

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

Absent: Marcella Bush

Administration: Superintendent Regulbuto, Peter Dufresne

Press: CTSB TV

Others: (see attached sign in sheet)

1. Call to Order

Ms. Silvers, Chair, called meeting #1553 to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Executive Session

Mr. Stewart moved to enter executive session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a) (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and/or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares and to return to open session. Mr. Sears seconded the motion.

Roll call Vote:

Art Batacchi – Yes; Carl Stewart – Yes; David Travis – Yes; Bonnie Silvers – Yes; Fran Lartigue – Yes; Maryellen Brown – Yes; Dennis Sears – Yes; Tim Schroepfer – Yes

The motion passed unanimously.

Reconvened in Open Session at 7:10 p.m.

Ms. Silvers noted that the committee would be going back into executive session at the end of the open session.

3. Standing Reports

- a. Approval of Minutes of School Committee Meeting #1552 –Minutes were not ready.
- b. Miscellaneous Correspondence – none

4. Student Representative Report – none

5. Student Spotlight

Superintendent Regulbuto informed the committee that the classrooms were challenged to a karaoke challenge. Three classrooms participated in the karaoke challenge (Christine Martin's ELL class, Mr. Naventi's Grade 6, and Grade 5). These videos were shared with the school committee and who then voted on the best challenge. All three groups will enjoy a pizza party.

6. Public Comment

Ms. Silvers informed everyone that public comment would be at the beginning and at the end of the meeting.

Mr. Kelly, an Egremont resident, would like an explanation on why the South Egremont Elementary school is still not open.

Ms. Russell informed the school committee that she had conducted an exit interview on five staff who had left the district. She handed the survey to Ms. Silvers to be distributed to the committee members. Erica Schroepfer invited everyone to attend the Trunk or Treat event, being held in Sheffield from 4 – 6 p.m. tomorrow.

7. New Business

a. Update on the Peru Trip (April 12-18, 2019) – A. Spitia

Angela informed the committee that since the approval last year, eight grade students have shown interest in the trip and will be going.

Ms. Lartigue moved to approve the updated trip to Peru to include Grade 8 students as presented. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. There was a brief discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

b. Request to Set June 1, 2019 at Tanglewood for Commencement Ceremonies for the Mt. Everett Class of 2019

Ms. Lartigue moved to approve the Commencement Ceremonies for the Mt. Everett Class of 2019 for June 1, 2019 at Tanglewood. Mr. Travis seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

c. Vote to Approve Memorandum of Agreement Extra Duty Stipend for Global Education Coordinator

Ms. Lartigue moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for the Extra Duty Stipend for the Global Education Coordinator as presented. Mr. Travis seconded the motion. There was a brief discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

d. MCAS Report

Superintendent Regulbuto and Mr. Dufresne presented an overview of the MCAS results from spring 2018. Superintendent Regulbuto explained that DESE has categorized districts differently as a result of the new MCAS tests. Districts without required assistance and intervention and districts that require assistance and intervention. We are ranked on specific criterion. Mr. Dufresne explained the different target levels and explained the difference between legacy MCAS and Next Generation MCAS. SBRSD is partially meeting targets at 67%.

A discussion, questions, and answers followed.

Please refer to the attached report for complete details.

Superintendent Regulbuto informed the committee that the Instructional Leadership Term which consists of teachers working on the curriculum (K-12). At the secondary level, there is a tutorial block in the morning in the schedule to do interventions and enrichment if necessary. Looking at keyboarding and technical skills at the elementary levels. Mr. Miller is looking at doing a science camp over February break, working with Flying Cloud. The Administrative Team will be implementing a District wide formative assessment system to assess social, emotional and academic competencies.

8. Unfinished Business - None

9. Business with District Member Towns

a. Status of S. Egremont School

Superintendent Regulbuto informed the school committee that she had received a letter from the Town of Egremont stating that they will stop paying the assessments until the students are housed at the South Egremont School. This letter was inadvertently omitted from the packet. The letter had been sent to our Attorney.

Mr. Stewart moved that the letter from the Town of Egremont be made part of the packet and emailed to the school committee members. Mr. Schroepfer seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Also included in the packet was a letter from our attorneys regarding the potential remediation of lead paint at the South Egremont School (copy attached). Our attorney, the Town of Egremont, and their attorney are hoping to set up a meeting in early November to address the issues related to the South Egremont School.

Also attached is the latest report from ATC dated October 25, 2018. Specifically of importance is paragraph 5C.

Further discussion ensued.

10. Subcommittee Reports

a. Good and Welfare Subcommittee – T. Schroepfer

Ms. Silvers stated that Mr. Schroepfer agreed to head this committee and turned it over to him. Mr. Schroepfer informed the committee that the name was changed to the Community, Input and Outreach Committee. This committee will review comments made at general meetings during public comment to the extent allowed by law. The committee had also voted that one faculty member (Unit A), one staff member (unit D) and one current parent representative be allowed to act as community advisors to the committee (non-voting members).

