

School Committee Members: Bonnie Silvers, Dennis Sears, MaryEllen Brown, Art Batacchi, David Travis, Marcella Bush

Absent: Carl Stewart, Fran Lartigue, Kerry Burke

Administration: Superintendent Regulbuto, Christine Regan, Sandi Hubbard

Press: Corey Willey, Berkshire Record

Others: Marya Makuc, Nadia Makuc, Carol Edelman, Kay Purcell, Valerie Costas, Colleen Johnson, Ken Basler, Hilary Bashara, Michael Strawbridge, Patrick Barrett, Marie Enoch, Elizabeth Enoch, Mary Makuc, John Makuc, Evelyn V. Christine Martin, Amanda, Pat Solomon and others.

1. **Call to Order:** Bonnie Silvers, Chair, called meeting #1544 to order at 6:07 p.m.
2. **Standing Reports:** None
3. **Student Representative Report**

Marya Makuc, Secretary to Class of 2018 and 2020 Class President, Elizabeth Enoch introduced themselves to the school committee.

Marya and Elizabeth gave an update of events that have been happening at Mt. Everett. Greek Week for Grade 7, National Honor Society Induction Ceremony is on May 11th, there will be 11 new inductees, Grade 10 just finished the English MCAS and are prepping for the Math and Science MCAS.

Ms. Silvers thanked Ms. Edelman for encouraging the school committee to take the meetings on the road. Ms. Edelman also thanked the school committee for making the journey to Monterey and gave a brief history of the Monterey Community Center, a gift from Edith Wilson. Ms. Edelman also mentioned that there is a scholarship fund available.
4. **Public Comment**

Christine Martin, resident of Monterey and teacher at SBRSD, raised a question regarding the budget and the elimination of a grade 5 classroom at Undermountain next year.

Ms. Silvers stated at this point programs have not been sacrificed at the expense of any new positions being added. Superintendent Regulbuto also stated that things could change and all depends on enrollment.
5. **New Business**
 - a. **MASS Award**

There was a short recess to recognize Marya Makuc for receiving the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (MASS) Award. Superintendent read aloud the letter presented to Marya (see attached). Marya was also presented with a certificate of Academic Excellence.

- b. Approval of Overnight Hiking Field Trip – Pat Barrett
Mr. Barrett presented the overnight hiking trip to the school committee.
*David Travis moved to approve the two Overnight Hiking Trips:
April 29 – May 1, 2018 – AT from Tyringham to Cross Blotz and
May 20 – May 23, 2018 – AT from North Adams to Pittsfield Rd. Art Batacchi seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.*
- c. SBRSD Health Fair – May 4, 2018
Hilary Bashara, Elementary School Nurse at Undermountain Elementary, introduced herself to the committee. She has coordinated the fair which will be held on May 4, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Mt. Everett Gym. Ms. Bashara gave an overview of the schedule for the day. Parents, families, students and staff are encouraged to attend this event. Superintendent Regalbuto commended Ms. Bashara for coordinating the fair. Questions and answers ensued.

6. **Unfinished Business – None**

7. **Business with District Member Towns – None**

8. **Subcommittee Reports**

- a. Southern Berkshire Educational Future (SBEF) – D. Sears
Ms. Silvers thanked Mr. Sears for arranging the Bill Dagget event at the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center on April 24th. Mr. Sears stated that there were about 125 attendees. This was a collaborate effort of the SBEF which comprises the SBRSD, BHRSD, Lee and Lenox. The next meeting of the SBEF is scheduled for May 9th and will be hosted by SBRSD.
- b. Negotiations
Ms. Silvers reported that the negotiation subcommittee is close to finalizing the three contracts.
- c. Exec Evaluation: Mr. Travis reported that the committee has just completed the mid-year review of the Superintendent, surveys were completed and the Executive Evaluation Subcommittee will meet soon to discuss this. The community can expect a substantial report after the end of the year review is complete.

9. **Chairman's Report**

- a. Annual Town Meetings
Ms. Silvers distributed a letter to the school committee that, with approval of the school committee, will be included with the budget book that Chris Regan is preparing for town meetings. (Attached)
*Mr. Sears moved to approve the letter as submitted to be included with the budget book.
Ms. Bush seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.*
- b. Super Evaluation Process – This was explained by Mr. Travis under Executive Evaluation
- c. School Committee Vacancies
The Town of Egremont has three people who have shown interest in filling the position left by Genis Melendez-Delaney.
The Town of Sheffield are currently speaking to local council regarding the section in the Regional Agreement about replacing a school committee member.
The appointment is only until the election in November and position vacated is until 2020.

10 **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Regulbuto informed the committee that both she and Ms. Regan are preparing for town meetings and budget. She informed the committee that there are a lot of events occurring before the end of school. There was discussion about scheduling another school committee meeting in May. It was decided that another school committee meeting will be held on May 23, 2018 at 6 p.m.

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

Kerry Burke was not present the report is attached for review.

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

Sandy Burke informed the committee that the next discussion hosted by SEPAC and Student Services was moved from April 24th to May 22nd and will focus on English Learners. She also informed the committee that Special Olympics will be held on May 2nd at Monument Mountain.

13. **Business Manager Report**

Approval of Warrants: April 20, 2018 was tabled to the next meeting.

Vote to accept grants and gifts as attached.

Mr. Sears moved to approve the grant item changes as presented. Title 11A \$55 increase to \$34,448 and Title III grant of \$1,811. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Regan informed the committee that the bids for the Tennis Courts have gone out and are due in on May 9th.

Berkshire Health Group at the last meeting mentioned that the Berkshire County Insurance Group is dissolving. The BCIG has been a voting member at the Berkshire Health Group meetings. The member towns need a sponsor to keep them in the group, Alford, Mt. Washington, New Marlborough and Sheffield. Ms. Regan was seeking approval to for SBRSD to become a sponsor. There is no financial liability. This will be voted on later.

14. **Future Agenda Items**

Mr. Sears raised a question regarding the legal notice that was in the Berkshire Record regarding the signs at the school.

15. **Adjourn**

Mr. Sears moved to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Documents presented at this meeting:

- Agenda #1544
- MASS Letter
- Overnight Field Trip
- SBRSD Health Fair
- Letter for budget book
- Curriculum & Professional Development Report
- Gifts and Grants