

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, Mary Turo, Sandi Hubbard

Absent: Carl Stewart

Press: CTSB, Cory Willey – Berkshire Record

Student Representatives: None

Others: Marya Makuc, Michelle Peters, Emily Steuernagle, Lucia Cicerchia, Bella DeLuca, Nathan TenBroeck, Ingrid Borwick, Courtney English, Sarah Siket

1. **Call to Order:** Ms Silvers called meeting #1532 to order at 6:05 p.m.
2. **Standing Reports**
 - a. Approval of Minutes of School Committee Meetings #1531
Bonnie Silvers entertained a motion to approve the minutes of meeting #1531 with changes. There was no further discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.
 - b. Enrollment
Enrollment is down by 6% from October 1, 2016. Superintendent Regulbuto reported that exit interviews are underway, not all of them are face to face, and David Travis is assisting with this process. The school committee would like a report showing FY17 grade 6 student vs. FY18 grade 7 students.
 - c. Miscellaneous Correspondence - None
3. Student Representative Report – addressed under Student Spotlight
4. Public Comment: None
5. **New Business**
 - a. Student Spotlight
Mary Turo introduced the Student Council led by Michelle Peters. There are six representatives from grade 5 and six representatives from grade 6. Representing Grade 6 were Emily Steuernagle, Lucia Cicerchia, Bella DeLuca, and Nathan TenBroeck. Lucia explained the election process, they used the Character Counts traits as choosing a student council member: Respect, Responsibility, Caring, Fairness, Trustworthiness and Citizenship. Nathan read his speech. The group also informed the committee about upcoming events they have planned.

- b. Approval of overnight field trip to Lincoln Center Jazz Concert, New York City, January 10-12, 2018. Courtney English presented to the school committee. The jazz band consisting of 19 students (grades 8-12) will be going on this field trip. The jazz band will be sitting in on a rehearsal.
Ms. Lartigue made a motion to approve the overnight trip to Lincoln Center Jazz Concert in New York City. Mr. Travis seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.
- c. Presentation of World Education Alliance Symposium – Beth Regulbuto
Superintendent Regulbuto described the week of activities planned for the group of students and teachers visiting from Hong Kong, Germany and India. Monument Mountain Regional High School, Lenox Memorial High School, Stissing Mountain Regional School NY are also part of the World Education Alliance Symposium. This weeklong event will culminate with the Rhythm & Rhyme Gala at the Mahaiwe Theatre on October 19th at 7 p.m.
- d. FY18 Budget Development Calendar/Town Discussions
Superintendent Regulbuto stated that she would like the opportunity to have regional conversations during the budget process. The calendar is being developed.
- e. Vote on MOA between SBRSD and Southern Berkshire Pubic Employee Committee
Chris Regan informed the school committee that this MOA was in response to the decision by the Berkshire Health Group to eliminate the value plus plans and replace them with deductible plans.

Ms. Lartigue moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between SBRSD and the Southern Berkshire Public Employee Committee (attached). Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Unfinished Business

- a. MASC – Hosting SBRSD Policy Manual. This item was tabled to the next meeting.

7. Business with District Member Towns – nothing to report.

8. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Policy Subcommittee – Dennis Sears
Mr. Sears stated that there was nothing new to report.
- b. SBRSD Future of South Berkshire County Education Ad-Hoc Committee – Dennis Sears
The organizational meeting was held on October 12th. Dennis Sears was elected Chair. It was noted that a subcommittee of six is a quorum of the school committee and is not recommended by the Attorney General. The sixth person should be an alternate.
Mr. Sears moved that Ms. Silvers be the alternate member of the Ad-Hoc Committee. Ms. Lartigue seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.
Mr. Sears informed the committee that correspondence will sent to BHRSD. Similar communication will also be sent to all the other groups as defined by the Berkshire County task Force.
- c. Curriculum Subcommittee
Ms. Lartigue stated that the first meeting was held on October 16, 2017. Ms. Lartigue and Ms. Burke were elected as Co-Chairs. Kerry Burke was nominated to be clerk. The committee discussed ideas and goals for the year focusing on Pk-12 curriculum writing; college readiness; exploring middle school organization and what that could look like. The next meeting is scheduled for October 30th.

9. **Chairman's Report** – nothing to report.

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

Superintendent Regulbuto stated that her report was sent to faculty, staff and parents. October is community month.

