

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

Absent: Marcella Bush

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

Press: Corey Willey, Berkshire Record

Others: Marya Makuc, G. McGurn, Jeff Blaugrund

1. **Call to Order:** Bonnie Silvers, Chair, called meeting #1545 to order at 6:05 p.m.
Ms. Silvers introduced George McGurn, Select board member and thanked him for hosting the meeting.
Mr. McGurn welcomed the school committee to Egremont. The select board and Marcelle Bush appointed Ken Knox to the SBRSD school committee to fill the vacancy left by Genis Melandez-Delaney's resignation. Mr. McGurn introduced Ken Knox, Assistant Professor at Simons Rock, Bard College, to the School Committee.
Ms. Silvers welcomed Mr. Knox to the committee.
2. **Standing Reports:**
 - a. Approval of School Committee Meeting minutes #1543 and #1544

*Mr. Stewart moved to approve school committee meeting minutes #1543 of April 12, 2018.
Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.*

*Mr. Sears moved to approve school committee meeting minutes #1544 of April 26, 2018.
Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. Mr. Stewart abstained, motion passed.*
 - b. Enrollment
Superintendent Regulbuto reported that as of May 1, 2018 there were 690 students enrolled, up from last month by one.
 - c. Miscellaneous Correspondence - None
3. **Student Representative Report**
Marya Makuc, Secretary for the class of 2018, gave an update of recent activities at the school.
 - The Health Fair went very well and was fun and engaging for all ages.
 - The Madrigals will perform on Sunday, May 27th at Tanglewood.
 - Graduation is June 2nd at Tanglewood.
 - Tedx Youth is at Mt. Everett on June 9th
 - National Honor Society induction ceremony is May 11th

4. **Public Comment** - None

5. **Student Spotlight** - None

6. **New Business**

- a. Vote to participate in the Massachusetts School Choice Program for the 2018-2019 School Year
Superintendent Regulbuto explained this is a two part vote. Right now we are looking for approval to participate only. At the next school meeting we will vote on grade levels to accept for school choice.

Mr. Travis moved that the SBRSD participate in the Massachusetts School Choice Program for the 2018-2019 school Year. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. Discussion ensued.

Roll Call Vote: C. Stewart – Abstain; A. Batacchi – Yes; D. Travis – Yes; F. Lartigue – Yes; M. Brown – Yes; D. Sears – Yes; K. Knox – Yes; B. Silvers – Yes

Motion passed 7-1

- b. Vote to accept Bids for Tennis Court Renovation

Ms. Regan informed the school committee that the bids were opened yesterday, but we were not ready to vote. This item will be discussed in more detail during the Building, Grounds & Technology report.

7. **Unfinished Business** - None

8. **Business with District Member Towns**

- a. Status on S. Egremont School Project and Enrollment

Superintendent Regulbuto reported that there are six (6) students interested in attending South Egremont next year.

Ms. Lartigue suggested that when families inquire about registering that all options be clear to them. Ms. Regulbuto stated that all options, including transportation, were made available.

The registrations forms show that S. Egremont is open for EK/K.

Ms. Silvers asked if it was possible to get a tour of the building at the end of July.

Mr. Sears mentioned an article in the Berkshire Record that quoted the project manager stating there was an issue of ADA repairs at the South Egremont School.

Mr. McGurn informed the school committee that they have initiated the process to apply for a waiver for ADA for the school because it is an historical building. The town has also reapplied for the funding to complete the ADA requirements. It is the town's intention and commitment to make sure the building is in compliance. Ms. Silvers inquired about lead paint.

Mr. Stewart stated that lead paint and ADA are two separate issues. The school committee in consultation with the Superintendent can decide if the building is appropriate for the education of young children with regard to lead paint. Ms. Silvers would like all options looked at.

9. **Subcommittee Reports**

- a. Southern Berkshire Educational Future (SBEF) – D. Sears

Mr. Sears reported that there was a meeting yesterday, but two of the districts were unable to attend. There was nothing new to report.

