

School Committee: Art Batacchi, Jeffrey Blaugrund, Jane Burke, Dennis Sears, Bonnie Silvers, Jon Bruno, Danile Kelly, Maryellen Brown, Marcella Bush

Absent: David Travis

Administrators: Superintendent Regulbuto, Chris Regan
Press: CTSB TV

Others:

1. Call to Order:

Jane Burk, Chair, called meeting #1567 to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Standing Reports

a. Miscellaneous Correspondence

Letter from the Town of Alford dated July 8, 2019 addressed to Berkshire Hills Regional School District in response to their letter of June 7th. Jane Burk requested that the school committee read the letter and give it some consideration.

3. Student Representative Report – None

4. Student Spotlight – None

5. Public Comment - None

6. New Business

a. MASBO John F. Conway Distinguished Service Award

Superintendent Regulbuto introduced Margaret Driscoll, Executive Director of MASBO. Ms. Driscoll recognized Christine Regan, Business Administrator, as the recipient of the award and the \$1000 contribution to the District. Dan Sanderson presented the check to Christine Regan.

b. BHRSD's letter of June 7th to form a Regional School District Planning Board

The SBRSD SBEF ad-hoc subcommittee had met and drafted a response letter to BHRSD (draft attached).

Motion to accept the letter created by the SBRSD SBEF ad-hoc subcommittee with the following amendment:

Add: "Should you agree with our approach please have Steve Bannon contact me at your earliest convenience".

By: Bonnie Silvers

Second: Jeffrey Blaugrund

Vote: Unanimous

c. **Award Contract – Business Manager**

Superintendent Regulbuto informed the committee that the district had gone out to bid for School Business Management Services (FY20) because the hiring process for a business manager had been unsuccessful.

TMSolutions, Inc (TMS) was the most reasonable responsible bid received.

Motion to accept the contract with TMSolutions, Inc./TMS effective July 22, 2019.

By: Dennis Sears

Second: Jeffrey Blaugrund

Discussion ensued

Vote:

7. **Unfinished Business - None**

8. **Business with District Member Towns**

a. **Status of South Egremont School**

On July 7, 2019 Jeremy Wells was notified that Marshall Painting was pulling out of the contract. The deposit of \$4,867 will be returned to the district.

In coordination with the Town of Egremont and per Chapter 30b procurement requirements the district has arranged for Gentlemen Painters to do the work. They have two Lead-Safe Renovator Supervisors and will start work at the beginning of August.

A draft copy of the contract is attached.

The cost of the project is \$21,700, an increase of \$6,950 over the original \$14,750 contract with Jason Marshall Painting, LLC. The Town of Egremont has given written confirmation, by email, that they will reimburse the district for half the cost of the work.

Jeffrey Blaugrund informed the committee that at the Building, Grounds and Technology meeting a motion was made and approved to accept the increase in the contract from \$14,750 to \$21,700 and that they were bringing it forward for full school committee approval.

Motion to approve the new contract with Gentlemen Painters in the amount of \$21,700.

By: Bonnie Silvers

Second: Marcella Bush

Discussion followed.

Vote: Unanimous

9. **Subcommittee Reports**

a. **SBRSD SBEF – Dennis Sears**

Discussed in item 6b above.

b. **Policy Subcommittee – D. Sears**

Second Reading on policies:

BB – School Committee Legal Status

BDA – School Committee Organizational Meeting

Motion to approve the second reading on policies:

BB – School Committee Legal Status

BDA – School Committee Organizational Meeting

By: Dennis Sears

Second: Art Batacchi

Vote: Unanimous

Motion to eliminate policy BBBE – Unexpired Term Fulfillment (included in policy BB)

By: Dennis Sears

Second: Jeffrey Blaugrund

Vote: Unanimous

c. **Building, Grounds & Technology – Art Batacchi**

Art Batacchi gave a brief report on the meeting and items discussed.

- South Egremont School – discussed above
- Security Camera Installation Project – Jeremy has found some bids for cameras, got down to \$42,000
- Upgrades to iCloud and computers

10. **Chairman’s Report**

Jane thanked Art for his work. Ms. Burke stated that she did not have a report but felt overwhelmed with all the transitions. Further, she stated that we need to access and be open to what is new, become better informed and improve our communication and begin to defend our small school or would we be better with consolidation.

11. **Superintendent’s Report**

- **Summer Work** – summer school, summer programs, camps, childcare and hiring of new staff. Thanked the faculty and staff who come in over the summer to support, collaborate and continue to help us all get better.
- **Professional Development** – The administrative team will have the second of three retreat days at the end of July. A third day will be in August. The team will continue to review strategy for district improvement and examine progress on action steps. Superintendent Regulbuto reported that she attended the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendent’s Executive Institute last week. She and Mr. Dufresne will share as much as they can with the Admin Team, Faculty and Staff. Superintendent Regulbuto also spoke with MASC representatives on scheduling dates for the school committee retreat.
- **Staffing**
Several positions have been filled. New Employee Orientation will be on August 22nd. Superintendent introduced Jesse Carpenter as the new Mt. Everett Regional Principal effective July 1, 2019.
Chris Regan’s last day in the district is July 31, 2019. Tonight is her last school committee meeting.

12. **Curriculum & Professional Development Coordinator’s Report - None**

13. **Director of Student Services Report - None**

14. **Business Manager’s Report**

- a. Report on Student Activity Funds – Chris Regan informed the committee that she is in the process of completing the audit of the Student Activity Fund and will submit it to the auditors. She also informed the committee that the principals are required to report the school committee at the end of the year balances of all active student activity funds. Attached for the committee’s review is an account summary report as of June 30, 2019.

b. Approval of Warrants

Motion to approve the FY19 warrants signed June 28, 2019 and July 12, 2019.

By: Jonathan Bruno

Second: Jeffrey Blaugrund

Vote: Unanimous

Motion to approve the FY20 warrants signed July 1, 2019 and July 12, 2019

By: Jonathan Bruno

Second: Jeffrey Blaugrund

Vote: Unanimous

c. Vote to accept Grants and Gifts

Motion to accept the gift of \$1,000 from MASBO.

By: Jeffrey Blaugrund

Second: Bonnie Silvers

Vote: Unanimous

d. Budget Transfers

Motion to approve FY20 budget transfer requests as presented.

By: Dennis Sears

Second: Art Batacchi

Vote: Unanimous

15. **Future Agenda Items**

Vaccinations, procedures and policies

16. **Adjourn**

Move to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

By: Jeffrey Blaugrund

Second: Art Batacchi

Vote: Unanimous