

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

Absent: David Travis, M. Bush, S. Hubbard

Administration: Superintendent Regulbuto, Christine Regan

Press: Corey Willey, Berkshire Record, CTSB TV

Others: Erica Schroepfer, Karen Chamberland, Charles Miller, Peggy Wilson, Karen Ketchen, Hilary Bashara

**1. Call to Order**

Ms. Silvers, Chair, called meeting #1548 to order at 6:03 p.m.

Ms. Wilson, Town of Alford Select Board member welcomed the School Committee to the Town of Alford.

**2. Standing Reports**

a. Miscellaneous Correspondence – None

**3. Student Representative Report – None**

**4. Public Comment – None**

**5. Student Spotlight – None**

**6. New Business**

a. Introduction of Elementary Principal

Superintendent Beth Regulbuto introduced Mr. Charles Miller, Elementary Principal, to the school committee.

Mr. Miller thanked the school committee for giving him the opportunity to attend the meeting and was excited to start his career here in his “forever home”.

b. MASC Conference – November 7-10, 2018

Ms. Silver informed the committee about the MASC conference and recommended that new members to the board attend this conference in November.

Mr. Schroepfer, Mr. Knox, Mr. Batacchi, Ms. Silvers will attend the conference in November. It was also recommended that whoever is elected as the New Marlborough and Alford representatives also attend the conference.

**7. Unfinished Business**

a. Update on status of Boiler replacement at New Marlborough Central

Ms. Regan informed the committee that we had to hire Berkshire Engineering to draw up plans for the boiler replacement at a cost of \$7,529. The original quote did not include the cost of the plans.

Ms. Regan requested an increase in the amount the School Committee approved for the replacement of the NMC boiler.

*Ms. Sears moved that the school committee authorize the additional \$7500 from Capital be released for the boiler project. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion.*

Ms. Lartigue asked if Mr. Sears would agree to amending the motion to increase the amount to \$10,000 to cover contingency of \$2,500. Discussion ensued.

*Mr. Sears amended his motion to increase the amount to be released from Capital to \$10,000.*

*Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.*

b. School Committee Summer Meetings ( Proposed dates: July 19, August 16)

There was a discussion regarding holding meetings during the summer, July 19 and August 16 were proposed.

*Mr. Stewart moved that the school committee hold a meeting on Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at the Sheffield campus. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.*

*Mr. Stewart moved that the school committee hold a meeting on Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at the Sheffield campus. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.*

c. School Committee Retreat Date

Superintendent Regulbuto would like to hold a retreat again this summer to review goals and strategic plans. She was open to any suggestions for dates and times. The consensus was to hold the retreat in September with dinner meetings. The committee will bring dates forward at the July meeting.

## **8. Business with District Member Towns**

a. South Egremont School Update

Superintendent Regulbuto gave an update on the Egremont School. A group of parents would like to hold an open house on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Beth addressed the letter that was sent to the Town of Egremont (copy attached) regarding the renovations and compliance with and/or variance from certain legal requirements applicable to renovated public buildings. The district is requesting, by close of business on Friday August 3, 2018 the following:

- Evidence of compliance with an/or variance from the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board regulations, 521 CMR 1.1 *et seq.*; and
- Evidence of compliance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act; and,
- A current certificate of occupancy pursuant to the Massachusetts State Building Code, 780 CMR 111.1 *et seq.*; and
- A current certificate of compliance with the Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code, 527 CMR 1.01 *et seq.*; and,
- A current certificate of compliance with the Massachusetts Electrical Code, 527 CMR 12.00; and
- A current certificate of compliance with Massachusetts Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control regulations, 105 CMR 460.00 *et seq.*; and,
- Any other certificate, variance, and/or other evidence of compliance with state and/or federal facility requirements in relation to the South Egremont School.

b. Monterey School Update

Superintendent Regulbuto informed the school committee that she had received an email from Carol Edelman regarding removal of district property from the Monterey School Building. Chris Regan has been in contact with Melissa Noe, Town of Monterey Administrative Assistant, regarding this process. She will send a letter to the Town of Monterey Select Board members advising the status of this process.