- b. Negotiations

Mr. Stewart reported that negotiations are ongoing and they are making progress. Meetings are held in executive session so there is not a lot that can be reported at this time.

c. Building, Grounds & Technology – A.Batacchi

Mr. Batacchi reported that BG&T had recently met. There were discussions on ongoing projects as follows:

- Signage Indoors
- Signage Outdoors – Zoning variance applied for
- Window at Mt. Everett – work is in progress
- TACPAC Rigging project – will be completed by June 30th
- Boiler at NMC – Jeremy Wells is working with Berkshire Engineering
- Marshmallow buses – looking and maybe a recommendation of purchasing two more
- Security – Chris Regan and Jeremy Wells will work with Chief to prioritize items on the list
- Bid Opening – Tennis Courts

Chris Regan reported that bids were opened yesterday from two companies. One bid arrived late. There were two options included in the bid - rebuild the courts using asphalt and the other using post tension concrete. More and more companies have moved away from asphalt and moving to concrete.

Williams Paving for \$153,130 for four courts (asphalt) they did not bid on the concrete option.

RS Site and Sports for \$280,000 for four courts (concrete alternate) did not bid on the asphalt.

A lengthy discussion followed on the tennis court bids. Maryellen Brown would like to reopen the bid process. Ms. Silvers suggested bringing it back to Building and Grounds to reconsider and make a recommendation. Another meeting is scheduled for May 23rd.

Ms. Lartigue moved that the SC send the tennis courts back to Building, Grounds and Technology for reconsideration. Mr. Sears seconded the motion.

Further discussion ensued.

Ms. Lartigue then withdrew her motion.

Mr. Travis moved that the school committee reject the two bids and reopen the bid process. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. There was further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

10. **Chairman's Report**

Ms. Silvers reported that the attached letter was sent to the select boards. The Regional Agreement Review committee will meet on May 22nd to begin the process to look at an alternate form of assessment. There will be a representative from each of the five towns and an alternate. If we begin the process now there is enough time to plan and have a different assessment formula for the next budget season.

Ms. Silvers informed the school committee that there is a candidate from Sheffield who is interested in being on the board and has submitted a letter to the Town of Sheffield. The chair of the select board wants to request more candidates to come forward before appointing someone.

Ms. Silvers thanked Superintendent Regulbuto and Ms. Regan for all the effort and work put into presenting the budget to the five towns.

10 **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Regulbuto stated that she was very appreciative for the towns supporting the district in passing the budget.

Teacher Appreciation Week: She thanked the PTO for the luncheon, and thanked the teachers and staff for all the work they do every day for our students.

Health Fair – This was an outstanding effort for the first year. Thanked Nurse Hilary for her efforts in organizing this event.

US News World Report – Mt. Everett received the Silver Badge yesterday for the best high school. Chris Clark's classroom will be featured in the Berkshire Eagle's classroom of the week.

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

Ms. Burke reviewed her report with the school committee.

12. **Director of Student Services Report – Report Attached**

Ms. Hubbard also thanked the teachers for what they do every day. She gave a review of her report

13. **Business Manager Report**

Approval of Warrants: April 20, 2018 and May 4, 2018

Ms. Lartigue moved to accept the warrants of April 20, 2018. Mr. Travis seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was approved with Mr. Stewart abstaining.

Ms. Lartigue moved to accept the warrants of May 4, 2018. Mr. Travis seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Vote to accept grants and gifts

Mr. Stewart moved to approve the grant item changes as presented. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Budget Transfer Requests

Ms. Lartigue moved to accept the budget transfer requests as presented. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. There was a brief discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Regan is seeking approval for SBRSD to become a sponsor so that the towns of Alford, Mt. Washington, New Marlborough and Sheffield can continue to purchase health benefits. An Agreement between the SBRSD and the Town of XXX for the joint purchase of Health Benefits was attached for review. The towns of Alford, Mt. Washington, New Marlborough and Sheffield need a sponsor to keep them in the Berkshire Health Group.

Ms. Lartigue moved that the SBRSD sign the agreement for joint purchase of health benefits. Mr. Travis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

14. **Future Agenda Items**

Mr. Sears will schedule a policy subcommittee meeting to review Remote Participation.

15. **Adjourn**

Mr. Stewart moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Travis seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Documents presented at this meeting:

- *Agenda #1545*
- *Minutes #1543 and #1544*
- *Curriculum & Professional Development Coordinator's Report*
- *Director of Student Services Report*
- *Warrants: April 20, 2018 and May 4, 2018*
- *Letter to Select boards re Town Assessments*
- *Budget Transfer Requests*