

School Committee: Art Batacchi, Jeffrey Blaugrund, Jane Burke, Ken Knox, Dennis Sears, Maryellen Brown, Bonnie Silvers, Jon Bruno

Absent: Marcella Bush, David Travis (arrived at 6:12 p.m.)

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

Press: CTSB TV, Hannah Shirley - Berkshire Record

Others: Jesse Carpenter, Carol Edelman, Sarah Sikett

1. **Call to Order:** Ken Knox, Chair, called meeting #1562 to order at 6:00 p.m.
Mr. Knox called for the roll call.

2. **Standing Reports**
 - a. Motion to approve School Committee Minutes #1561 of March 21, 2019
By: Dennis Sears
Second: Art Batacchi
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous

 - b. Enrollment
As of April 1, 2019 the district enrollment was at 691 down 3 from last month.

 - c. Miscellaneous Correspondence
Letter from the Town of Egremont Council of Aging commending Sue Petrucci and her culinary students for the excellent luncheon they provided at the Egremont Village Inn. They would like to see the program repeated next year.

Email from Lucinda Shmulsky regarding the CPV Mill River Solar project at 100 Hartsville Mill River Road, near the New Marlborough Central School. Provided for school committee information.

3. **Student Representative Report** - None

4. **Student Spotlight**
Diary of a Pen, written by Phoebe Tryon, Grade 2 at NMC. Everyone took a turn to read a sentence of this essay (copy attached).

5. **Public Comment** - None

6. **New Business**

- a. Approval of the overnight Senior Class Trip to Lake George May 28-29, 2019
Motion to approve the Senior Class Trip to Lake George May 28 -29, 2019.
By: Bonnie Silvers
Second: Jon Bruno
Sarah Siket gave a brief explanation of the trip.
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous

7. **Unfinished Business - None**

8. **Business with District Member Towns**

- a. Rural Aid Funding/Advocacy
Superintendent Regulbuto reported that she and Chris Regan had the opportunity to meet with Senator Hinds Aid, A.J. Enchill, in Alford. They discussed the concerns and challenges regarding Rural Aid and Regional Transportation Funding. Superintendent Regulbuto also let the committee know that she received a phone call from the Senator's office as a follow up to the meeting and the items discussed will be taken into consideration. Attached is the letter dated march 27, 2019 sent to Senator Hinds.
There was also a brief discussion on the May 1st MASC Day on the Hill legislative advocacy day.
- b. Proposed 5 Town Informational Meeting
Monterey will be holding a meeting on Friday, April 26th at 7 p.m.
New Marlborough is tentatively set for Tuesday, April 30th at 7 p.m.
Sheffield is yet to be determined. Their meeting will be held in the TACPAC.

9. **Subcommittee Reports**

- a. Policy Subcommittee –D. Sears
Motion to amend the agenda to add Policy BDE-E Warrant Subcommittee to First Reading.
By: Dennis Sears
Second: Bonnie Silvers
Vote: Unanimous
First Reading
BEDH – Public Participation at School Committee Meetings
BEDH-E Guidelines for Public Comment
BDE-E Warrant Subcommittee

Second Reading
JEB – Early Childhood Entering Ages
IE – Organization of Instruction

Motion to adopt Policy JEB – Early Childhood Entering Ages as presented
By: Dennis Sears
Second: Bonnie Silvers
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous

Motion to adopt Policy IE – Organization of Instruction as presented
By: Dennis Sears
Second: Bonnie Silvers
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous

b. Executive Evaluation Subcommittee – D. Travis

Mr. Travis reported that they had met and decided that a mid-year review would not be necessary. A year-end survey will be created for the school committee to complete for the Superintendent's evaluation. The Executive Evaluation Subcommittee will meet again in early May.

c. Community Outreach and Input – B. Silvers

Ms. Silvers reported that the CO&I subcommittee has been working on a mailing to be sent to every household in the district informing everyone about the budget and new assessment process. The Community Outreach and Input subcommittee will meet again next week to finalize the flyer.

10. **Chairman's Report**

Mr. Knox announced his retirement as Chair and member of the school committee effective April 15, 2019. This is because he will be moving out of district to West Stockbridge.

11. **Superintendent's Report**

Financial Items for Review

- FY19 Assessment Reductions due to Minimum Local Contribution Changes (\$104,022)
- Impact of Proposed \$34,202 Budget Reduction on FY20 Assessments – will drop assessments by 2.70% and the budget by 3.58%
- Member Town Assessment Reductions FY19 and Proposed FY20 Budgetary Changes

Motion to recommend the reduction in the budget.

By: Dennis Sears

Second: B. Silvers

Discussion ensued

Mr. Sears then withdrew this motion.

Motion that the school committee support the FY20 operating budget reduction of \$34,202 including changes to the FY20 assessments.

By: Dennis Sears

Second: Bonnie Silvers

Discussion ensued

Vote: Unanimous

12. **Curriculum & Professional Development Coordinator's Report**

Mr. Dufresne reported that the students have started taking the MCAS. The month of April will be spent working on the 2019-2020 Program of Studies, building the district schedule and developing the professional development plan for next year.

13. **Director of Student Services Report**

Summer school will be offered July 9, 2019 through August 1, 2019 at UME and Mt. Everett.

Special Olympics will be held on May 1, 2019 at 9 a.m. at Monument Mountain High School.

Pre-K, Early K and Kindergarten notices were sent out and registration packets may be picked up at the office. PreK will be closed on May 2nd for screening.

14. **Business Manager's Report**

a. Approval of Warrants: March 22, 2019

Motion to approve the warrant of March 22, 2019 as presented.

By: Bonnie Silvers

Second: David Travis

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

b. Vote to Accept Grants and Gifts

Motion to accept \$50 gift from E. Bonnie Silvers for the Mt. Everett Robotics Program

By: David Travis

Second: Jeffrey Blaugrund

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

c. Budget Transfers - None

15. **Future Agenda Items**

a. College & Career Planning Initiatives for FY20 and Beyond – April 25, 2019 Meeting

b. Report of College Submissions – April 25, 2019 Meeting

c. Update on the South Egremont School remediation

16. **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

By: Bonnie Silvers

Second: Art Batacchi

Vote: Unanimous

Documents presented at this meeting:

- *Agenda #1562*
- *Minutes of meeting #1561*
- *Letter from Town of Egremont*
- *Email re CPV Mill River Solar*
- *Overnight Field Trip Approval*
- *Policies: BEDH, BEDH-E, BDE-E, JEB, IE*
- *Financial Information*