

Minutes of School Committee Meeting 11/16/2017

A regular meeting of the Barrington School Committee was held on Thursday, November 16, 2017 in the School Committee Room. School Committee Chair Ms. Kate Brody called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Ms. Brody, Ms. Clancy, Mr. Alessandro, Dr. Douglas, Ms. Pine, Mr. Sarli, Mr. Messore, Dr. Dillon, and Mr. Fiore.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Megan Douglas led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION

Mr. Messore announced the following achievements across the District.

The Barrington Middle School Robotics teacher, Rebecca Henderson, has been invited to be the Lead Presenter at the 2018 Blended and Personalized Learning Conference to be held on April 7, 2018.

INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS

Ms. Clancy provided an update on the Barrington Middle School Building Project, including a synopsis of a recent meeting with the Conservation Commission. She confirmed milestones for the project timeline that include December 4th as the anticipated date to issue documents for Public Bid, followed by the contractor bid/review phase from December 2017-January 2018, General Contractor award of bid in February 2018 and construction start in March 2018. She stated that safety will remain the key priority throughout the entire phasing process. Dr. Douglas reported on the Barrington Middle School partnership with DownCity Design, funded by Barrington Education Foundation, to provide Grade 6 students with the opportunity to contribute innovative ideas for consideration for the MakerSpace in the new Barrington Middle School. Mr. Fiore reported the project is tracking on budget. The next meeting of the Barrington Middle School Building Committee will be held on Monday, November 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the Barrington Middle School Library.

Dr. Dillon introduced the building administrators present at the meeting who provided the Committee a report on School Achievement Data that includes data from over the course of the school year and that will be presented three times during the year, Fall, Winter and End of Year. Present were Nayatt School Principal, Ms. Tracey Whitehead, Primrose Hill School Principal, Ms. Patricia Tolento, Sowams School Principal, Mr. James Callahan, Hampden Meadows School Principal, Ms. Tracey McGee, Barrington Middle School Principal, Dr. Andrew Anderson and Barrington High School Principal, Mr. Joseph Hurley. Every building administrator presented their school's data on Reading, Math and Writing, including additional Response to Intervention and Homework Data for Barrington Middle School and Barrington High School. A brief question and answer period followed the individual school presentations.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Tracey Whitehead, Principal at Nayatt School, thanked Dr. Dillon for her continuing efforts around social/emotional learning, looking at gap closure and systems of support for teachers.

OLD BUSINESS

Superintendent and Staff

Mr. Messore provided an update on the Barrington Middle School World Language educator situation as of October 12th, noting both positions are filled with substitute teachers fluent in Spanish pending their certification from RIDE. He stated the Administration will continue to monitor the program throughout the year and may need to revisit the World Language Program at Barrington Middle School.

Mr. Fiore reported on the FY18 Operating Budget, including confirmation of the October 1 enrollment data as 3337, and a potential staffing request with a possible recommendation by the Administration to the Committee at the next School Committee meeting on November 30th.

Mr. Messore provided an update on the Strategic Planning Process and November 9th Steering Committee meeting, including discussion of key learnings from stakeholder surveys with initial planning for improvement based on areas of focus. He made a recommendation to the Committee for an extension on the timeline for completion of the Strategic Plan to February 8, 2018. Ms. Brody explained that, due to the robust feedback from the community, the time originally allotted seemed insufficient to have a quality, realistic, metric driven document, and that Studer Education has agreed to extend their service timeline to February without additional cost to the District. Following discussion and questions, the Committee agreed to support the extension of the timeline to February 8, 2018. Mr. Messore will share the extended timeline with the Steering Committee. Mr. Messore and Ms. Brody, in response to a question from Dr. Douglas, clarified that Studer Education will be facilitating a workshop with the School Committee regarding templates and will adjust the calendar. Dr. Douglas and Ms. Clancy requested that Studer Education provide an outline of the remaining work and steps to complete the Strategic Plan at the next Strategic Planning Steering Committee meeting to be held on December 7th at 4:00 p.m. at the Barrington High School Library.

School Committee

There was no Old Business from the School Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Student Representative to the School Committee Update

Mr. Sarli provided the following information in his Student Representative Update:

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Stagemasters will present their production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat with performances on Friday, November 17th and Saturday, November 18th at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, November 19th at 2:30 p.m.; Thanksgiving weekend activities include a bonfire on Wednesday, November 22nd and the Barrington High School vs. Mount Hope High School football game on Thanksgiving Day at 10:00 a.m.; Barrington High School Juniors and Seniors attended a mental health and awareness presentation by Jeff Sparr, co-founder of PeaceLove Studios; iCreate Leadership Team will be going on their field trip to FUSE; and there was a Forum on Student Stress.

Superintendent and Staff

Personnel

Ms. Clancy moved and Mr. Alessandro seconded approval of the recommendation of the Superintendent relative to the appointment of Ms. Erica Larence, Assistant Girls Ice Hockey Coach, Barrington High School. The motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Brody, Ms. Clancy, Mr. Alessandro, Dr. Douglas and Ms. Pine voting in the affirmative.

Ms. Clancy moved and Mr. Alessandro seconded approval of the recommendation of the Superintendent relative to the appointment of Ms. Olivia Ougheltree, Head Girls Lacrosse Coach, Barrington High School. The motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Brody, Ms. Clancy, Mr. Alessandro, Dr. Douglas and Ms. Pine voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Messore announced the Leave of Absence for Ms. Kathryn McGregor, Social Studies Department, Barrington High School.

