

A regular meeting of the Barrington School Committee was held on Thursday, March 15, 2012 at the Administration Office. Mr. Guida called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Mr. Guida, Mr. Fuller, Mrs. Brody, Mr. Ramsden, Ms. Teitz, Dr. McIntyre, Mr. Tarro and Mr. Messore. Dr. Shea was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Elizabeth Teitz led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Achievement Recognition

Dr. McIntyre expressed his appreciation to the Leviss Family who donated a Ludwig Jr. Drum set valued at \$250.

Dr. McIntyre commended the High School Jazz Band who placed third in Class 3 (determined by school size) at the Berklee Jazz Festival. In addition, sophomore bassist, Nell Klimpert won the Judges' Choice award and Outstanding Performance for the entire Class 3.

Dr. McIntyre congratulated the FBLA Club members who took home fifty-nine awards at the 34th Annual State FBLA Awards and Recognition Banquet. He noted that members who placed first or second qualified to attend the National Conference this summer in San Antonio, Texas. We had sixteen first place winners and 12 second place winners.

Dr. McIntyre was proud to report that the High School Debate and Speech Team under the direction of Lindsay Wengloski were selected as the Debate and Speech Team of the Year.

Dr. McIntyre congratulated the Girls Hockey Team who won the State Championship.

Dr. McIntyre was pleased to report that the Middle School Mathcounts team under the direction of Megan Medeiros, took first place in Rhode Island Mathcounts competition. In addition to team honors, three of our students placed in the top eight and competed in the Countdown round, a jeopardy style face off. We placed second and fourth in that competition. Individual honors were: Vivian Tian (8th grade) – 4th place overall; Sahil Mishra (8th grade) – 5th place overall and 4th in the Countdown; William Yao (7th grade) – 6th place overall and 2nd in the Countdown; Eliot Laidlaw (6th grade) – 10th place overall; Ethal Wold (8th grade) – 18th place overall. In addition, the following students did very well and represented their school proudly: Isbelle Rea (8th grade); Michael Lamontagne (6th grade); Dennis Wei (7th grade); Samyukta Mallick (8th grade); and Daniel Grover (8th grade). He noted that Vivian will compete in the national competition in May in Orlando since she placed in the top four students.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Fuller moved and Mrs. Brody seconded to approve the minutes of the regular School Committee meeting of 02/02/12 as presented. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Fuller moved and Mrs. Brody seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session meeting of 02/02/12 as presented. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Fuller moved and Mrs. Brody seconded to approve the minutes of the regular School Committee meeting of 02/13/12 as presented. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Fuller moved and Mrs. Brody seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session meeting of 02/27/12 as presented. The motion passed 3-0. Mr. Fuller abstained as he was not present at that meeting.

Mr. Fuller moved and Mrs. Brody seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session meeting of 02/28/12 as presented. The motion passed 3-0. Mr. Fuller abstained as he was not present at that meeting.

Mr. Fuller moved and Mrs. Brody seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session meeting of 02/29/12 as presented. The motion passed 3-0. Mr. Fuller abstained as he was not present at that meeting.

Mr. Fuller moved and Mrs. Brody seconded to approve the minutes of the regular School Committee meeting of 03/01/12 as presented. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Fuller moved and Mrs. Brody seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session meeting of 03/01/12 as presented. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Fuller moved and Mrs. Brody seconded to approve the minutes of the regular School Committee meeting of 03/05/12 as presented. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Fuller moved and Mrs. Brody seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session meeting of 03/05/12 as presented. The motion passed 4-0.

Approval of Financials

No financials were available for approval this evening.

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Information and Proposals

Mr. Michael Messore, with the assistance of Kristen Matthes and Peter McFarland presented an update on the status of the Response to Intervention (RTI) initiative which focuses on students with academic and/or emotional/behavioral needs. It is an organizational framework that guides decisions regarding selection, integration and evidence-based practices for ensuring successful learners. Kristen Matthes focused on the process used in the elementary schools; Peter McFarland focused on the process used at the middle school; and Michael Messore focused on the process used at the high school (filling in for Mark Davis who was unavailable to attend the meeting this evening). Questions were asked by the Committee regarding various aspects of their presentations.

