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Southern Berkshire Regional School District

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING #1,468

Thursday, December 12, 2013

6:00 p.m.
Mt. Everett Regional School Library
491 Berkshire School Road
Sheffield, MA

Agenda

All interested members of the public are invited to attend.

[The listing of matters is those reasonably anticipated by the Chairman which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.]

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**, School Committee Meeting #1,467; School Committee Workshop of December 4, 2013

3. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE PERTAINING TO THIS EVENING'S AGENDA ITEMS**
   A. Student Representative Report

   B. Other

4. **UPDATE(S)/PRESENTATION(S):**
   A. Early Childhood Education Task Force – S. Hubbard

5. **BUSINESS**
   A.. Field Trips:
      1. Request for Approval of Overnight Field Trips
         - Grade 8 Class and Grade 12 U.S. History Class to Washington, DC, March 5 – 7, 2014 – J. Carpenter and J. Hammill
         - Grade 10 Economics Class to Baltimore, MD, March 5-7, 2014 – M. Farmer (Also M. Farmer to give a brief summary of innovative program)
         - FFA Members to the MA State FFA Leadership Conference, North Oxford, MA, January 10-11, 2013 – D. Melino

   B. Superintendent's Report – D. Hastings

   C. Report on MASC/MASS Conference – B. Silvers

   D. Insurance for Volunteer Drivers

   E. Schedule Next Meeting for School Committee Self-Evaluation

   F. Report on Status of the Request of a Former Student for a Mt. Everett Diploma

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F. Subcommittee/Representative Reports
   1. Finance
   2. Buildings, Grounds & Technology – V. Valentini

H. Financial Updates / Transfers (as needed) – B. Turner

I. Collective Bargaining

   1. Approval of Unit D Contract, Effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016 (Executive Session may be requested for the purpose of discussing strategy of collective bargaining with Unit D, as holding such discussions in open session may have a detrimental effect on the position of the School Committee.

   2. Approval of contracts for non-unit employees (Executive session may be requested for the purpose of discussing strategy of contract negotiations with non-unit employees, as holding such discussions in open session may have a detrimental effect on the position of the School Committee.)

6. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC / REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7. GENERAL INFORMATION

- Upcoming School Committee meetings are scheduled as follows: January 9; January 16 (Town Finance Committees invited); January 23 (Town Finances Committees invited); February 6 (tentative adoption of FY'15 Operating and Capital budgets); February 27 (Open Hearing Re: FY'15 Operating and Capital Budgets); March 13 (Adoption of FY'15 Operating and Capital Budgets); April 10; May 8; June 12; June 26.

- Other Meetings/Events are as Follows:
- December 6, 7:00 p.m. – ***Charlie & the Chocolate Factory***, TAC/PAC
- December 7, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Cookie Walk, Undermountain Elementary School
- December 7, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Holiday Fair, New Marlborough Central School
- December 7, 7:00 p.m. - ***Charlie & the Chocolate Factory***, TAC/PAC
- December 8, 3:00 p.m. - ***Charlie & the Chocolate Factory***, TAC/PAC
- December 8, 5:30 p.m. – Sheffield Xmas Tree Lighting (Mt. Everett Band to play)
- December 9, 7:00 p.m. – Middle School Music Dept. Winter Concert
- December 14, 4:00 p.m. – Madrigals performance at Sandisfield Arts Center
- December 15, 3:00 p.m. – High School Band to play at Southfield Church
- December 16, 6:30 p.m. – Grades 5 & 6 Winter Concert
- December 17, 7:00 p.m. – High School Music Dept. Winter Concert
- December 18 – Mt. Everett Jazz Band and Madrigals to area senior centers
- December 20, 8:15 a.m. – Band and Choir Performance for High School and Elementary Schools (includes alumni performance in honor of Ric Blackburn)