

Southern Berkshire Regional School Committee
Mt. Everett Regional School
Sheffield, MA
September 12, 2013
School Committee Workshop

School Committee Members: Mr. Stewart, Ms. Silvers, Mr. Valentini, Ms. Sparhawk, Mr. Sears, Ms. Rundle, Mr. Batacchi, Ms. Sahn

Absent: Mr. Flynn, Ms. Fields

Others: Superintendent David Hastings; Mr. Justin Korn, Berkshire Record; Ms. Linda Higgins

1. Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and explained the purpose of the meeting.
2. Ms. Silvers requested permission to distribute a memo regarding an item which will appear on the September 19 agenda. Mr. Valentini moved to allow Ms. Silvers to distribute material pertaining to an agenda item that will occur at the next full School Committee meeting in order to educate School Committee members so they can move forward. Mr. Sears seconded the motion. Following a brief discussion, it was so voted, unanimously. Ms. Silvers distributed a memo dated September 12, 2013 Re: Future Negotiations With Non-Unit SBRSD Staff Members.
3. Mr. Sears suggested that the Committee begin its work by considering use of the template which was used for the last self-evaluation of the School Committee, which occurred in 2009. Following discussion, a brief recess was called while photocopies of the document were prepared for the rest of the Committee.

Mr. Sears explained that in years past, each member had been given an evaluation instrument to complete. When finished, one member had collected and compiled the average 'grade' assigned by the Members.

Following discussion, Mr. Valentini moved that the School Committee members take the 2009 document home, look at it, and bring forth suggestions to develop an evaluation document. Mr. Sears seconded the motion.

Following a restatement of the motion by Chairman Stewart [to have the committee members individually study the form that was used by the School Committee in 2009 and to make suggestions, revisions, additions and deletions and proceed from there], the motion was approved unanimously. (Committee members will be sent the document in Word format, plus a copy of Policy BA and BAA, as needed.)

Ms. Rundle then moved to schedule another working meeting after the Committee has done their initial work on the document and a third working meeting to set goals and to plan on the same process each time the self-evaluation is due, whether it be every year or every other year. Ms. Silvers seconded the motion.

Mr. Sears moved to include that the Policy Subcommittee re-write the policy to include the process for self-evaluation, as moved by Ms. Rundle.

Following discussion, it was so voted, unanimously.

The Committee chose October 8 at 6:30 p.m. to hold their next working meeting.

4. Ms. Sparhawk moved, seconded by Mr. Sears, to adjourn the meeting. It was so voted, and the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Documents presented for this meeting:

- ***Agenda, School Committee Workshop of September 13, 2013***
- ***Memo to Members of the School Committee from Bonnie Silvers, dated September 12, 2013***
- ***SBRSD Results of 2008-09 School Committee Self-Evaluation***