

School Committee Members: Art Batacchi, Jane Burke, Dennis Sears, Bonnie Silvers, Jon Bruno, David Travis, Marcella Bush

Absent: Danile Kelly, Maryellen Brown

Administration: Beth Regulbuto, Sandi Hubbard, Chris Desjardins, Amy Lyn, Jesse Carpenter

Press: CTSB TV; Ted Remsnyder-Berkshire Record

Others: Austin Murray, Wendy Casey, Victoria Aldam, M. Mitsoff, Asha VonRuden

1. Call to Order

Jane Burke, Chair, called meeting #1578 to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Standing Reports

- a. Approval of Minutes of Open Public Hearing – March 5, 2020
Motion to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2020 Open Public Hearing regarding FY21 Budget as presented.
By: Jeffrey Blaugrund
Second: Art Batacchi
Vote: Unanimous

Motion to approve the school committee meeting minutes #1577 of March 5, 2020 as presented
By: Dennis Sears
Second: Jeffrey Blaugrund
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous

- c. Miscellaneous Correspondence - None

Dennis Sears made a motion to move item 6e. Travel/Coronavirus to following the Public Comment.
Second: Jeffrey Blaugrund
Discussion ensued.

Dennis Sears made a motion to amend his motion to move Item 6 d. (Budget) and item 6e. Travel/Coronavirus ahead of Items a and b.
Second: Jeffrey Blaugrund
Vote: Unanimous

3. Student Representative Report

Austin Murray gave an update on the events happening at the schools.

4. Student Spotlight - None

5. **Public Comment** - None

6. **New Business**

c. Adoption of the FY21 Operating, Transportation and Capital Budgets

Motion that the school committee approve the FY21 Operating, Transportation and Capital Budgets as follows:

By: Bonnie Silvers

Second: Jeffrey Blaugrund

FY21 Budget

• <i>Operating Expenditure Budget</i>	<i>\$15,046,746</i>
• <i>Transportation Expenditure Budget</i>	<i>\$ 1,770,768</i>
• <i>Capital Expenditure Budget</i>	<i>\$ 358,500</i>
• <i>Capital Project Bond Repayment</i>	<i>\$ 365,550</i>
<i>TOTAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET</i>	<i>\$17,541,564</i>

FY21 Assessments

• <i>Operating Assessment</i>	<i>\$ 12,221,411</i>
• <i>Transportation Assessment</i>	<i>\$ 1,438,270</i>
• <i>Capital Assessment</i>	<i>\$ 291,184</i>
• <i>Capital Project Assessment</i>	<i>\$ 296,910</i>
<i>TOTAL TO BE ASSESSED</i>	<i>\$14,247,775</i>

Mr. Blaugrund noted that Ms. Silvers had read the Operating Expenditure Budget as \$15,045,746 which was incorrect. It was noted that the correct amount is \$15,046,746 and this was acceptable.

Roll Call Vote: Art Batacchi- Yes, Jane Burke - Yes, Dennis Sears - Yes, Bonnie Silvers - Yes, Jon Bruno - Yes, David Travis - Yes, Marcella Bush – Yes

e. Travel/Coronavirus

Beth gave an update on what has been happening at school. First priority has been the health and safety of our school community. Not much in the form of formal advisories. We have been following all the appropriate protocols. Tomorrow is the next advisory from the Governor and the Department of Health, followed by a meeting with all the Berkshire County Superintendents to determine what should be done. Waiting till tomorrow to make any recommendation on what to do. The buildings are being cleaned and disinfected daily. The district has purchased machinery to specifically deal with cleaning and sterilizing the building.

Dennis Sears stated that there should be a trip wire (create a policy) that we would identify and that we would ask the Superintendent to follow. Jane Burke stated that this is the Superintendent's call. Jon Bruno suggested that we seek guidance from the Governor and we should wait till tomorrow.

Motion to schedule a special meeting next week to keep the school committee informed of actions taken.

