School Committee: Jeffrey Blaugrund, Jane Burke, Dennis Sears, Bonnie Silvers, Jon Bruno, Danile Kelly, Maryellen Brown (arrived at 5:53 p.m.)

David Travis participated via remote participation.

Absent: Marcella Bush, Art Batacchi

Administrators: Superintendent Regulbuto, Peter Dufresne, Sandra Hubbard, Charles Miller, Jesse Carpenter

Press: CTSB TV; Evan Triantafilidis, Berkshire Record; Terry Cowgill, Berkshire Edge

Others: George McGurn, Chris Tucci, Alana Steinhouser, Everett Lamm,

1. Call to Order:

Jane Burk, Chair, called meeting #1568 to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Standing Reports

a. Approval of School Committee Minutes #1566 of June 27, 2019

Motion to approve the School Committee Minutes of meeting #1566 of June 27, 2019

By: Dennis Sears

Second: Jeff Blaugrund

Discussion: Bonnie Silvers stated that she had abstained on the motion for the approval of the

Superintendent's evaluation. She would like the minutes amended to reflect this.

Roll Call Vote: David Travis – Yes; Jeffrey Blaugrund – Yes; Jane Burke – Yes; Dennis Sears –

Yes; Bonnie Silvers – Yes (with amendment); Jon Bruno – Yes; Danile Kelly – Yes

Maryellen Brown stated that the minutes of June 27, 2019 incorrectly reported that she was absent and would like them amended to report that she was present.

b. Motion to approve the School Committee Minutes of meeting #1567 of July 17, 2019

By: Dennis Sears

Second: Bonnie Silvers

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: David Travis – Yes; Jeffrey Blaugrund – Yes; Jane Burke – Yes; Dennis Sears –

Yes; Bonnie Silvers – Yes; Jon Bruno – Yes; Danile Kelly – Yes

- c. Enrollment As of August 1, 2019 enrollment at SBRSD is at 672.
- d. Letter from the Town of Alford dated August 19, 2019 in response to the letter from BHRSD regarding school consolidation (received after the agenda was generated).
- 3. **Student Representative Report** None
- 4. **Student Spotlight** None
- 5. Public Comment None

6. New Business

a. Approval of the National FFA Convention Field Trip to Indianapolis, IN (October 29-November 3, 2019).

Motion to approve the National FFA Convention Field Trip to Indianapolis, IN

By: Bonnie Silvers

Second; Dennis Sears

Discussion: Jesse Carpenter reported that for the last couple of years the FFA students have been attending the FFA Convention in Indianapolis. Tanya Michaud the new Biology teacher will be taking over the FFA.

Roll Call Vote: David Travis – Yes; Jeffrey Blaugrund – Yes; Jane Burke – Yes; Dennis Sears – Yes; Bonnie Silvers – Yes; Jon Bruno – Yes; Danile Kelly – Yes

b. DESE approval of the Amendment to Section 4 of the Regional Agreement – Apportionment of Costs.

Motion to accept the approval of the Amendment to section 4 of the Regional Agreement

By: Jeffrey Blaugrund

Second: Jonathan Bruno

Roll Call Vote: David Travis – Yes; Jeffrey Blaugrund – Yes; Jane Burke – Yes; Dennis Sears – Yes; Bonnie Silvers – Yes; Jon Bruno – Yes; Danile Kelly – Yes

c. Coordinated Care Clinic Presentation

Chris Tucci from the Railroad Street Project, Alana Steinhouser from VIM and Everett Lamm, MD from CHP all gave a brief presentation on the importance of having a mobile health unit at the SBRSD campus. Currently there is a site at Railroad Street and Monument Mountain. The trend is to bring the different agencies together under coordinated care. They were asking the school board for approval to bring the mobile unit to the SBRSD campus during the school day. This mobile unit will provide free services to teens with no cost to the parents. On the van will be a nurse which will be funded through a grant and partially through CHP, a care coordinator funded through Railroad Street and volunteers. They are hoping that students will utilize these services and address issues of depression. They are requesting that each school district contribute a percentage of funding for the care coordinator on the van which will be \$12,000 a year for running the van at the school, to ensure that the program is completely free for the students.

