

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

Absent: Marcella Bush, David Travis – arrived at 6:15 p.m.

Administrators: Superintendent Regalbuto, Chris Regan, Peter Dufresne, Jesse Carpenter, Sandi Hubbard, Charles Miller, A. Lyn

Press: CTSB TV, Hannah Shirley - Berkshire Record

Others: Rene Wood, M. Dodds, J. Lemlin, S. Siket, J. Bickford, W. Casey, V. Aldam

1. **Call to Order:** Ken Knox, Chair, called meeting #1561 to order at 6:07 p.m. and asked for a moment of silence for the family that perished in the fire.
Mr. Knox called for the roll call.
2. **Standing Reports**
 - a. Motion to approve Open Public Hearing Minutes of March 7, 2019
By: Jeffrey Blaugrund
Second: Bonnie Silvers
Vote: Unanimous

Motion to approve the minutes of school committee meeting #1560 as presented.
By: Jeffrey Blaugrund
Second: Bonnie Silvers
Vote: Unanimous
 - b. Miscellaneous Correspondence – Letter from Senator Hinds
Mr. Knox explained that the letter was a response to the letter sent by the district in January to Senator Hinds regarding the Rural School Aid and concerns with the district's ineligibility to receive Rural School Aid for the FY19 state budget cycle. The letter referenced Senator Hinds bill *SD.2292, An Act ensuring fair funding for rural schools*, which establishes a modified and expanded version of Rural School Aid in statute and establishes rurality within Chapter 70. The bill intends to capture rural schools that did not receive FY19 Rural School Aid and will ensure that all of our rural schools are equitably funded by Chapter 70.
3. **Student Representative Report** - None
4. **Student Spotlight** - None
5. **Public Comment**

Rene Wood, Sheffield Select Board Member and private citizen of Sheffield
Thanked the school committee and administration for the new assessment formula that will be put on the Town Warrants.
Jeanne Lemlin – Mt. Everett, Chair of the English Dept and English Teacher and Sarah Siket – Mt. Everett Math Teacher and resident of Sheffield both spoke about the budget and funding for additional staff.

6. **New Business**

a. Adoption of FY'20 Operating, Transportation, and Capital Budgets

Motion to approve the FY20 Operating, Transportation and Capital Budget as follows.

By: Dennis Sears

Second: Art Batacchi

It was noted that the complete budget needed to be read out aloud.

Motion to approve the FY20 Operating, Transportation and Capital Budget as follows:

FY20 Budget

• <i>Operating Expenditure Budget</i>	<i>\$ 14,996,831</i>
• <i>Transportation Expenditure Budget</i>	<i>\$ 1,590,491</i>
• <i>Capital Expenditure Budget</i>	<i>\$ 358,461</i>
• <i>Capital Project Bond Repayment</i>	<i>\$ 375,950</i>
<i>TOTAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET</i>	<i>\$17,321,733</i>

FY20 Assessments

• <i>Operating Assessment</i>	<i>\$ 12,340,720</i>
• <i>Transportation Assessment</i>	<i>\$ 903,668</i>
• <i>Capital Assessment</i>	<i>\$ 358,461</i>
• <i>Capital Project Assessment</i>	<i>\$ 375,950</i>
<i>TOTAL TO BE ASSESSED</i>	<i>\$13,978,799</i>

By: Bonnie Silvers

Second: Dennis Sears

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Mr. Sears then withdrew his motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Art Batacchi – Yes, Jeffrey Blaugrund – Yes, Jane Burke – Yes, David Travis – Yes,
Ken Knox – Yes, Dennis Sears – Yes, Maryellen Brown – Yes, Bonnie Silvers – Yes,
Jon Bruno - Yes

7. **Unfinished Business - None**

8. **Business with District Member Towns - None**

9. **Subcommittee Reports**

a. Policy Subcommittee –D. Sears

First Reading of

Policy IE – Organization of Instruction

Policy JEB – Entrance Age

b. Community Outreach & Input Subcommittee – B. Silvers

Ms. Silvers reported that the subcommittee had met on March 12th. The committee had discussed generating a flyer that would explain the budget and the assessment motion. This flyer will be distributed to the community prior to town meetings.

10. **Chairman's Report - None**

11. **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Regalbuto reported on the following

- Community - proud of how the school community has come together in the face of the recent tragedy
- Staffing News – Glenn Devoti, Mt. Everett Principal announced his intent to resign at the end of this school year.
- The Business Administrator position was posted and the screening process will begin shortly
- Mr. Chris Clark, Choral Teacher, was nominated for the “40 Under 40 Award” happening on Thursday, March 21st.

Bonnie Silvers mentioned Chris Thompson and the Underwater Robotics program.

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

Mr. Dufresne reported out on the recent RTI professional development with Chris Weber held at the district last Friday, March 8th. Feedback was very positive.

13. **Director of Student Services Report**

Sandi Hubbard mentioned that there was no change from the last report and thanked the school committee for their support during this past week.

14. **Business Manager's Report**

a. Approval of Warrants: March 8, 2019

Motion to approve the warrant of March 8, 2019 as presented.

By: Bonnie Silvers

Second: Art Batacchi

Vote: Unanimous

b. Warrant Process

Chris Regan explained that going forward only one member will be required to sign the warrants based on the following: Section 16A of Chapter 71 – “The regional school committee may designate any 1 of its members for the purpose of signing payroll warrants and accounts payable warrants to allow for the release of checks provided, however, that the member shall make available to the board, at its next meeting, a record of such actions. This provision shall not limit the responsibility of each member of the board in the event of a noncompliance with this section.”

Motion to dissolve the Warrant Subcommittee.

By: Bonnie Silvers

Seconded: Jeffrey Blaugrund

No discussion

Vote: Unanimous

There was discussion on who would be designated to sign the warrants.

Motion that everyone on the school committee takes a month.

By: Jeffrey Blaugrund

No second

Jeffrey Blaugrund then withdrew the motion

Motion – to appoint the chair of the finance subcommittee to sign the warrants and everyone else is an alternate.

By: Dennis Sears

Second: Jeffrey Blaugrund

Discussion followed

The motion was then amended by Dennis Sears to read:

The Chair of the Finance Committee and any other member of the school committee is an alternate to sign the warrants.

Second: Art Batacchi

Vote: Unanimous

c. Vote to Accept Grants and Gifts

Motion to accept the Gift of \$3,033 from the NMC Monterey PTA for instructional and general supplies for the NMC classrooms.

By: David Travis

Second: Jeffrey Blaugrund

Vote: Unanimous

Motion to accept the non-monetary grants from the USDA DoD Food Fresh of fresh produce valued at \$4,090.

By: David Travis

Second: Dennis Sears

Vote: Unanimous

d. Budget Transfers - None

15. **Future Agenda Items**

a. College & Career Planning Initiatives for FY20 and Beyond – April 25, 2019 Meeting

b. Report of College Submissions – April 25, 2019 Meeting

16. **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

By: Bonnie Silvers

Second: Art Batacchi

Vote: Unanimous

Documents presented at this meeting:

- *Agenda SCM 1561*
- *Minutes of SCM #1560 and Minutes of Open Public Hearing*
- *Misc. Correspondence*
- *Policy JEB and IE*
- *Warrant of February 22, 2018*
- *Grants and Gifts*