

School Committee Members: Art Batacchi, Jane Burke, Jeffrey Blaugrund, Ken Knox, Maryellen Brown, Marcella Bush, Bonnie Silvers

Absent: Dennis Sears, David Travis

Administration: Superintendent Regulbuto, Christine Regan, Peter Dufresne

Press: CTSB TV

Student Representatives:

Others: Charles Miller, Rene Wood, Jessica Schaefer, Jerry Kelly, Jesse Carpenter

1. **Call to Order**

Ken Knox, Chair, called meeting #1555 to order at 6:01p.m.

2. **Executive Session**

Jeffrey Blaugrund moved to enter executive session pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(3), to discuss strategy with respect to imminently likely litigation related to the South Egremont School, as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Committee, as declared by the Chair and to reconvene in open session.

Bonnie Silvers seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Art Batacchi-Yes

Jane Burke - Yes

Jeffrey Blaugrund - Yes

Ken Knox - Yes

Maryellen Brown - Yes

Marcella Bush - Yes

Bonnie Silvers - Yes

Open session reconvened at 6:49 p.m.

3. **Standing Reports**

a. Approval of Minutes of School Committee Meeting #1554

Bonnie Silvers moved to approve the minutes of meeting #1554 as submitted. Art Batacchi seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

b. Miscellaneous Correspondence - None

4. **Student Representative Report - None**

5. **Student Spotlight**

Mr. Miller introduced two grade 6 students, Kayla Carpenter and Alea Creamer who had volunteered to work with Grade 2 and 3 students during the empathy workshops held at New Marlborough and Undermountain. They reported that they worked on anti-bullying and disabilities and being kind to others.

A video was shown of the South Egremont EK/K, Undermountain K, and grade 5 students performing at the Senior Luncheon.

6. Public Comment

Rene Wood, select board member from Town of Sheffield, commented that the Superintendent Roundtable meeting was excellent.

Jessica Schaefer, parent and resident of New Marlborough, commented on the appointing authority and would like more information on why Mr. Bruno was not appointed.

Jerry Kelly, resident of Egremont, commented on the letters from the towns regarding the South Egremont School lead remediation. He also asked if the New Marlborough School has had lead remediation done. Mr. Kelly also encouraged the appointing authority to appoint Mr. Bruno to the school committee.

7. New Business

School Improvement Plans

a. Elementary School Improvement Plan– Charles Miller

Mr. Miller presented the 2018-2019 Elementary School Improvement Plan (copy attached).

Questions and answer session followed.

Bonnie Silvers moved to approve the 2018-2019 Elementary School Improvement Plan as presented.

Art Batacchi seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

b. Middle/High School Improvement Plan – Glenn Devoti

Mr. Carpenter presented the 2018-2019 Middle/High School Improvement Plan (copy attached).

Questions and answer session followed.

Bonnie Silvers moved to approve the 2018-2019 Middle High School Improvement Plan as presented.

Jeffrey Blaugrund seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

8. Unfinished Business

a. Subcommittee Assignments

Mr. Knox informed the committee that the collective bargaining and warrant subcommittee do not have enough members and asked for volunteers.

Art Batacchi agreed to be on the Collective Bargaining Subcommittee.

Marcella Bush agreed to be on the Warrant Subcommittee.

9. Business with District Member Towns

a. Superintendent's Regional Roundtable Meeting

Beth Regulbuto informed the committee that the meeting was well attended by all the towns.

Town of Egremont representatives were not at this meeting. Superintendent Regulbuto further stated that these meetings have been a good way to get discussions started. The budget development process and planning schedule were reviewed. There was also discussion about the assessment review committee and concerns by the towns regarding the lead remediation at the South Egremont School.

b. Town of Egremont

Mr. Knox informed the committee that he had attended the Town of Egremont select board meeting. He stated that currently negotiations are on-going regarding the issue with the Town of Egremont and the South Egremont School. He also stated that to date the Town of Egremont had not yet made their November 15th assessment payment to the school district. The district had responded requesting payment.

c. Letter from the Town of Monterey regarding South Egremont School

d. Letter from the Town of New Marlborough regarding South Egremont School

e. Letter from the Town of Sheffield

f. Letter from the Town of Alford

The above letters were all sent to the district requesting that the district not permit students and staff in the South Egremont School until full remediation was done and certified.

10. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Finance Subcommittee – No report as the meeting scheduled for today was cancelled.

11. Chairman's Report

Mr. Knox stated that he is proud to be a part of local governance.

12. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Regulbuto reported that she and S. Graham had an interview with Terri Cowgill from The Berkshire Edge regarding the Global Education Program.

Superintendent Regulbuto also informed everyone that there would be another Public Forum on Monday evening at 5:30 p.m.

13. Curriculum & Professional Development Coordinator's Report

Mr. Dufresne presented his report to the committee (attached)

14. Director of Student Services Report (report attached)

15. Business Manager's Report

- a. Approval of Warrants: November 30, 2018 - amended to December 4, 2018.

Bonnie Silvers moved to approve the warrant of December 4, 2018. Art Batacchi seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- b. Vote to Accept Grants and Gifts - None

- c. Budget Transfers

Bonnie Silvers moved to approve the Budget Transfers as presented. Jane Burke seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

16. Future Agenda Items – None

17. Adjourn

Art Batacchi moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Bonnie Silvers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Documents presented at this meeting:

Agenda #1555

Minutes of meeting #1554

2018-2019 Elementary School Improvement Plan

2018-2019 Middle/High School Improvement Plan

Letters from Town of Monterey, New Marlborough, Sheffield and Alford

Curriculum & Professional Development Report

Director of Student Services Report

Warrant – December 4, 2018

Budget Transfers