Motion to move forward in planning the Coordinated Care Clinic and charge the Superintendent and her team to work out the details.

By: Jonathan Bruno

Second: Bonnie Silvers

Roll Call Vote: David Travis – Yes; Jeffrey Blaugrund – Yes; Jane Burke – Yes; Dennis Sears –

Yes; Bonnie Silvers – Yes; Jon Bruno – Yes; Danile Kelly – Yes

- d. Parent/Student Handbook 2019-2020 Approval
- e. Staff Handbook 2019-2020 Approval

Motion to move item 6d and 6e to after item #14.

By: Dennis Sears

Second: Bonnie Silvers

Roll Call Vote: David Travis – Yes; Jeffrey Blaugrund – Yes; Jane Burke – Yes; Dennis Sears –

Yes; Bonnie Silvers – Yes; Jon Bruno – Yes; Danile Kelly – Yes

7. **Unfinished Business - None**

8. Business with District Member Towns

a. Status of South Egremont School

Superintendent Regulbuto reported that a temporary CO has been issued for the South Egremont School. The last item to be checked is the fire alarm hooked up to the phone and will be completed tomorrow.

The painting of the outside of the building will be completed to the level of remediation before school opens (scrapped and primed). The rest of the painting will be completed after school begins. Mr. McGurn, Egremont Select Board member, gave an update of the ADA work done to the building. Basically the ramp has been built but the railing has to be shortened. This will be completed shortly and a temporary CO has been issued with a snow fence around the ramp.

The committee commended Jeremy Wells for all his hard work.

b, c, d, e – Letters from the Towns of Sheffield, New Marlborough, Egremont and Monterey regarding discussion of school consolidation between BHRSD and SBRSD.

9. Subcommittee Reports

a. SBRSD SBEF – Dennis Sears

Motion that the SBRSD School Committee endorses necessary actions toward initializing discussion with BHRSD towards the creation of a consolidated PreK-12 Regional School District.

By: Bonnie Silvers

Second: Jonathan Bruno

Discussion ensued.

Roll Call Vote: David Travis – Yes; Jeffrey Blaugrund – Yes; Jane Burke – Yes; Dennis Sears – Yes; Bonnie Silvers – Yes; Jon Bruno – Yes; Danile Kelly – Yes; Maryellen Brown - Abstain

b. Policy Subcommittee – D. Sears

Dennis Sears reported that the following policies were presented for first reading.

BBCA – District Employment of SCM

BEDG - Minutes

BGB – Policy Adoption

10. Chairman's Report - None

11. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Regulbuto reported the following new faculty:

Secondary Principal Jesse Carpenter **Business Administrator** TMSolutions, Inc. Grade 5 Elementary Teacher Carla Whiteside Grades 5-8 English/Language Arts Christine McEvoy Grades 5-8 English/Language Arts Julia Barros Grades 5-8 Social Studies Peter Bys .8 Biology, .2 Agriculture Tanya Michaud SAC from .5 to 1.0 Vincent Szymanski Learning Behavior/Sped Teacher Elyse Mercier Part Time Nurse Sheri Knox Secondary Assistant Principal Douglas Daponde 1:1 ESP Jacqulyn Schultz James Cook Night Custodian

New staff orientation was held today, organized by Neal Barbieri.

- She also thanked Jeremy Wells and his staff for getting all of our facilities ready for the opening of school.
- Convocation is on Monday, August 26th at 8 a.m.
- School Committee Retreat will be held on Tuesday, September 17th.
- Middle School Open House for Grade 6 is on Monday, August 26th at 5:30 p.m.
- The District Events Calendar will be populated on an ongoing basis.