## 9. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Executive Evaluation – D. Travis, B. Silvers  
Ms. Silvers thanked Mr. Travis and Ms. Lartigue for compiling the Year One Evaluation of Superintendent Regulbuto. Ms. Silvers read aloud the attached evaluation.  
*Mr. Stewart moved that the school committee approve the Year One Evaluation of Superintendent Regulbuto as submitted. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. A brief discussion ensued. The motion was approved with the following corrections made to the evaluation:*
- Mr. Knox suggested a change to the wording “Many on the committee share.....”  
Ms. Silvers suggested changing it to “ Many on the committee expressed Beth’s belief...”  
Superintendent Regulbuto thanked the committee for their effort and work in compiling the evaluation.
- b. SBRSD Future of South Berkshire County – D. Sears  
Mr. Sears reported that the group was unable to get all four towns together to meet. They are looking at the last week in August to hold a meeting.
- c. Policy – D. Sears  
Second Reading:  
Policy AC Nondiscrimination  
Policy GBA Equal Employment Opportunity  
Policy GCF Professional Staff Hiring  
Policy JB Equal Educational Opportunities  
Policy JFBB School Choice  
The above policies were approved at the meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup> (the school committee voted to waive the first reading).  
*Mr. Stewart moved to reaffirm approval of the above policies. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.*

## 10. Chairman’s Report

- a. Remote Participation Policy – Motion to refer this policy back to the Policy Subcommittee  
Legal council recommended the district refer the Remote Participation policy back to the Policy Subcommittee.  
*Mr. Sears moved to suspend Policy BEA –Remote Participation and refer back to the Policy Subcommittee for further review, including discussion with council, to ensure compliance with state regulations. Mr. Stewart seconded the approval. After further discussion the motion was unanimously approved.*

## 11. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Regulbuto report covered the following (report attached)

- Safety and Wellness – the first District wide Safety Meeting included all administrators, the SRO, Police Chiefs, Fire Chiefs, Ambulance Service, Road Supervisors and Mr. Batacchi. This was a productive meeting that brought the community together to address this important topic.
- Summer Work per Mr. Devoti, Ms. Hubbard, Ms. Regan and Mr. Wells
- Other Summer Projects

## 12. Director of Student Services Report - None

### 13. Business Manager's Report

- a. Vote to approve Warrants: June 15, 2018

*Ms. Lartigue moved to approve the June 15, 2018 warrant as presented. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was approved, Mr. Stewart abstained.*

- b. Vote to Accept Grants and Gifts

*Ms. Lartigue moved to approve the Action for Healthy Kids grant of \$1000. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.*

*Ms. Lartigue moved to approve payment of an FY17 invoice from ALIBRIS (Mt. Everett Library) in the amount of \$415.10. Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.*

- c. Budget Transfers

*Ms. Lartigue moved to allow Ms. Regan to make any budget transfers necessary before closing Fiscal Year 2018. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.*

### 14. Future Agenda Items

- a. Handbooks

Mr. Batacchi requested that the handbooks be sent to the school committee for review with enough time for them to review it prior to approval.

- b. Proposed 2018-2019 School Committee Meeting Schedule

Ms. Silvers explained that the 2018-2019 calendar and last year's school committee meeting calendar were provided as guidance. The school committee meeting calendar proposed dates for 2018-2019 will be provided at the next meeting.

### 15. Executive Session:

Move to go into Executive Session to conduct strategy with regard to nonunion personnel contracts and not to reconvene in Open Session. Roll Call Vote Required.

*Mr. Sears moved to enter Executive Session to conduct strategy with regard to nonunion personnel contracts and not to reconvene in Open Session at 8:05 p.m.*

*Roll Call Vote:*

*Bonnie Silvers – Yes    Dennis Sears – Yes    MaryEllen Brown – Yes  
Art Batacchi – Yes    Carl Stewart – Yes    Francoise Lartigue – Yes  
Ken Knox – Yes    Timothy Schroepfer - Yes*