

School Committee Members: Bonnie Silvers, Dennis Sears, MaryEllen Brown, Carl Stewart, Ken Knox, David Travis, Tim Schroeffer, Art Batacchi, Fran Lartigue, Marcella Bush

Absent:

Administration: Superintendent Regulbuto, Peter Dufresne

Press: CTSB TV

Others: Dr. Sylvia

1. Call to Order

Ms. Silvers, Chair, called special school committee meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Public Comment

Juliette Haas, Town of Egremont Board of Health, stated that she was available for questions regarding the South Egremont School.

3. South Egremont School

- Presentation by School Physician, Dr. Sylvia
Dr. Sylvia talked about the adverse effects on lead exposure to young children and how it affects the:
 - nervous system
 - difficulties with learning and memory
 - behavior problems and ADHD
 - decreased kidney function, GI problems
 - issues with vitamin D formation.Dr. Sylvia recommended that exposure to lead levels should be prevented. She added that the soil reports looked good, but the lead reports for the exterior and the interior brought up some concerns. Questions and answers followed.
- Status Updates, including review and consideration of air quality and lead reports, and possible deliberation of potential building remediation and timelines.

Ms. Lartigue moved to refer issues related to the presence of lead at the South Egremont School to the District's Building, Grounds and Technology Subcommittee and working with the Director of Building and Grounds, to evaluate necessary remediation and associated costs, while reserving all rights relative to the District's financial responsibility for such remediation and costs. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion.

Mr. Stewart called the question, vote was unanimous.

After a lengthy discussion the motion was unanimously approved.

- *Mr. Travis moved to continue locating the South Egremont School program at Undermountain Elementary School until the South Egremont School building is determined by a qualified professional to be safe for children to the satisfaction of the School Committee. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*
- *Ms. Lartigue moved to authorize counsel for the District to communicate with counsel for the Town of Egremont and to schedule a meeting among representatives of the District and the Town regarding resolution of issues related to the South Egremont School. Mr. Travis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*
Ms. Silvers asked for another school committee member and an alternate to attend any meetings with our counsel. Mr. Batacchi, Mr. Knox and Ms. Bush volunteered.

4. Motion to go into Executive Session for the following purposes at 6:45 p.m.

- a. *Mr. Stewart moved to enter into executive session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a) (1) to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual and not to return to open session.*

Mr. Batacchi seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Batacchi – Yes; Mr. Knox – Yes; Mr. Stewart – Yes; Mr. Travis – Yes; Ms. Silvers – Yes; Ms. Lartigue – Yes; Ms. Brown – Yes; Ms. Bush – Yes; Mr. Sears – Yes; Mr. Schroepfer – Yes

The motion was unanimously approved.

- b. *Mr. Stewart moved to enter into executive session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a) (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares and not to return to open session. Ms. Lartigue seconded the motion.*

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Batacchi – Yes; Mr. Knox – Yes; Mr. Stewart – Yes; Mr. Travis – Yes; Ms. Silvers – Yes; Ms. Lartigue – Yes; Ms. Brown – Yes; Ms. Bush – Yes; Mr. Sears – Yes; Mr. Schroepfer – Yes

The motion was unanimously approved.