12. Curriculum & Professional Development Coordinator's Report - Attached

Mr. Dufresne reported that faculty have been working on curriculum writing and aligning the curriculum. Mr. Barrett and Mr. Wolgemuth have worked together to link ELA and Social studies courses in a more coherent manner for our students.

A yearlong professional development plan with a heavy focus on social-emotional learning is being developed. DESE has not yet put out scaled MCAS scores, only raw scores, but without the modifier needed to make sense of the data. Textbooks, consumable materials and educational software have been completed.

13. Director of Student Services Report - Attached

Sandi Hubbard reported that the summer programs went very well. The department has a few new staff joining this year, Sheri Knox, part time nurse at NMC. Trish Zucco will start her full time role as the district SRO. Jacki Schultz will begin as an ESP and Elyse Mercier will begin as the new Sped/Learning Behavior teacher.

Ms. Hubbard also reported that in looking at enrollment numbers for the EK program at UME they were considering opening the program to students who turn 5 between March 1st and April 1st, 2020. Families with eligible children will be contacted and the EK screening/enrollment process would be applicable. Ms. Hubbard is seeking school committee support of this change.

Motion to authorize the district to extend the enrollment date of EK students to April 1, 2020 for the 2019-2020 school year.

By: Jonathan Bruno Second: Danile Kelly

Roll Call Vote: David Travis – Yes; Jeffrey Blaugrund – Yes; Jane Burke – Yes; Dennis Sears – Yes; Bonnie Silvers – Yes; Jon Bruno – Yes; Danile Kelly – Yes; Maryellen Brown – Yes

Ms. Hubbard also reported on the immunization process in our District and the Immunization Exemption Form based on changes to the law. Currently the school nurses/school physician are working together to ensure that information is provide to families that clearly outlines the requirements and risks.

14. Business Manager's Report

a. Report on Student Activity Funds Review and Schedule of Findings TMSolutions, Inc., Judy House, reported on the Student Activity Fund Audit report submitted by Christine Regan. Findings are that we are not in compliance of school committee policies in some areas and these need to be addressed.

b. Approval of Warrants

Motion to approve the warrants of July 26, 2019, July 29, 2019 and August 9, 2019.

By: Jonathan Bruno

Second: Jeffrey Blaugrund

Roll Call Vote: David Travis – Yes; Jeffrey Blaugrund – Yes; Jane Burke – Yes; Dennis Sears – Yes; Bonnie Silvers – Yes; Jon Bruno – Yes; Danile Kelly – Yes; Maryellen Brown - Yes

c. Vote to accept Grants and Gifts – nothing to report at this time.

Presented a FY19-20 Revenue Comparision of the Cherry Sheets. The total increase to revenue is \$48,791. The school choice numbers will be looked at again in December.

Also presented were the Federal Entitlement Grants received for FY20.

 Title I
 \$181,060

 Title IIA
 \$26,732

 Title IV
 \$13,118

 IDEA Sped
 \$320,869

 Early Childhood Special Ed
 \$7,710

 Perkins
 \$9,932

Chris reported that they are looking at the budget and rebuilding the budget sheets.

d. Budget Transfers – None at this time.

6. Approval of Handbooks

- e. Parent/Student Handbook 2019-2020 Approval
- f. Staff Handbook 2019-2020 Approval

Jane Burke asked that the members review the handbooks. Superintendent Regulbuto stated that the Parent/Student Handbook went through significant changes last year so there are minimal changes this year. The Staff Handbook has been completely redone. Mr. Dufresne also reported that the handbook committee had met last year and made suggestions of changes which were incorporated into the Staff handbook. The Staff Handbook has also been reviewed by our attorneys.

15. Future Agenda Items

Approval of Staff Handbooks and Student/Parent Handbooks

16. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

By: Jonathan Bruno

Second: Jeffrey Blaugrund

Roll Call Vote: David Travis – Yes; Jeffrey Blaugrund – Yes; Jane Burke – Yes; Dennis Sears – Yes; Bonnie Silvers – Yes; Jon Bruno – Yes; Danile Kelly – Yes; Maryellen Brown - Yes