

School Committee Members: Bonnie Silvers, Dennis Sears, MaryEllen Brown, Art Batacchi, Bob Law, Carl Stewart, Fran Lartigue, David Travis,

Absent: Genis Melandez-Delaney, Marcella Bush

Administration: Superintendent Regulbuto, Christine Regan, Kerry Burke, Sandi Hubbard

Press: Corey Willey, Berkshire Record

Others: Marya Makuc

1. **Call to Order:** Bonnie Silvers, Chair, called meeting #1542 to order at 6:05 p.m.

Mr. Stewart made a motion to alter the agenda and move item 5a. Request for Waiver of Tuition ahead of the meeting. Mr. Sears seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

5. **New Business**

- a. Request for Waiver of Tuition – Mr. & Mrs. Wandall informed the school committee that they had recently moved to Canaan, CT and were requesting a waiver of tuition so their son could finish the remainder of the school year at Mt. Everett.

Mr. Stewart moved that the SBRSD allow Caleb Wandall to complete the 17-18 school year and waive the cost of tuition. Ms. Lartigue seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Robert Law, School Committee member recently passed away. Ms. Silvers read a note from Bob Law's sister. Mr. Stewart and Mr. Travis also shared some of their memories of Mr. Law with the committee.

Mr. Travis moved that the district investigate the possibility of further theatre possibilities as a testament to Mr. Law's contributions to the district. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. **Standing Reports**

- a. Approval of Minutes of School Committee Meetings #1541 and #1542

- *Mr. Stewart moved to approve meeting minutes #1541 of March 9, 2018 as presented. Ms. Lartigue seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.*
- *Mr. Stewart moved to approve the Open Public Hearing Minutes of March 9, 2018 as presented. Ms. Lartigue seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.*
- *Mr. Stewart moved to approve meeting minutes #1542 of March 15, 2018 as presented. Ms. Lartigue seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.*

- b. Enrollment – Superintendent Regulbuto informed the committee that as of April 1, 2018 the enrollment was at 689 up three (3) from March 1, 2018.
Superintendent Regulbuto also stated that there was encouraging information on early childhood enrollment. To date we have 18 enrolled at NMC (EK and K) and 58 at Undermountain (PreK, EK and K). These numbers are up from last year.
- c. Miscellaneous Correspondence – None

3. **Student Representative Report**

Marya Makuc introduced herself to the school committee and gave an update on events that have happened or happening at the school. Godspell was a huge hit. Also received approval and licensing on TEDx event on Saturday, June 9 from 1-5 p.m. WEA symposium will be hosted in India this Fall. Annual Spring Fling is in the works and will be hosted at the Sheffield Town Park. Sports season ended well, Mr. Carpenter was named Athletic Director of the Year. Health Fair will be held on May 4th and open to the parents. Student Government ran a Red Cross Blood Drive. Culinary students raised over \$2000 toward their scholarship fund. Students attended Project 351 – Clothing Drive. A few students attended a conference at Hancock Shaker Village.

4. **Public Comment – None**

5. b. Approval of Senior Class Overnight Field Trip to New York City (May 29-30, 2018)

Ms. Dawn EstesDaub presented the overnight field trip request to the school committee for approval.

Mr. Stewart moved to approve the Senior Class Overnight Field Trip to New York City from May 29-30, 2018 as presented. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. There was a discussion regarding finances and the ability of students to pay for the trip. Ms. Estes Daub replied that they have had very successful fundraising efforts. The motion was unanimously approved.

- c. Review and Approval of Mt. Everett Regional High School 2018-2019 Program of Studies – Glenn Devoti

Mr. Devoti presented the 2018-2019 Program of Studies to the committee for approval. With the School Committee approval, Mt. Everett will launch part two of a two-part process, which began in January. Mr. Devoti explained the process to the committee. Mr. Batacchi asked about AP Biology. Mr. Devoti replied that they were not ready to offer this now, but do offer it online. All students must take the MCAS Biology to graduate.