A community event showing how SBRSD cares, and in celebration of National Do Something Kind Day, students and staff participated in a Hat Day Fundraiser for hurricane relief efforts on October 5th. The district raised \$1,331.51 that day! Our goal was to “adopt” another school to help and as a result, the students would be able to see the results of their donations and build a relationship with the school lasting beyond this one effort. Mr. Weston is in the process of making a connection for us with the Robinson O'Neil Primary School on Virgin Gorda. The NMMC PTA is planning to contribute a large number of Scholastic Book points for the school to use to purchase and replace books for the students.

Superintendent Regulbuto stated that she plans on attending the MARS conference on Monday, October 30th regarding The Funding of Regional School Districts along with Recommendations for Legislative Change, and invited other members who may be interested in attending.

The embargo on the MCAS results were lifted today. Parent reports will be sent home next week. Next year we will be taking the computer base MCAS test for grades 4-8, grade 3 will remain pencil.

Set up coffee and conversation time with community and parents.

Superintendent Regulbuto gave an update on the District Visioning Committee. There will be a survey posted on the web between October 23rd through November 3rd for those who could not be part of the committee. The paper copy of the survey will also be made available at town halls for those who do not have access to the internet. The committee is working on having a vision by December.

11. **Curriculum Professional Development Coordinator's Report**

Kerry Burke reported on the Federal Grand Report for FY18: Title I, Title I-Part A and Title IV-Part A. This is Part II of a two-part report on FY18 Federal Entitlement Grants under the purview of SBRSD Curriculum and Professional Development Office. Title I, Title IIA, and Title IVA grants were submitted by September 30, 2017, with all approved at this time. (See report attached for more detail).

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

Sandi Hubbard reported that the Department of Student Services and the Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) are partnering to lead a workshop series on the fourth Tuesday of each month (except December and June). In-district experts will provide information on various disabilities and student needs from 3-3:45pm on each of the dates. Details are forthcoming.

The second Special Education Advisory Council Meeting will be held on October 17th at 4:30 p.m. in the Eagles' Loft. This meeting will focus on preparations for SEPAC involvement in the upcoming Trunk or Treat event, to be held on October 27th in Sheffield. SEPAC is also planning a game night/potluck dinner for families on November 16th, in partnership with the Parent Advisory Council and Parent/Teacher Organization.

13. **Business Manager's Report** (see attached)

a. Approval of Warrants: October 6, 2017

Ms. Silvers moved to approve the warrants of October 6, 2017 as submitted. Ms. Lartigue seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

b. Vote to Accept Grants & Gifts

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

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- c. Chris Regan submitted a report on the number of students who choice in and out. Currently there are 127 choice-in students and 101 choice-out students.
- d. Berkshire Health Group held an information meeting on October 17th. The purpose of the meeting was to inform superintendents and town managers about the following:
 - High Deductible plans and related health savings accounts
 - The CanaRx Program
 - The Telehealth program
 - Plans to add high deductible health plans in the next fiscal year. This will be a collective bargaining item.
- e. Chris Regan reported on the request made at the 9/28/17 meeting regarding the travel time for students who live in Monterey. The average time is currently about 38 minutes and the maximum is 60 minutes. Busses transporting Monterey students currently arrive 10 minutes before the start of school at NMC and about 10 minutes before they can enter UME.

14. **Future Agenda Items**

15. **Executive Session**

Ms. Lartigue moved to go into Executive Session to conduct contract negotiations with non-union personnel (Superintendent) and not to reconvene in open session at 8:20 p.m. The motion was seconded by Maryellen Brown.

Roll Call Vote:

Art Batacchi – Yes; Genis Melendez-Delaney – Yes; Fran Lartigue – Yes; David Travis – Yes; Bonnie Silvers – Yes; Mary Ellen Brown – Yes; Marcella Bush – Yes; Dennis Sears – Yes; Bob Law – Yes

Documents Presented at this meeting:

- *Agenda #1532*
- *Minutes of meeting #1531*
- *Enrollment Report*
- *Overnight Field Trip Request*
- *Rhythm & Rhyme Symposium Itinerary*
- *Memorandum of Agreement (PEC)*
- *Superintendent's Report*
- *Curriculum & Professional Development Coordinator Report*
- *Director of Student Services Report*
- *Business Manager's Report*