

School Committee: Jeffrey Blaugrund, Dennis Sears, Bonnie Silvers, Jon Bruno, Jane Burke, Ken Knox, Art Batacchi, Maryellen Brown (arrived at 6:04 p.m.); David Travis (arrived at 6:17 p.m.)

Absent: Marcella Bush

Administrators: Superintendent Regulbuto, Chris Regan, Peter Dufresne, Sandi Hubbard

**1. Call to Order**

Ken Knox, Chair, called meeting #1556 to order at 6:02 p.m.

**2. Executive Session**

Motion to go into Executive Session for the following purposes:

- a. Bonnie Silvers moved to enter executive session pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, §21(a)(3), to discuss strategy with respect to imminently likely litigation, 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. Dennis Sears seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Art Batacchi – Yes; Jeffrey Blaugrund – Yes; Jane Burke – Yes; Ken Knox – Yes;  
Dennis Sears – Yes; Maryellen Brown – Yes; Bonnie Silvers – Yes, Jon Bruno - Yes

- b. Bonnie Silvers 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 Town of Egremont and 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. Dennis Sears seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Art Batacchi – Yes; Jeffrey Blaugrund – Yes; Jane Burke – Yes; Ken Knox – Yes;  
Dennis Sears – Yes; Maryellen Brown – Yes; Bonnie Silvers – Yes, Jon Bruno – Yes

Open Session reconvened at 6:36 p.m.

**2. Standing Reports**

- a. Approval of Minutes of School Committee Meeting #1555 of December 13, 2018

Jeffrey Blaugrund moved to approve the minutes of meeting #1555 as presented. David Travis seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

- b. Approval of Minutes of School Committee Meeting of December 6, 2018 (Open Session)

Bonnie Silvers moved to approve the minutes of Special School Committee Meeting of December 6, 2018 (open session) as submitted. Dennis Sears seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

- c. Approval of Amended Minutes #1554 of November 29, 2018 as follows:

(Public Comment – Mr. Stewart made a request for the production of document pursuant to Massachusetts Public Records Law. Specifically, he requested executive session minutes for the years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017).

Bonnie Silvers moved to approve amending the minutes of meeting #1554. David Travis seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

d. Enrollment

Superintendent Regulbuto reported that as of January 2, 2019 the total enrollment was at 693.

e. Miscellaneous Correspondence

Ken Knox informed the committee that the Town of Monterey had sent a letter regarding the Regional Assessment Review Committee and wished to express their gratitude to Ms. Regan for her efforts in presenting the various assessment methods. The letter also supports adding language to the regional agreement that will allow annual assessments approved at town meetings to stand even if the Commonwealth later changes its calculation of the town's proportionate shares. The Monterey Select Board and the Monterey Finance Committee signed the letter.

3. **Student Representative Report**

Mary Shalaby and Madeline Makuc gave a brief update of events that have occurred at the school.

The Juniors will be selling Donuts as a fundraiser

Finalists for Poetry Out Loud are Senior, Amber Follett; Junior Elizabeth Enoch; Sophomore Eli Hotaling; Freshman Isaiah Neski

The Senior Prom will be held at Crissy Farm this year.

The Monument Mountain and Mt. Everett school alliance will be hosting a winter ball, hosted by Monument. Date will be announced soon.

4. **Student Spotlight**

Laurel Dunsay and Benji Cohen talked briefly about the Middle School musical (grades 6-9) "Beauty and the Beast". The performances will be on January 25 at 7 p.m. and January 26 and 27 at 3 p.m. in the TACPAC.

5. **Public Comment** – None

6. **New Business**

a. Approval of FFA Overnight Field trip to the Massachusetts State FFA Convention (March 13-15, 2019)  
D. Melino

David Travis moved to approve the FFA Overnight Field Trip to the Massachusetts State FFA Convention (March 13-15, 2019). Art Batacchi seconded the motion.

Jane Burked thanked Danielle for the detailed information provided to the school committee and for her dedication to the students and district.

There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

b. School Committee Meetings in Member Towns

Superintendent Regulbuto asked the committee if they were still interested in holding the upcoming school committee meetings in each of the five towns. Discussion ensued. The committee agreed that it would be good to hold the meetings in each town and requested that we reach out to the towns with dates.

