby

Others: Marya Makuc, Brenda Ullrich, Tim Schroepfer, Erica Schroepfer, Christine Martin, Lynette Gagnon

1. **Call to Order:** Mr Stewart called meeting #1531 to order at 6:03 p.m.

*Ms. Silvers moved to amend the agenda to add a discussion regarding an addendum to the Superintendent's Contract. Ms. Lartigue seconded the motion. Without further discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.*

2. **Standing Reports**

a. Approval of Minutes of School Committee Meetings #1529 and #1530

*Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the minutes of meeting #1529 and #1530 as submitted. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.*

b. Enrollment (no change from the report submitted at the last meeting)

c. Miscellaneous Correspondence (Letter from Mr. Marshall)

Mr. Marshall had brought up a concern about a problem on Miller Ave with water collecting which could freeze in the winter and cause a potential problem for buses and students. Mr. Sears informed the school committee that he had met with Mr. Marshall and visited the site in question. The Town of Sheffield has this item on the agenda for their next meeting. The School committee will wait to see what happens at the town meeting.

3. Student Representative Report

Mary Shallaby, a sophomore, introduced herself to the School Committee. Currently they are planning movie nights for the elementary students. There will be free admission and snacks will be sold as a fundraiser. Grade 10 will have a concession stand at the parent/teacher conferences.

4. Public Comment: None

5. **New Business**

a. Student Spotlight

Superintendent Regulbuto explained that this would feature a student or students presenting things they are working on.

Marya Makuc was present to speak about the Southern Berkshire Health Coalition. She reported that she had been approached to be a part of this coalition. This is a group of community members who work together to lower the risks of substance abuse. There is a meeting next Friday at 8:30 a.m. here at Mt. Everett. Another program they are working on is parent education videos.

- b. Approval of Lateral Movement on the Unit A Salary Schedule, Effective September 1, 2017  
*Mr. Law made a motion to approve the lateral move request as submitted. Ms. Silvers seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.*
- c. Request to Set June 2, 2018 at Tanglewood for Commencement Ceremonies for the Mt. Everett Class of 2018  
*Ms. Silvers moved to approve the date of June 2, 2018 at Tanglewood for Commencement Ceremonies for the Mt. Everett Class of 2018. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.*
- d. Request for After School Activities Coordinator Stipend – Vote Required  
Superintendent Regulbuto reported that the After School Activities Coordinator position needed approval by the School Committee. A draft of the job description is attached. This person would provide coordination and expansion of the additional after school activities in the schools.  
*Ms. Lartigue moved to approve the position of the After School Activities Coordinator. Ms. Silvers seconded the motion. Further discussion ensued and the motion was unanimously approved.*
- e. Formation of a Subcommittee: The Future of Education in Southern Berkshire County

Mr. Stewart informed the committee that he had received a letter from Mr. Steve Bannon, Chair of the Berkshire Hills Regional School District School Committee and Mr. Peter Dillon, Superintendent on the issue of the future of education in South Berkshire County. The Berkshire County Task Force has been meeting for the past two and a half years on every third Saturday to discuss this. At their last school committee meeting the Berkshire Hills Regional School District voted to withdraw from the Berkshire County Task Force and explore other options for South Berkshire County. BHRSD would like to meet with the SBRSD to talk about the possibility of a merger, which may include Lee and other shared services. Mr. Sears suggested that an ad hoc subcommittee be formed to take part in these discussions.

*Ms. Silvers moved that the Southern Berkshire Regional School District form an Ad Hoc Subcommittee called The Future of Education in Southern Berkshire County. Ms. Lartigue seconded the motion. There was brief discussion and the motion was approved.*

*Ms. Silvers moved that Mr. Law, Mr. Sears, Ms. Bush, Ms. Lartigue, Mr. Travis and Ms. Silvers compose the just approved subcommittee. Ms. Lartigue seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.*

Mr. Stewart will communicate the dates that BHRSD want to meet.

- f. Proposed New Position: Temporary Reorganization of Food Service and Building & Grounds  
Mr. Stewart informed the committee that Mr. Fred Finkle is retiring. As of Monday, the district does not have a Building and Grounds Director. It was proposed that Mr. Jeremy Wells assume the combined position of Building and Grounds and Food Service Director.  
*Ms. Lartigue made a motion to approve the proposed new position and temporary reorganization of Food Service and Building and Grounds. Mr. Travis seconded the motion. Further discussion ensued.*

Superintendent Regulbuto explained that the district needed to look at how our building and grounds operation is run. This position would be on a temporary basis while this is being studied. Per our current policy, the creation of this position needs the school committee vote.

*Vote: Mr. Batacchi – No; Ms. Melendez-Delaney – Yes; Ms. Lartigue – Yes; Mr. Travis – Yes; Ms. Silvers – Yes; Mr. Stewart – Yes; Ms. Brown – Yes; Ms. Bush – Yes; Mr. Sears – Yes; Mr. Law – Yes. Motion carries 9 to 1.*

- g. Added to Agenda per motion by Ms. Silvers:

There is a conflict in two provisions of Superintendent Regulbuto's contract.

