

Southern Berkshire Regional School District
Per Governor Baker's order suspending certain
provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A sec. 20,
the meeting was held via an online Zoom
conference under meeting ID 263 583 422
Monday, April 13, 2020
Meeting #1580 (Open Session)

School Committee Members: Art Batacchi, Jane Burke, Bonnie Silvers, Jon Bruno, Marcella Bush,
Maryellen Brown, Jeffrey Blaugrund

Absent: David Travis, Danile Kelly, Dennis Sears (Mr. Sears joined the meeting at 5:30 p.m.)

Administration: Beth Regulbuto, Amy Lyn, Jesse Carpenter, Judy Houle

Others: Lynette Gagnon

1. **Call to Order**

Jane Burke, Chair, called special school committee meeting #1580 to order at 5:03 p.m.

2. **Public Comment** - None

3. **New Business**

a. Discussion of April Vacation with possible actions

Superintendent Regulbuto informed the school committee that she had spoken with the teachers association regarding working through April vacation (April 21 – 24) and shortening the school year by 4 days. The last day of school will now be June 15th. Ninety nine of 100 staff voted to work through April vacation so as not to lose the momentum gained from remote learning.

Motion to approve the continuation of remote learning during April vacation.

By: Bonnie Silvers

Second: Marcella Bush

Discussion ensued.

Lynette asked Ms. Silvers if she would accept the following motion:

Motion to approve the continuation of remote learning from Tuesday, April 21st to Friday, April 24th and to change the last day of school from Friday June 19th to Monday June 15th.

Ms. Silvers had a question regarding the last day of school and asked the Superintendent if this was an acceptable date. The Superintendent approved the last day of school as June 15th.

Ms. Silvers agreed to amend the motion to:

Motion to approve the continuation of remote learning from Tuesday, April 21st to Friday, April 24th and to change the last day of school from Friday June 19th to Monday June 15th.

Marcella Bush seconds the motion.

Vote: Unanimous

4. **Executive Session**

Motion at 5:12 p.m. to enter executive session to discuss strategy with regard to collective bargaining (SBREA Units D & E Memorandum of Agreement regarding school closing) and to reconvene in open session.

By: Bonnie Silvers

Second: Art Batacchi

Roll Call Vote: Art Batacchi - Yes, Jane Burke - Yes, Bonnie Silvers - Yes, Jon Bruno - Yes, Marcella Bush - Yes, Maryellen Brown – Yes, Jeffrey Blaugrund - Yes

Mr. Batacchi recused himself due to a conflict of interest.

Mr. Sears joined the meeting.

The school committee reconvened in open session at 5:32 p.m.

Maryellen Brown, Art Batacchi and David Travis were not in attendance.

Motion to approve and ratify the MOU between SBRSD and the SBREA Units D & E regarding remote learning during the school closure.

By: Bonnie Silvers

Second: Jeffrey Blaugrund

Vote: Unanimous

5. **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 p.m.

By: Jeffrey Blaugrund

Second: Bonnie Silvers

Vote: Unanimous

Documents presented at the meeting:

- Agenda # 1580
- MOUs Unit D and Unit E