Mr. Schroepfer moved that the school committee affirm the mission, the name change, the standing items for future discussions described and the selection and appointment of additional members as described in the Community, Input and Outreach Committee.

Mr. Sears seconded the motion

Motion passed 8 – 1 (Mr. Stewart opposed)

b. Building, Grounds & Technology Subcommittee – A. Batacchi

Mr. Batacchi informed the committee that BG&T had completed a walk-through of the Sheffield campus and discussed the budget for next year. Another meeting needs to be held in the near future.

c. Negotiations – C. Stewart

Mr. Stewart reported that negotiations are moving along slowly.

d. SBEF – D. Sears

Mr. Sears had nothing new to report.

11. Chairman's Report

Ms. Silvers requested authorization to send a congratulatory letter, on behalf of the school committee, to the Director of the Elementary musical. Mr. Stewart moved to approve this request. Mr. Sears seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

12. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Regulbuto informed the committee that there would be a Public Forum on Safety and Security and Field Trips on Monday, October 29th at 5 p.m. in the library.

13. Curriculum & Professional Development Coordinator's Report

Mr. Dufresne stated that he would like to reform the curriculum committee.

Mr. Stewart moved to approve the reformation of the curriculum committee. Mr. Knox seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

14. Director of Student Services Report (Report is attached)

15. Business Manager's Report

- a. Approval of Warrants: October 5, 2018 and October 19, 2018
Mr. Stewart moved to approve the warrants of October 5th and 9th as submitted. Ms. Lartigue seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.
- b. Vote to Accept Grants & Gifts
Mr. Stewart moved to accept the grants and gifts (SPED IDEA 94-142 (240); Title I; Title IIA; Title IV-A; Connecting Activities; MA Dept of Public Health School Health Services) as presented. Ms. Lartigue seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.
- c. Budget Transfers
Mr. Stewart moved to approve the budget transfers as presented. Mr. Knox seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

16. Future Agenda Items – None

17. Public Comment

Mr. Kelly had some questions on the letter from the attorney regarding the lead paint and urged the committee to come to a decision regarding the S. Egremont school.

18. Adjourn

Mr. Stewart moved to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Ms. Lartigue seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Stewart then moved to return to executive session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a) (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares and not to return to open session. Mr. Knox seconded the motion.

Roll call Vote:

Art Batacchi – Yes; Carl Stewart – Yes; David Travis – Yes; Bonnie Silvers – Yes; Fran Lartigue – Yes; Maryellen Brown – Yes; Dennis Sears – Yes; Tim Schroepfer – Yes

The motion was unanimously approved.

Documents presented at this meeting:

- **Agenda #1553**
- **Peru Field Trip**
- **Memorandum of Agreement – Global Education Coordinator**
- **MCAS Report**
- **Letter from the Town of Egremont**
- **Letter from the Attorney-Peter Sumner**
- **ATC Report dated October 25, 2018**
- **Director of Student Services Report**
- **Warrant Reports October 5 and October 19**
- **Grants and Gifts**
- **Budget Transfers**

Next School Committee Meetings:

November 15, 2018

December 13, 2018

January 10, 2019

January 31, 2019

February 14, 2019

March 7, 2019 (Open Hearing)

March 14, 2019 (Adoption FY 20 Budget)

April 4, 2019

April 25, 2019

May 16, 2019

June 6, 2019

June 27, 2019

Upcoming Events:

November 8, 2018	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Shakespeare & Co Performance TACPAC
November 9, 2018	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Shakespeare & Co Performance TACPAC
November 10, 2018	2:00-4:00 p.m.	Shakespeare & Co Performance TACPAC
November 14, 2018	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.	South Berkshire Kids Parent Workshop – UME Library
December 2, 2018	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Lady Eagles “Paint & Dip” Fundraiser- Mt. Everett Cafe
December 2, 2018	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Sheffield Tree Lighting – Old Parish Church
December 11, 2018	7:00-9:00 p.m.	High School Winter Concert TACPAC
December 12, 2018	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Grades 5/6 Winter Concert TACPAC
December 18, 2018	7:00-8:15 p.m.	Middle School Winter Concert TACPAC
January 25, 2019	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Middle School Musical TACPAC
January 26, 2019	3:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Middle School Musical TACPAC
January 27, 2019	3:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Middle School Musical
February 8, 2019	6:30-9:00 p.m.	CABARET – Elementary Café
February 9, 2019	6:30-9:00 p.m.	CABARET – Elementary Café
March 22, 2019	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	High School Musical TACPAC
March 23, 2019	3:00 – 5:00 p.m.	High School Musical TACPAC
March 24, 2019	3:00 – 5:00 p.m.	High School Musical TACPAC
May 16, 2019	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Grades 7-12 Spring Instrumental Concert TACPAC
May 30, 2019	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Gr 7-12 Music Banquet
June 6, 2019	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.	Gr 3-6 Chorus/Band - TACPAC

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