7. **Unfinished Business**

a. Subcommittee Assignments

Jon Bruno was added to the following subcommittees:

Collective Bargaining

Community Input and Outreach

Curriculum with Jeffrey Blaugrund as an alternate

Policy

8. **Business with District Member Towns**

a. Town of Egremont

Ken Knox stated that the District has reached an agreement with the Town of Egremont regarding the South Egremont School. The district will soon meet with the families to discuss the process of relocating to the South Egremont School.

9. **Subcommittee Reports**

a. Finance Subcommittee – D. Sears

Mr. Sears informed the committee that he was appointed Chair of the Finance Subcommittee and there has been no meeting since the last meeting, so there was nothing to report

b. Policy Subcommittee – D. Sears

Will be bringing forth two items to the next meeting for review.

c. SBEF Ad Hoc Subcommittee – D. Sears

Mr. Sears reported that there was no quorum to hold the meeting.

10. **Chairman's Report**

Ken Knox reported that the subcommittee to review the executive session minutes would be meeting to review the minutes in order to declassify and release them as necessary.

The Community Input and Outreach subcommittee will also be meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup> and they would like teachers, PTO's and community at large to get involved and be a part of this committee.

Mr. Knox also encouraged everyone on the subcommittee list to call a reorganization meeting, if one has not already been scheduled. Mr. Knox asked the committee if they wanted to follow the written policy or change the policy on selecting members to a subcommittee.

11. **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Regulbuto informed the school committee that Mr. Jon Friedman is leaving us. He has accepted a position as a School Adjustment Counselor in another district. His position has been posted and interviews will be conducted soon.

In addition, Chris Regan has submitted her letter of resignation for August of this year.

The district is preparing for the Middle School programing and this will be the topic at the next public forum.

The Town of Alford has asked the district's support in designing a flag for the Town of Alford (flags designed by the students).

12. **Curriculum & Professional Development Coordinator's Report** – (See attached)

Mr. Dufresne reported that the group continues to work on the middle school model and a review of the social studies curriculum has been scheduled. They are also reviewing the implementation of new digital citizenship standards and the incorporation of social emotional learning.

Further, Mr. Dufresne is working in conjunction with the Mt. Everett administration and guidance department to conduct a thorough review of the program of studies so that students meet or exceed the MASSCore recommendations for college and career readiness.

13. **Director of Student Services Report** – (See attached)

Sandi Hubbard reported that they have started budget development and is meeting with various faculty and staff members. She also reported that the School Adjustment Counselor, Susan Happ, is retiring and there is an event on January 24<sup>th</sup> at the Stage Coach.

14. **Business Manager's Report**

a. Approval of Warrants: December 14, 2018 and January 2, 2019

David Travis moved to approve the warrants of December 14, 2018 and January 2, 2019. Jane Burke seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

b. **Vote to Accept Grants and Gifts**

Bonnie Silvers moved to accept the grants and gifts as presented.

\$725 from the Old Parish Church. \$2,700 from the MA Cultural Council for STARS Residencies at NMC; \$2,500 from the MA Cultural Council for STARS Residencies at UME; \$2,300 from the MA Cultural Council for STARS Residencies at South Egremont School. Dennis Sears seconded the motion. There was a brief discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

c. **Budget Transfers**

David Travis moved to approve the budget transfer request as presented. Art Batacchi seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

15. **Future Agenda Items**

- Dennis Sears asked if a presentation on the new civics curriculum could be added at a future date.
- Maryellen Brown asked that the topic of late busses be added
- Jon Bruno – would like an update on the new security and lighting systems that were recently installed. David Travis suggested bringing this item to the Building, Grounds and Technology subcommittee agenda for discussion and bringing it back to the school committee. Beth informed that is no further update on the security other than what she has provided in her reports.
- Bonnie Silvers mentioned the Safety Summit. Superintendent Regulbuto stated that this will be reported out in an Executive Session Form – tentative date is in the spring.

17. **Adjourn**

Bonnie Silvers moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Art Batacchi seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.