Mr. Stewart moved to accept and approve the 2018-2019 Mt. Everett Regional High School Program of Studies as presented. Mr. Sears seconded the motion.

Further discussion ensued.

Chris Thompson stated would like to launch a STEM Academy of Contemporary Technologies Courses concept in the high school. Would include Robotics I, Robotics II, Drones, 3D Printing and Design. These would all be online classes with hands-on workshops in the tech lab.

Questions and answers followed.

Mr. Travis asked if Kerry Burke and Beth Regulbuto were involved with the decisions regarding the program of studies. Superintendent Regulbuto would like the program of studies to be a district wide discussion before it is brought to the committee for approval.

Mr. Travis asked about the \$75,000 Edgenuity course. Mr. Devoti responded that about a third of the students are involved in this program. Ms. Silvers suggested that it would be appropriate for this to come before the curriculum committee.

Further questions and discussion ensued.

Mr. Stewart called the question.

Vote: David Travis – No; Fran Lartigue – No; Carl Stewart – Yes; Art Batacchi – Yes; Dennis Sears – Yes; Maryellen Brown – Yes; Marcella Bush – Yes

Motion passed five – 2.

- d. College & Career Planning Initiatives for FY19 and Beyond – Glenn Devoti
 Mr. Devoti recognized Dawn Estes Daub and Kim Conant for the good work they do for our students. Dawn Estes Daub and Kim Conant introduced themselves to the committee. They presented a power point of College and Career Initiatives (attached). Over the past two academic years, the school counseling department has developed programming based on the Massachusetts School Counselors Association’s MA Model for Accountable, Comprehensive School Counseling Programs (MA Model 2.0) The MA Model 2.0 components consist of: Foundation, Accountability, Management, Delivery
 Massachusetts school counselors must collect and analyze data that demonstrates how the counseling program supports student achievement and school improvement, as well as college and career readiness.
 College representatives visit Mount Everett every fall.
 School Counseling office brings students to the annual College Fair in the fall.
 College visits are organized through the school counseling office, National Honors Society and Student Government.
 Additional college tours are set up by student interest and funded by the Perkins Grant. This year students will visit Fashion Institute of Technology and Culinary Institute of America.
 All Grade 10 students participate in Job Shadow Day
- e. Report of College Submissions and Acceptances – Glenn Devoti
 Dawn Estes Daub and Kim Conant presented a report for 2016, 2017 and 2018 of College Submissions and Acceptances. (Attached) Questions and discussion followed.
- f. Vote by the School Committee to Explore Special Legislation Relative to Operating the Southern Berkshire Child Care Program and After School Program under the District’s Authority.

Ms. Lartigue moved that the School Committee vote to explore special legislation relative to operating the Southern Berkshire Child Care Program and After School Program under the District’s authority. Mr. Travis seconded the motion.

Historically the program has been open and operated through the school district; the purpose here is to formalize the program through the district. It was set up as an independent entity which is not feasible anymore.

Mr. Stewart called the question. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Unfinished Business

a. Review of Subcommittee Assignments

Mr. Stewart moved that in view of the two unfortunate vacancies on the school committee that the school committee review the subcommittee assignments and make changes as necessary.

Mr. Sears seconded the motion.

Following subcommittee were changed.

Building, Grounds & Technology

Art Batacchi, Maryellen Brown, David Travis, Fran Lartigue

Curriculum Subcommittee

Fran Lartigue, Bonnie Silvers, David Travis, Kerry Burke

Executive Evaluation Subcommittee

Fran Lartigue, Marcella Bush, David Travis

Regional Agreement Review Committee

Art Batacchi, Carl Stewart, Dennis Sears, Maryellen Brown (Alternate)

SBRSD Future of Education in South County

Dennis Sears, Bonnie Silvers, Marcella Bush, David Travis, Fran Lartigue (Alternate)

Warrant Subcommittee

Dennis Sears, Carl Stewart, Bonnie Silvers (All board members serve as alternates)

Liaison to Southern Berkshire Child Care Program

Fran Lartigue

Liaison to Early Childhood

Fran Lartigue

7. Business with District Member Towns

b. Correspondence from New Marlborough

- Motion to establish an Assessment Study Advisory Committee

Mr. Travis moved that the district establish an Assessment Study Advisory Committee. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Tara White had sent Ms. Silvers an email requesting a discussion of the regional school assessments. The feeling is that the towns should not be subject to the ups and downs of the assessment changes from year to year and that the district move to another system of assessments. The school committee cannot do this, but the Regional Agreement Review Subcommittee can look at a request from the School Committee to look at the issue of the assessments.

