

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

Absent:

Administration: Superintendent Regalbuto, Christine Regan, Kerry Burke

Press: Corey Willey, Berkshire Record

Others: Marya Makuc, Jeff Blaugrund, Ricky McLaughlin, Sara Beckwith, Nolan Dupont, Devan Gali, Stephanie Graham

1. **Call to Order:** Bonnie Silvers, Chair, called meeting #1546 to order at 6:05 p.m. Ms. Silvers asked for a moment of silence for the shootings in Santa Fe.
Ms. Silvers requested a motion to amend the agenda under Subcommittee reports to allow for a report from the Regional Assessment Review Subcommittee. *Mr. Stewart moved to amend the agenda as requested. Mr. Sears seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.*
2. **Standing Reports**
 - a. Approval of Minutes of School Committee Meetings #1545
Mr. Stewart moved to approve school committee meeting minutes #1545 of May 10, 2018. Mr. Travis seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with the following corrections: Marci Bush and Simons Rock. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.
 - b. Miscellaneous Correspondence – None
3. **Student Representative Report**
Marya Makuc and Sarah Beckwith reported on upcoming activities.
4. **Public Comment**
Mr. Jeff Blaugrund, resident of Alford, introduced himself to the school committee. He informed the committee that he and his wife have enrolled their daughter in EK at the South Egremont School, and very excited about the opening of the school.
Mr. Blaugrund and his wife endorse the opening of the South Egremont School. Right now, they are zoned for Undermountain Elementary as their school of residence and this would mean their 4-year-old daughter would be on a bus for an hour. South Egremont is the more convenient choice.
They feel the school is a benefit to Egremont and the school district. Mr. Blaugrund also mentioned some concerns, i.e. that the South Egremont school had not been advertised enough and that marketing has not been proactive or clear on the opening of the South Egremont School.
5. **Student Spotlight - representatives of Mt. Everett's Class of 2018 tell their story**
Marya Makuc, Sara Beckwith, Nolan Dupont, Devan Gali and Ricky McLaughlin, Class of 2018, talked about their time and experiences at Southern Berkshire and their plans after graduation.

6. **New Business**

- a. Vote to Approve the World Education Alliance Annual Symposium at the Keswick Public School in Madurai, India (September 19 – 29, 2018) – S. Graham
Mr. Stewart moved to approve the World Education Alliance Annual Symposium at the Keswick School in Madurai, India (September 19-29, 2018). Ms. Lartigue seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. The motion was unanimously approved.
Stephanie Graham gave an overview of the World Education Alliance. This year they have been invited by the Keswick Public School and the theme will be dance.
- b. Vote to waiver Out of District PK Tuition
Mr. Stewart moved to waive the out of district PK Tuition for the student entering New Marlborough in the fall. Mr. Travis seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.
- c. Approval of School Choice Openings for 2018-19 School Year (per C 76, s 12B)
Superintendent Regulbuto explained the school choice report presented to the committee (report attached).
Mr. Stewart moved to accept the School Choice Openings for the 2018-19 school year as listed. Mr. Travis seconded the motion. Discussion ensued.
Ms. Lartigue asked if Mr. Stewart would amend his vote to accept choice openings for 2018-2019 by school. Mr. Stewart accepted Ms. Lartigue's suggestion. Ms. Lartigue seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
Roll call vote by school:
Undermountain Elementary: All Yes - Unanimously approved.
South Egremont: Mr. Stewart – abstain; Ms. Lartigue – No; All others – Yes
New Marlborough: All Yes – Unanimously approved.
Mt. Everett Middle and High School: All Yes – Unanimously approved.
- d. Approval to Accept an Exchange Student Sponsored by Rotary – Gr 12-Mt. Everett
Mr. Stewart moved to accept an Exchange Student sponsored by Rotary (biography and information attached). Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

7. **Unfinished Business - None**

8. **Business with District Member Towns**

- a. Request from towns regarding change of meeting dates for the Regional Assessment Review Committee
Ms. Silvers reported that the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 4:15 p.m.

9. **Subcommittee Reports**

- a. Negotiation – C. Stewart
Mr. Stewart informed the committee that negotiations are ongoing and progress is being made. The next meeting is scheduled for June 20th.
- b. Building, Grounds & Technology – A. Batacchi
Mr. Batacchi informed the committee that the group had meet earlier today. Tennis court repairs were discussed and requests will be sent out again for repair. Capital Budget was also discussed. The subcommittee voted to purchase two marshmallow buses. The buses will cost

approximately \$58,000/\$60,000 each. They will be financed over three years with a lease purchase agreement.

Mr. Travis moved that the Southern Berkshire Regional School District purchase two marshmallow buses. Ms. Lartigue seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

c. Policy – D. Sears

Mr. Sears stated that the next meeting is scheduled for May 24th at 4:15 p.m.

d. Regional Agreement Review Committee: Mr. Batacchi reported that the group had met and organized. Mr. Batacchi is Chair. The group will meet next Tuesday with the town representatives to officially start this process.

10. **Chairman's Report**

- Ms. Silvers informed the committee that tomorrow the Softball game between Mt. Everett and Monument Mountain is in honor of our veterans.
- Ms. Silvers encouraged voter registration.
- The Select board is hoping to hold a meeting to interview the person who wants to be on the school committee.

11. **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Regalbuto reported that the Superintendent's Regional Roundtable meeting was held last night and that the meetings have been very productive.

Superintendent Regalbuto also reported that safety discussions are ongoing across the district.

She is working with Chief Munson on creating a district wide safety team with community partners. This group will look at what will be done to improve safety in the district.

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

Superintendent Regalbuto stated that this was Kerry Burke's last report as she is retiring.

Ms. Burke reported that they plan to offer in 2018-2019 the Botvin Life Skills program for grades 3-7. The Title I summer program will again be offered this summer for at-risk students at Undermountain Elementary.

13. **Director of Student Services Report** – Report attached.

14. **Business Manager's Report**

a. Vote to approve Warrants: May 18, 2018

Mr. Stewart moved to approve the warrant of May 18, 2018 as presented. Ms. Lartigue seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

b. Vote to Accept Grants and Gifts

c. Budget Transfers

15. **Future Agenda Items**

a. Review of overseas travel policy – Policy Subcommittee

b. June Meeting dates. Discussion followed regarding the meeting dates in June. It was decided that the meeting in June would be scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at Sheffield Town Hall

Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at the Alford Town Hall.

16. **Executive Session**

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and not to reconvene in Open Session. Roll Call Vote Required.
This item was tabled to the June meeting.

17. **Adjourn**

Mr. Stewart moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Documents presented at this meeting:

- *Agenda 1546*
- *Minutes #1545*
- *Field Trip Requests*
- *Exchange Student Information*
- *Curriculum & Professional Development Coordinator's Report*
- *Director of Student Services Report*
- *Warrant: May 18, 2018*