Currently Superintendent Regulbuto receives a flat rate of \$300 a month for mileage per calendar month as an allowance for any and all in-district and out of district business related mileage and incidental travel expenses. The addendum would keep the \$300 a month compensation and add a compensation of .535 cents per mile for all other travel (conferences, Superintendent's roundtable, etc.). There was further discussion. Ms. Lartigue would like to get clarification on what is included in the \$300 and the projected amount of what it would cost for the additional mileage reimbursement.

*Mr. Batacchi moved to table this to the next meeting for discussion in executive session. Ms. Silvers seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.*

## 6. **Unfinished Business**

- a. Follow-up on Enrollment Data Request (report attached)  
Beth explained the chart as to where the students had transferred. Discussion followed. The school committee would like more information on school choice students.
- b. School Committee Schedule- Meeting at Member Town Sites  
Ms. Brown reported that this request had come from Ms. Edelman and was not the request of the Monterey Select Board. There was no further discussion on this topic.

## 7. **Business with District Member Towns**

Ms. Brown reported that there are some children in Monterey who are on the bus for an hour and half. Chris Regan will look into this and report to Ms. Brown.

## 8. **Subcommittee Reports**

- a. Policy Subcommittee – Dennis Sears  
They are wrapping up some policies and will have a report at the next meeting.  
Mr. Sears also reported that there is a problem of getting a quorum at the meetings. Mr. Batacchi volunteered to join the Policy Subcommittee.
- b. Transportation Subcommittee – Fran Lartigue  
Ms. Lartigue reported that the committee had met on September 15<sup>th</sup>. A marshmallow bus will be available to bring the New Marlborough students to the library. Reports from the community is that the activity bus is a great addition. Transporting musical instruments on the buses was also discussed. The necessity of having a transportation subcommittee will be discussed at the reorganization meeting in November.
- c. Building, Grounds & Technology – Art Batacchi  
Mr. Batacchi reported that the donated land is being surveyed and a report will be presented when completed.  
Mr. Travis reported on the signs. The proposal was that four signs would be made according to the approved design. They will be double sided for Mt. Everett, Undermountain and SBRSD. The SBRSD sign will be 4x4 and the school signs will be 3x3.  
Tennis Courts – The Tennis Association has applied for a \$25,000 grant. Will be putting bids out soon.

New Marlborough Central Boiler has been ordered and installation should be towards the end of October early November.

Moveable wall in the Elementary Gym – Money has been transferred for this project.

d. Executive Evaluation Subcommittee – Bonnie Silvers

Ms. Silvers complimented Mary Turo on how welcoming the Undermountain Elementary Campus looked. There are fresh bulletin boards and student work displayed all over.

Ms. Silvers reported that the Superintendent’s goals were attached. She would like the committee to review the goals and report if they have any questions or comments.

9. **Chairman’s Report**

Mr. Stewart informed the committee that in a week the Negotiation Subcommittee will be meeting with the SBREA. We will be looking at renegotiating Units A, D and E contracts.

He also reported that the Berkshire Education Task Force’s opinion that within 10 years there will be a countywide school district has met with a lot of opposition.

Mr. Stewart informed everyone that he will not be at the meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup> and that is his last meeting as Chair. The reorganization meeting is in November.

10. **Superintendent’s Report** (report attached)

Superintendent Regulbuto informed the committee that District Visioning Committee has met and talked about the future of what our “North Star” is for our students. They will be reaching out to the community in the form of survey, communicating with family, community members and staff.

The website is in the early stages of being updated. Open to any suggestions.

11. **Curriculum Professional Development Coordinator’s Report** (see attached)

Ms. Burke is working on getting the Curriculum Subcommittee together for a meeting.

See attached for the rest of the report.

12. **Director of Student Services Report** (see attached)

13. **Business Manager’s Report**

a. Approval of Warrants: September 8, 2017 and September 22, 2017

*Ms. Lartigue moved to approve the warrants of September 8 and 22, 2017 as submitted. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.*

b. Vote to Accept Grants & Gifts

*Ms. Lartigue moved to accept the Grants and Gifts as presented. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.*

c. Budget Transfers – hold till next meeting

14. **Future Agenda Items**

Ms. Silvers suggested that Mr. Sears be named as a delegate to the MASC.

*Ms. Silvers moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.*

**Documents Presented at this meeting:**

- *Agenda Meeting #1531*
- *Minutes of Meetings #1529 and #1530*
- *Enrollment*
- *Letter from Mr. Marshall*
- *Lateral Move Request*
- *After School Program Coordinator Draft Job Description*
- *Superintendent Report*
- *Curriculum Professional Development Coordinator’s Report*
- *Director of Student Services Report*
- *Business Manager’s Report*