

School Committee Members: Mr. Stewart, Ms. Silvers, Mr. Flynn, Mr. Batacchi, Ms. Lartigue, Mr. Travis, Ms. Bush, Ms. Brown, Mr. Law, Mr. Sears

Absent:

Press: Cory Wiley, Berkshire Record; D. Gentile, Berkshire Eagle

Others: Karen Frighetto, Charles Ketchen, Jennifer Leahey, Karen Chamberland, Jaimi-Lyn Schieb, Fiona Kerr, Vito Valentini, Chris Regan, Mary Turo, Sandi Hubbard, Nolan Dupont, David Hastings, Kerry Burke, Sarah Siket, Jennifer Dowley, Glenn Devoti, Courtney Reynolds, Marya Makuc, Mary Shalaby, Angus Kerr, Jane Burke, Kristen Sanzone

1. Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
2. Mr. Stewart stated that the protocol and questions were approved at the March 1, 2017 interview and that at the end of this meeting the School Committee will vote to determine who will be the next Superintendent.
3. Mr. Stewart then turned the meeting over to Ms. Lartigue, who would pose the questions to the candidate.
4. Ms. Lartigue directed the sixteen questions, previously discussed and accepted by the School Committee members, to Ms. Beth Regulbuto.
5. Each School Committee member was offered an opportunity to pose a follow-up question following each of the agreed-upon questions.
6. At the completion of the sixteen questions, each Committee member was offered the opportunity to pose one final question.
7. At Chairman Stewart's invitation, Ms. Regulbuto made a closing statement thanking the School Committee for the opportunity to interview for the position.

Mr. Stewart then called a recess at 8:05 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:29 p.m.

Mr. Stewart then read item #8 from the protocol: "*Members of the School Committee who wish to make a statement about one or both of the candidates will have the opportunity to make any statement or express an opinion or preference for a candidate. School Committee members must respect open meeting laws and be careful in terms of expressing any negative comments related to the reputation or character of any candidate*".

The Chair then invited those who made site visits to the candidates' districts and reference calls to report their findings to the whole committee and to make a statement prior to the vote. Members thanked the Screening Committee for their hard work and noted the difficulty of the decision making process. Some members shared the name of the candidate that they would vote for and the reasoning behind their vote.

After each Committee member had spoken, the Chair called for the vote:

Ms. Silvers	voted for	Ms. Regulbuto
Mr. Sears	voted for	Ms. Regulbuto
Ms. Bush	voted for	Ms. Regulbuto
Mr. Travis	voted for	Ms. Regulbuto
Mr. Flynn	voted for	Ms. Rickson
Ms. Lartigue	voted for	Ms. Regulbuto
Mr. Stewart	voted for	Ms. Regulbuto
Mr. Law	voted for	Ms. Regulbuto
Ms. Brown	voted for	Ms. Regulbuto
Mr. Batacchi	voted for	Ms. Rickson

Mr. Sears moved, seconded by Mr. Batacchi to make the vote unanimous. It was so voted.

Mr. Stewart declared that the School Committee has voted unanimously to select Ms. Beth Regulbuto as Superintendent for the period commencing July 1, 2017.

On a motion by Mr. Sears, seconded by Mr. Law, the committee voted to enter into Executive Session at 9:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussing strategy of contract negotiations, as holding such discussion in open session may have a detrimental effect on the position of the School Committee to negotiate the Superintendent contract and not to reconvene in open session.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Flynn	Yes	Mr. Batacchi	Yes	Ms. Lartigue	Yes	Mr. Travis	Yes
Mr. Stewart	Yes	Ms. Silvers	Yes	Ms. Brown	Yes	Ms. Bush	Yes
Mr. Sears	Yes	Mr. Law	Yes				