By: Bonnie Silvers

Second: Jeffrey Blaugrund

Discussion ensued.

Vote: Bonnie – Yes, other members – No. Motion fails.

Motion that the school committee vote to approve Superintendent Regulbuto's plan that if she has an identified case that it is her call to make the decision to close the school.

By: Dennis Sears

Second – No second

Motion fails.

- a. Approval of the Robotics Team Overnight Field Trip to Quinsigamond Community College (March 14-15, 2020). This field trip has been cancelled.

- b. Approval of the Senior Class Overnight Field Trip to Lake George, NY.
Victoria Aldam presented and explained the field trip to the school committee.
Motion to approve the Senior Class Overnight Field Trip to Lake George, NY (June 2 – 3, 2020), pending that the pandemic does not prevent the trip.
By: Jeffrey Blaugrund
Second: Art Batacchi
Discussion and questions followed. Victoria will check with the company regarding cancellation and refunds.
Vote: Unanimous

- d. Approval of the 2020-2021 Mount Everett Program of Studies – Jesse Carpenter
Jesse gave an overview of the 2020-2021 program of studies. Not a lot of significant changes. Freshman class will need to take four years of math to be more aligned with Mass Core. Added some electives.
Motion that the school committee approve the 2020-2021 Mount Everett Program of Studies as presented.
By: David Travis
Second: Jeffrey Blaugrund
Discussion followed.
Vote: Unanimous

7. Unfinished Business – None

8. Business with District Member Towns

9. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Finance Subcommittee – D. Sears – No report
- b. Policy Subcommittee – D. Sears – No report
- c. Building, Grounds & Technology Subcommittee – A. Batacchi – nothing to report
- d. Curriculum Subcommittee – D. Travis – nothing to report
- e. Executive Evaluation Subcommittee – D. Travis – nothing to report
- f. Community Outreach and Input Subcommittee – B. Silvers stated that a meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday at 4 p.m. to create a FY21 Budget informational pamphlet for the community.

10. Chairman's Report

Jane Burke reported that the 1st meeting of the Regional School District Planning Board was held on March 7th. The board elected a chair, vice-chair and secretary. Also, an ad-hoc subcommittee was formed to select a consultant.

11. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Regulbuto reported that she will be sending out information regarding the Coronavirus. She also mentioned the Day on the Hill which is scheduled for May 5th.

12. Curriculum & Professional Development Coordinator's Report

Amy Lyn reported that the ADL Training scheduled for March 13th has been cancelled.

13. Director of Student Services Report

Sandy Hubbard reported that her staff are ready to give reports on their programs at a future school committee meeting.

14. Business Manager's Report

a. Approval of Warrants: March 6, 2020

Motion to approve the payroll and accounts payable warrants as presented.

By: David Travis

Second: Bonnie Silvers

Vote: Unanimous

b. Accept Grants and Gifts - None

c. Budget Transfers

Motion to approve the budget transfers as presented.

By: David Travis

Second: Jeffrey Blaugrund

Vote: Unanimous

15. Future Agenda Items

a. College & Career Planning Initiatives for FY21 and Beyond

b. Report of College Submissions

c. Update on the status of the new district website

16. Executive Session – 7:53 p.m.

Motion to enter executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares and not to reconvene in open session.

By: David Travis

Second: Bonnie Silvers

Roll Call Vote: Art Batacchi - Yes, Jane Burke - Yes, Dennis Sears - Yes, Bonnie Silvers - Yes, Jon Bruno - Yes, David Travis - Yes, Marcella Bush - Yes

Documents presented at this meeting:

- *Agenda # 1578*
- *Minutes of meeting #1577*
- *Public Hearing Minutes*
- *Overnight Field Trip Permission – Lake George*
- *Program of Studies 2020-2021 Change Log*
- *SBRSD Pandemic Plan*
- *SBRSD Continuity of Operations Plan Influenza and Pandemic*
- *FY20 Warrants Report*
- *Budget Transfers*