

School Committee: Art Batacchi, Jeffrey Blaugrund, Jane Burke, Dennis Sears, Maryellen Brown, Bonnie Silvers, Jon Bruno, David Travis, Marcella Bush, Danile Kelly
Administrators: Superintendent Regulbuto, Peter Dufresne, Sandi Hubbard, Chris Regan
Press: CTSB TV, Hannah Shirley-Berkshire Record
Others: Jesse Carpenter, Angela Spitia, S. Mapstone, J. Peck, Leslie Davidson, Grace Makuc, Mrs. Makuc, Lynette Gagnon

1. **Call to Order** – Beth Regulbuto, Superintendent
The meeting was called order at 6:03 p.m.

2. **Reorganization**

- a. Election of Chair

Superintendent Regulbuto asked the committee to nominate a Chair
Jeffrey Blaugrund nominated Jane Burke. David Travis seconded the nomination
Bonnie Silvers nominated Dennis Sears. Jeffrey Blaugrund seconded the nomination
Maryellen Brown nominated Art Batacchi. David Travis seconded the nomination

Roll Call Vote:

Art Batacchi voted for himself
Marcella Bush voted for Jane Burke
Maryellen Brown voted for Art Batacchi
Jonathan Bruno voted for Jane Burke
Dennis Sears voted for himself
Jeffrey Blaugrund voted for Jane Burke
David Travis voted for Jane Burke
Bonnie Silvers voted for Dennis Sears
Danile Kelly voted for Jane Burke
Jane Burke voted for herself

Jane Burke was elected Chair by a 6 to 4 vote.

- b. Election of Vice Chair

Jane Burke asked the committee to nominate a Vice Chair
David Travis nominated Jonathan Bruno. Jeffrey Blaugrund seconded the nomination
Art Batacchi nominated Dennis Sears. Maryellen Brown seconded the nomination
Jonathan Bruno made a statement supporting his nomination
Dennis Sears, thanked Mr. Batacchi for his nomination, but declined the nomination for Vice Chair.

Vote: Unanimous vote for Jonathan Bruno to be Vice Chair.

3. **Standing Reports**

- a. Approval of School Committee Minutes #1563 of April 25, 2019

Motion to approve School Committee Minutes #1563 of April 25, 2019 with the following corrections:

Changes – Maryellen Brown voted for Art Batacchi

Jonathan Bruno seconded nomination for Art Batacchi

Jeffrey Blaugrund seconded nomination for Dennis Sears

Remove Ken Knox from attendees. Change the date of the minutes to April 25, 2019

By: Dennis Sears

Second: Jonathan Bruno

Vote: Unanimous

b. Enrollment as of May 1, 2019

Superintendent Regulbuto reported that enrollment as of May 1, 2019 was at 690 students, down one student from the previous month.

Jane Burke welcomed Danile Kelly as the Egremont representative to the School Committee.

c. Miscellaneous Correspondence – none

4. **Student Representative Report - None**

5. **Student Spotlight**

Grace Makuc and Jason Peck, students at Mt. Everett talked about their recent trip to Peru. They thanked the School Committee and Eagle Fund for making the trip possible. Peru is rich in culture and the highlight of the trip was Machu Picchu with the Inca ruins. They ended their talk with a video of the trip.

6. **Public Comment - None**

7. **New Business**

Motion to move item 7c ahead of items a and b.

By: David Travis

Second: Jeffrey Blaugrund

Vote: Unanimous

a. Collaboration with Bard College at Simons Rock – L. Davidson

Superintendent Regulbuto introduced Leslie Davidson from Bard College at Simons Rock. Leslie Davidson has 25 years of experience with a liberal arts and sciences-based model of early college. In addition to serving Simon's Rock as Dean of Students, Dean of Admission, and Dean of the College, she was also part of the team that founded the first Bard High School Early College, based in Manhattan.

Ms. Davidson explained that the Bard Early Colleges program would be available for Mount Everett eleventh and twelfth graders selected on the basis of interest and motivation. Classes will be taught within the high school as an addition to the existing curriculum, beginning in the fall of 2019. Simon's Rock faculty will travel to the high school to teach college courses.