It was the consensus to table a discussion of high school class size until the next meeting when Mr. Hurley would be available. Members of the Committee noted various issues they would like addressed during this presentation.

General Public Discussion and Information

No issues were raised at this time.

Old Business from Superintendent and Staff

Dr. McIntyre noted that he met recently with the Committee on Appropriations (COA) and briefly summarized various topics discussed. Mr. Tarro noted that the projected surplus for FY12 is \$400,000 to \$450,000. Questions were asked by the Committee regarding various aspects of the budget.

An update took place regarding the Superintendent Search. It was the consensus of the Committee to schedule candidates' visits to our district on March 26, 27, 28 and 29. A draft schedule for these visits will be forwarded to the School Committee tomorrow. The schedule for the site visits to the candidates' districts is being prepared by Bill Garr of Future Management Systems. The resumes of all candidates will be posted online.

A brief discussion took place regarding the status of the feasibility of "changing school start times." It was noted that a survey has been chosen to be distributed to the community. It was noted that there will be a workshop on May 7th to discuss this issue and that, though the public will be invited to attend, the workshop would not include an open forum for comments from the public. However, he stated that a meeting could be scheduled for another evening for public comment. Mr. Guida noted that the focus of the workshop would be on the feasibility of this initiative and the costs involved.

Dr. McIntyre presented a brief update on the status of high school math tutors. Members of the Committee expressed their concern regarding the rationale for students hiring math tutors. Following a discussion regarding this issue:

Mrs. Brody moved and Mr. Fuller seconded that a survey be conducted with respect to tutoring services. The motion passed 4-0.

Old Business from School Committee

Mr. Guida noted that he and Dr. Shea would be making revisions to the resolution regarding the Committee's opposition to Senate Bill S-2239 that was approved at the last meeting.

New Business from Superintendent and Staff

Mr. Fuller moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to approve the request for a leave of absence for Meghan Corr, HS, English. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Fuller moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to approve the retirement of Margaret Macedo, HS, special education teacher assistant. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Fuller moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to approve the

resignation of Mr. Jon Robert Lloyd, MS, Grade 8. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Fuller moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to approve the resignation of Mr. Lonnie Morris, HS, assistant principal. The motion passed 4-0.

Dr. McIntyre was pleased to report that Mr. Mr. Ralph Caruso has been appointed, High School, Dean of Student Discipline.

Mr. Ramsden volunteered and the Committee was pleased to accept Mr. Ramsden's offer to serve as Senior Project Committee Representative.

New Business from School Committee

School Committee Policy, BFC – Policy Adoption was presented for a first reading to revise the legal reference (the legal reference only was read aloud). The policy will be presented for a 2nd reading and formal approval at the next School Committee meeting.

The following resolutions were presented for approval:

Mr. Fuller moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to approve the Binding Arbitration resolution as amended. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Fuller moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to approve the Contract Continuation resolution as presented this evening. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Fuller moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to approve the Teacher Tenure resolution as presented this evening moving the date for notification of possible lay-offs for certified personnel from March 1st to June 1st. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Fuller moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to forward the three resolutions to the Town Council. The motion passed 4-0.

Discussion Future Agenda Items

Suggested future agenda items include a Tri-Council meeting with the School Committee/Town Council and Committee on Appropriations in May, the appointment of a high school student representative to School Committee, and a discussion regarding regulating virtual learning.

General Discussion to Guide Future Recommendations

April 3rd & 4th 8:00 a.m. Site Visits

April 5th 7:30 p.m. District Report Night

General Public Discussion and Information

Mr. Fuller moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:58 p.m. and go into Executive Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-5(a)(1) specifically for two (2) personnel matters. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Fuller moved and Mrs. Brody seconded to adjourn the Executive Session at 10:38 p.m. and to seal the minutes and report that no votes were taken. The motion passed 4-0.

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