

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

Absent: David Travis

Administrators: Superintendent Regulbuto, Chris Regan, Peter Dufresne, Jesse Carpenter, Glenn Devoti

Press: CTSB TV, Hannah Shirley - Berkshire Record

Others: Charles Miller, Amy Lyn, Sarah Siket, Mary Shalaby

1. **Call to Order:** Ken Knox, Chair, called meeting #1560 to order at 6:02 p.m.
2. **Standing Reports**
  - a. Approval of Minutes of School Committee Meetings #1559  
Motion to approve the minutes of school committee meeting #1559 as presented.  
By: Bonnie Silvers  
Second: Art Batacchi  
Vote: Jeffrey Blaugrund – Abstain; Yes vote from rest of committee. Motion passes.
  - b. Enrollment  
Superintendent Regulbuto reported that the District enrollment was at 694 as of March 1, 2019, down by one student since February 1, 2019.
  - c. Miscellaneous Correspondence - None
3. **Student Representative Report**  
Mary Shalaby, Grade 11 Student Representative reported on past and upcoming events at the school: Model UN Debate; Little Shop of Horrors – HS Musical; Varsity Basketball Team will be playing this Saturday at UMass; Prom will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and this year grade 10 students will be allowed to attend.
4. **Public Comment** - None
5. **Student Spotlight** – Mr. Miller mentioned that this February vacation some Grade 5 students attended a Science Camp and they will be presenting at the next meeting.
5. **New Business**
  - a. Approval of the 2019-2020 Academic Calendar  
Motion to approve the 2019-2020 Academic Calendar as presented.  
By: Dennis Sears  
Second: Jane Burke  
Discussion: Superintendent Regulbuto informed the committee that she had received some feedback from the staff after they had reviewed the calendar. Some of the suggestions were to eliminate February break and Good Friday Holiday, have a half day before thanksgiving; and have staff start the Thursday and Friday before the last week in August. Superintendent Regulbuto would like to send out a survey to parents in September to get feedback regarding some of the suggested changes for the 2020-21 academic year.. Her recommendation is to adopt the current calendar for the 2019-2020 school year.

Vote: Unanimous

b. Approval/Signing of SBREA Unit D and Unit E Contracts

Motion to ratify/approve the SBREA Unit D and Unit E Contracts.

By: Dennis Sears

Second: Bonnie Silvers

Discussion: none

Vote: Art Batacchi – abstain; Rest of committee Yes; Motion passes.

6. **Unfinished Business**

a. Vote to approve the SBREA Unit A Memorandum of Agreement to add the following stipend positions:

FASTBridge Leader – Secondary for \$1,900

FASTBridge Leader – Elementary for \$1,900

Motion to approve the MOA for the elementary and secondary FASTBridge stipends with the following added to #1 “in keeping with existing policies regarding stipend positions”.

By: Bonnie Silvers

Second: Jeffrey Blaugrund

Discussion: Ms. Silvers explained that the negotiation subcommittee had met after the last school committee meeting to review these MOAs. The negotiation subcommittee had previously moved to add non-pensionable to the MOA, but the SBREA President did not agree to this and therefore the negotiation subcommittee had met again today to revise the MOA.

Vote: Unanimous.

7. **Subcommittee Reports**

a. Finance Subcommittee– D. Sears

Mr. Sears reported that the committee had met yesterday and they agreed to recommend the proposed preliminary budget to the full School Committee.

Motion that the school committee approve the preliminary FY20 budget.

By: Dennis Sears

Second by Jane Burke.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Sears then withdrew his motion.

Motion that the School Committee preliminarily approve the FY20 budget.

By: Dennis Sears

Second: Ms. Silvers

Roll Call Vote:

Art Batacchi-Yes, Jeffrey Blaugrund-Yes, Jane Burke-Yes, Ken Knox-Yes, Dennis Sears-Yes, Maryellen Brown-Yes, Marcella Bush-Yes, Bonnie Silvers-Yes, Jon Bruno-Yes

b. Negotiation Subcommittee – B. Silvers

Already reported in item 6 a above.

8. **Chairman’s Report** – No report

9. **Superintendent’s Report** – No Report

10. **Curriculum & Professional Development Coordinator's Report** (Report attached)  
Peter Dufresne reported that the Title 1 team had attended a two day intensive workshop in Boston. This professional learning opportunity provided them the structure to revamp the Title 1 program for next year.

He also stated that the planned coursework at Mt. Everett is continuing. As the budget develops the picture will become clearer as to what will be incorporated in the Program of Studies.

March 8<sup>th</sup> will be a RTI training day with Dr. Chris Weber. The morning will be spent working with the building leadership teams to review processes and protocols and the afternoon will be spent with the entire faculty and paraprofessionals in the district. Through grant funding the district was able to purchase Dr. Weber's book "Simplifying Response to Intervention" for all adults in the district.

11. **Director of Student Services Report** (Report attached)  
Ms. Hubbard reported that her staff had attended a conference on Occupational Opposition Disorder. The Early Childhood Taskforce had also met and they are looking at the program and making recommendations regarding screening and entrance age. Special Olympics will be at Monument Mountain Regional High School on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

12. **Business Manager's Report**

- a. Approval of Warrants: February 22, 2018  
Motion to approve the warrant of February 22, 2018 as presented  
By: Dennis Sears  
Second: Bonnie Silvers  
Vote: Unanimous

b. Vote to Accept Grants and Gifts - None

c. Budget Transfers - None

13. **Future Agenda Items** - None

14. **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m.  
By: Dennis Sears  
Second: Art Batacchi  
Vote: Unanimous

*Documents presented at this meeting:*

- *Agenda SCM 1560*
- *Minutes of SCM #1559*
- *Enrollment*
- *Academic Calendar 2019-2020*
- *Unit A MOAs*
- *Curriculum & Professional Development Coordinator Report*
- *Director of Student Services Report*
- *Warrant of February 22, 2018*