Mr. Batacchi will convene a meeting and report back by September 1st. The Assessment Study Advisory Committee will refer to the Regional Agreement Committee.

8. Subcommittee Reports

a. Policy Subcommittee – Dennis Sears

- JEB – Entrance Age

Mr. Stewart moved to approve/adopt Policy JEB – Entrance Age. Mr. Batacchi Seconded the motion.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Stewart moved to set aside the normal policy on policy adoption to allow approval on the first reading rather than after the second reading. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion.

Mr. Travis requested an explanation of changes to the policy.

Mr. Stewart withdrew the above motion.

Mr. Sears explained the changes/additions that were made to Policy JEB.

Mr. Stewart restated the above motion to change the procedure, seconded by Mr. Batacchi. This motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Stewart moved to approve/adopt policy JEB as presented. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

- Policy ILD – Student Submission to Educational Surveys and Research

Mr. Stewart moved to approve/adopt policy ILD as presented. Mr. Travis seconded the motion. There was a brief discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

c. Future of South Berkshire Education – D. Sears

SBEF is hosting Bill Daggett at the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center on April 24th from 6 – 8 p.m. Everyone was invited to attend. This event will be videotaped and available on the CTSSB site.

d. Executive Evaluation Subcommittee

David Travis is the now chair of this committee. Executive Evaluation Subcommittee met. Forms will be available on Monday for the school committee to complete.

e. Curriculum Subcommittee – F. Lartigue (Fran had to leave early)

Superintendent Regulbuto gave an update on the middle school task force and the transition plan for Kerry Burke's position.

9. **Chairman's Report**

10. **Superintendent's Report**

- At the Superintendent Regional Roundtable, meeting the select board members suggested that they would support any efforts made by the district on advocacy for items in the budget, on regional transportation, and budget formula.
Today the Superintendent received from the Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools two amendments that they are looking for support on.
Amendment 29, which would increase regional transportation reimbursement to 85% and the second, was for the legislature to approve the formation of a regional school district foundation budget commission for regional schools to look at how the formula is done.
- There are two critical positions that need to be filled. Kerry Burke, Curriculum & Professional Development Coordinator's and Mary Turo, Elementary Principal.
Sandi Hubbard will lead the screening committee process for Kerry Burke's position.
Kerry Burke will lead the screening committee process for Mary Turo's position.

11. **Curriculum & Professional Development Coordinator's Report (Attached)**

12. **Director of Student Services Report**

13. **Business Manager's Report**

- a. Approval of Warrants : March 23, 2018 and April 6, 2018
*Mr. Stewart moved to accept the warrants of March 23, 2018 and April 6, 2018 as presented.
Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.*
- b. Vote to Accept Grants and Gifts
Mr. Stewart moved to approve the grants and gifts as submitted. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.
- c. Budget Transfers

14. **Future Agenda Items**

15. **Adjourn**

Mr. Stewart moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. Mr. Travis seconded the motion. The motion as unanimously approved.

Documents presented at this meeting:

- Agenda #1543
- Minutes of Meeting #1541, Open Hearing Minutes, Minutes #1542
- Request for Waiver of Tuition
- Overnight Field Trip to NY City
- FY18-19 Program of Studies
- College & Career Planning Initiatives for FY19
- Policy JEB, ILD
- Curriculum & Professional Development Coordinator's Report
- Warrants: March 23 and April 6
- Grants and Gifts