

School Committee: Art Batacchi, Jeffrey Blaugrund, Jane Burke, Dennis Sears, Bonnie Silvers, Jon Bruno, David Travis, Danile Kelly, Maryellen Brown (listed at absent but was not)

Absent: Marcie Bush

Administrators: Superintendent Regulbuto, Peter Dufresne, Chris Regan
Press: CTSB TV

Others: Ingrid Borwick

1. Call to Order:

Jane Burk, Chair, called meeting #1566 to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Standing Reports

a. Approval of School Committee Minutes #1565 of June 13, 2019

Motion to approve minutes of meeting #1565 as presented

By: Art Batacchi

Second: David Travis

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

b. Enrollment as of June 1, 2019

Superintendent Regulbuto stated that as of June 1, 2019 enrollment was at 689.

c. Miscellaneous Correspondence

Reference was made to the letter from the Town of New Marlborough in response to the June 7, 2019 letter from Berkshire Hills regarding consolidation. (Letter is attached).

3. Student Representative Report – None

4. Student Spotlight – None

5. Public Comment

Martha Mitzoff commented on the letter from New Marlborough.

6. New Business

a. School Committee Summer Meetings

The next meeting will be on July 11, 2019 at 6 p.m. in Sheffield.

b. Proposed School Committee Meeting Calendar for the 19-20 school year

The calendar (copy attached) was reviewed and the following changes proposed:

Motion by Dennis Sears, seconded by Bonnie Silvers that the meeting in June be on June 18, 2020.

Voted: Unanimous

Motion by Jeffrey Blaugrund, seconded by Art Batacchi that the August meeting be on August 22, 2019. Voted Unanimous.

Motion by Bonnie Silvers, seconded by Dennis Sears that the meeting in December be on December 19, 2019. Voted Unanimous.

Motion to adopt the school committee calendar with the above changes.

By: Jeffrey Blaugrund

Second: Art Batacchi

Vote: Unanimous

c. MASC/MASS Joint Conference in Hyannis (November 6-9, 2019)

The committee were informed that early registration for the MASC/MASS Joint conference is July 15th. Jane Burke, Chair, recommended that new school committee members try to attend the conference. Jeffrey Blaugrund, Danile Kelly, Jon Bruno, Art Batacchi, Dennis Sears indicated interest in attending. Bonnie Silvers and David Travis are interested only if funding is available.

d. BHRSD's motion to form a Regional School District Planning Board

Discussion ensued regarding the letter from BHRSD proposing a regional high school. The committee would be interested in engaging in conversations with Berkshire Hills, but they felt more information and guidance is needed, especially regarding transportation, before a decision can be made. The bottom line is doing what is best for the students. The SBEF ad-hoc subcommittee will meet to discuss and draft a response letter to present to the full committee on July 11, 2019.

e. Superintendent Evaluation

Jane thanked Superintendent Regulbuto for being open and inviting comments from teachers. The evaluation is based on the goals that Superintendent set last year in collaboration with the School Committee. Jane Burke read aloud the Introduction, Input and Overall rating of the evaluation (see attached).

Motion to accept the overall rating of proficient for the Superintendent's evaluation.

By: Dennis Sears

Second: Jeffrey Blaugrund

Discussion ensued. David Travis read aloud the Next Steps and Final Note (see attached).

Vote was reported as unanimous. Amended to reflect the following:

Vote: **Bonnie Silvers – Abstain**; Yes from others.

7. Unfinished Business

a. Search for Business Manager or Business Services

Superintendent Regulbuto informed the committee that the posting for the position is still open and that the district will be going out to bid a subcontractor to handle the business service position.

8. Business with District Member Towns

a. Status of South Egremont School

Mary Brazie has informed the district that the exterior work is almost done. Once the ADA work has been completed the district will arrange for the building to be painted.

9. Subcommittee Reports

a. Community Outreach and Input Subcommittee – Bonnie Silvers

Ms. Silvers gave a recap of the meeting. Topics covered during the meeting were:

- South Egremont School
- Communication/Public Relations
- Exit Interviews - it was determined that this should be referred to executive evaluation.
- Budget – will be discussed at future meetings

- b. SBRSD SBEF – Dennis Sears
Mr. Sears reported that he was not at the meeting. Superintendent Regulbuto made a presentation to SBEF on ways to collaborate on special education.
- c. Executive Evaluation Subcommittee – David Travis
This was discussed above under Superintendent Evaluation
- d. Policy Subcommittee – D. Sears
First Reading on policies:
BB – School Committee Legal Status
BBBE – Unexpired Term Fulfillment
BDA – School Committee Organizational Meeting

10. **Chairman’s Report** – None

11. **Superintendent’s Report**

- Admin team completed first of the three day retreat.
- Working with Jane on scheduling the School Committee Retreat.
- Summer Office hours July 1 – August 16: Central Office 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; Mt Everett and Undermountain: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00pm

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

Peter Dufresne reported that it has been a busy couple of weeks. Curriculum writing work to be in alignment with state standards. Faculty feedback/survey to develop professional development plans for the upcoming year.

13. **Director of Student Services Report** (Attached)

Summer program starts on July 9th
Title III Funds used to support summer ELL tutoring program.
SEPAC meeting scheduled for September 23rd.

14. **Business Manager’s Report**

- a. Report on Student Activity Funds – Was not included in the packet and will be presented at the next meeting. Chris Regan informed the committee that she is in the process of completing the audit of the Student Activity Fund.
- b. Approval of Warrants : June 14, 2019
Motion to approve the warrant of June 14, 2019 as presented.
By: Bonnie Silvers
Second: Dennis Sears
Vote: Unanimous
- c. Vote to accept Grants and Gifts
Motion to accept gifts totaling \$2,229 and grants totaling \$34,455.
By: Jeffrey Blaugrund
Second: Art Batacchi
Vote: Unanimous

d. Budget Transfers

Motion to approve budget transfers

By: Jeffrey Blaugrund

Second: Art Batacchi

Vote: Unanimous

e. Authorization to Make Year-End Budget Transfers

Motion to authorize additional year-end budget transfers, as appropriate and if needed, as Chris Regan works towards closing out the FY19 books.

By: Bonnie Silvers

Second; Dennis Sears

Vote: Unanimous

15. **Future Agenda Items**

16. **Executive Session**

Move to enter Executive Session to conduct strategy with regard to nonunion personnel contracts and not to reconvene in Open Session at 8:06 p.m.

By: Art Batacchi

Second: Jeffrey Blaugrund

Roll Call Vote:

Art Batacchi - Yes, Jeffrey Blaugrund - Yes, Jane Burke - Yes, Dennis Sears – Yes,
Bonnie Silvers - Yes, Jon Bruno - Yes, David Travis - Yes, Danile Kelly - Yes