School Committee

Mr. Messore introduced the renovation work at the Barrington High School Varsity Baseball Field to replace the infield grass turf. A contribution made by Barrington Little League for \$5,000 is helping with the improvements to the field.

Ms. Clancy moved and Mr. Alessandro seconded acceptance of the donation from Barrington Little League of \$5,000 to the Barrington High School Varsity Baseball Field improvements. The motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Brody, Ms. Clancy, Mr. Alessandro, Dr. Douglas and Ms. Pine voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Messore stated the field improvements were funded by the Athletic Fund, and the donated funds would go to reduce the cost of the new sod. Ms. Brody stated the School Committee is grateful for the generosity of Barrington Little League.

Ms. Brody introduced the discussion on Barrington Public Schools participation in the Barrington and Bristol Solar initiative. Mr. Messore explained that the Towns of Barrington and Bristol have

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been in discussions with Competitive Energy Services, LLC regarding opportunities for solar panels in both communities. He stated that there is no significant information to provide the Committee at this time and that the Administration is meeting with the Town for further clarification on questions relative to the proposed use of 5 Barrington Public Schools for the solar panels. The Administration made a recommendation to the Committee for a joint session with the School Committee and Town Council for a presentation by Competitive Energy Services, LLC on the solar plan initiative and discussion prior to any agreements being signed. Discussion ensued, and the Committee agreed to support the recommendation of the Administration for a Joint School Committee and Town Council meeting in December.

Mr. Alessandro read the Non-Resident Student Tuition Charges Policy.

Ms. Clancy moved and Mr. Alessandro seconded to approve suspension and archiving of the Non-Resident Students Tuition Charges Policy adopted 9/7/1978. The motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Brody, Ms. Clancy, Mr. Alessandro, Dr. Douglas and Ms. Pine voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Alessandro read the Non-Resident Students Policy.

Ms. Clancy moved and Mr. Alessandro seconded to approve suspension and archiving of the Non-Resident Students Policy last dated on June 24, 1971. The motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Brody, Ms. Clancy, Mr. Alessandro, Dr. Douglas and Ms. Pine voting in the affirmative.

Policy Revision First Reading: Non-Discrimination Policy

Mr. Messoro made a recommendation to the Committee to postpone the first reading of the Non-Discrimination Policy based on the Policy Committee's review this morning. The policy warrants further legal review. Ms. Brody explained that the policy will require regular updates and that the Policy Committee recommends incorporating legal counsel in an effort to expeditiously bring updated policies forward.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

DECISION ITEMS

Ms. Clancy moved and Mr. Alessandro seconded approval of the Consent Agenda.

Dr. Douglas noted a correction to the spelling of Clara Kugler's last name in the Achievement Recognitions.

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The motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Brody, Ms. Clancy, Mr. Alessandro, Dr. Douglas and Ms. Pine voting in the affirmative.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Messore reported that next regular School Committee meeting scheduled for November 30th will include a report by the Administration on Bullying, a Budget Update, and a presentation by Dr. Dillon on the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) Science Assessment Data.

Mr. Alessandro requested an update on the 2-day Nashville Conference sponsored by Studer Education.

Ms. Brody requested that a discussion of expectations regarding the Athletics and Student Activities Action Plan, as well as a transportation update be put on the agenda.

Dr. Douglas requested an update on child care options at Hampden Meadow School.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Messore announced the 2-day Nashville Conference sponsored by Studer Education as an opportunity to network with other Districts, and to hear from national speakers and leaders of education that are aligned with Studer Education on Strategic Planning and Leadership Development.

Mr. Sarli announced the Stagemasters performances of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat on Friday, November 17th and Saturday, November 18th at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, November 19th at 2:30 p.m.

Mr. Messore announced the Thanksgiving weekend festivities including the bonfire on November 22nd and the football game, Barrington High School vs. Mount Hope High School, on November 23rd at 10:00 a.m., and that there will be an announcement regarding the dedication of the Barrington High School Gymnasium.

Ms. Brody and the Committee members expressed their appreciation for Mr. Tom Rimoshytus' and Dr. Mark Stamoulis' leadership with the renaming of the Barrington High School Gymnasium after Coach Frank Murgo.

Ms. Clancy moved and Mr. Alessandro seconded adjournment of the regular meeting at 9:42 p.m. to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws Section 42-46-5 (a) (2) pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, or work sessions regarding matters pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation. The motion passed 5-0

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with Ms. Brody, Ms. Clancy, Mr. Alessandro, Dr. Douglas and Ms. Pine voting in the affirmative.

Ms. Clancy moved and Mr. Alessandro seconded adjournment of the Executive Session at 10:25 p.m. and sealing of the minutes. The motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Brody, Ms. Clancy, Mr. Alessandro, Dr. Douglas and Ms. Pine voting in the affirmative.

Ms. Brody reported that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

Ms. Clancy moved and Mr. Alessandro seconded adjournment of the regular meeting at 10:27 p.m. The motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Brody, Ms. Clancy, Mr. Alessandro, Dr. Douglas and Ms. Pine voting in the affirmative.