Ms. Davidson further stated that projected student outcomes include greater engagement in high school, stronger college preparation, better college placement, and improved persistence and graduation in college.

Questions and discussion followed.

Motion to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between Simons Rock and the Southern Berkshire Regional School District

By: Bonnie Silvers

Second: David Travis

Vote: Unanimous

- a. Massachusetts Association of School Superintendent Award – B. Regulbuto
Superintendent Regulbuto announced that she had the pleasure of awarding the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendent’s Award for 2019 to Gwendolyn Carpenter. She presented Gwendolyn with a certificate and letter.
There was a brief intermission at 6:56 p.m. to celebrate.
The meeting resumed at 7:05 p.m.
- b. Vote to Participate in the Massachusetts School Choice Program for the 2019-2020 School Year

Superintendent Regulbuto explained the school choice report (attached). Currently there are no openings in Grades 4 and 6 at Undermountain Elementary.

Motion that the Southern Berkshire Regional School District will accept school choice students in the 2019-2020 school year as presented.

By: David Travis

Second: Bonnie Silvers

Discussion ensued regarding the number of anticipated school choice openings for each grade.

David Travis then withdrew his motion.

Motion that the Southern Berkshire Regional School district will accept school choice students in the 2019-2020 school year as space is available.

By: David Travis

Second: Jeffrey Blaugrund

Vote: Unanimous

8. **Unfinished Business** – None
9. **Business with District Member Towns** – None
10. **Subcommittee Reports** – None
11. **Chairman’s Report** – None

12. **Superintendent’s Report**
Superintendent Regulbuto reported that she and Chris Regan have been attending the town budget meetings which have been well attended. The school has received positive votes for the budget and the amendment to the regional agreement. The Alford town meeting is next Tuesday night. Superintendent Regulbuto also thanked everyone in the district for their support and all the good work that they do for our students.

13. **Curriculum & Professional Development Coordinator’s Report** – attached
Mr. Dufresne reported that planning for the next school year has already begun. A professional development survey will be sent to faculty shortly to determine needs for the 19-20 school year. Response to Intervention and Differentiated Instruction will play a major role in plans for next year.

May 24th professional half-day will be focused on safety. The Town of Sheffield dispatcher will review her experience on the day we had to evacuate the building. The “Go-Bags” will be reviewed with our school nurses and the staff will receive training in the use of tactical tourniquets.

Mr. Travis asked for updates on the Middle School. Mr. Dufresne stated that everything is in place. The challenge is the scheduling because of shared staff. Superintendent stated that there will be another public hearing on the middle school.

Mr. Blaugrund asked what the status was on the South Egremont School. Ms. Regan reported that the exterior has not been completed because of the wet weather we have had to date.

14. **Director of Student Services Report**

Sandi Hubbard reported that she did not write a report and was going to bring a presentation of the Special Olympics to share with the school committee, but had technical difficulty. She will have pictures to present to the school committee of the Special Olympics at the next meeting. Ms. Hubbard thanked the faculty and staff for all they do for our students, and also thanked the PTO for everything they did during teacher appreciation week.

15. **Business Manager's Report**

- a. Approval of Warrants: May 3, 2019
Motion to approve the warrant of May 3, 2019 as presented
By: Jeffrey Blaugrund
Second: David Travis
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous
- b. Vote to Accept Grants and Gifts - None
- c. Budget Transfers – None

The committee thanked Chris Regan for all her hard work getting the budget done.

16. **Future Agenda Items**

- a. Policy References made at meetings – J. Bruno
Mr. Bruno suggested that the policy manual be available at meetings for reference so that when policy is mentioned or referred to at meetings it can be checked.

Motion to have a hard copy or access to the policy manual at meetings.

By: Jeffrey Blaugrund
Second: David Travis
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous

Mr. Blaugrund mentioned that two of our teachers (Kari Giordano and Stephanie Graham) had received the Fulbright scholars as reported in the Berkshire Record.

17. **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

By: David Travis; Second: Bonnie Silvers

Vote: Unanimous

Documents presented at this meeting:

- *Agenda #1564*
- *Minutes of meeting #1563*
- *Enrollment*
- *School Choice Numbers*
- *Warrant May 3, 2019*
- *Curriculum Report*