

**Minutes of School Committee Meeting 11/14/13**

A regular meeting of the Barrington School Committee was held on Thursday, November 14, 2013 at the Administration Building. Dr. Shea called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. Present were Dr. Shea, Mrs. Brody, Mr. Guida, Mr. Connor, Mr. Messore, Mrs. Dillon, Mrs. Miller and Mr. Tarro. Mr. Fuller arrived at 8:10 p.m. Absent was Dr. Dominguez.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Dr. Shea led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Achievement Recognition**

Mr. Messore announced the following achievements across the district:

The Barrington High School Stagemasters received the Moss Hart Award in the Secondary Division for their Spring 2013 Production of *Sleepy Hollow: Ichabod and the Headless Horseman*, directed by Barrington High School English teacher and theatre coach, Ms. Stephanie Spaziano.

Sowams School Librarian Jamie Greene has been honored as one of the 50 Most Distinguished Alumni of the University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Library and Information Studies (GSLIS) in its 50 year history.

All Barrington High School fall sports teams have qualified for the playoffs. Mr. Messore recognized the Girls Field Hockey and Girls Volleyball teams as Division Champions; the Boys Cross Country team as Class B Champions; Girls Cross Country as Division Champions and for placing second in the State and New England Championships; and Sophomore Emma McMillan as State Individual Champion and top Rhode Island Runner in the New England Championship, placing sixth overall. The Football team will host their semifinals on December 3.

Dr. Shea also acknowledged the Unified Volleyball Team who finished second in the Division II semifinals.

**BPS Spotlight on Teaching and Learning**

Mr. Messore introduced Barrington Middle School Science Teacher Mr. Matthew Alder, who presented on the flip learning model that has changed teaching and learning across disciplines in district and has provided the opportunity for more inquiry based teaching. Mr. Alder demonstrated how a flip lesson is given to students, how students can interact during the lesson and participate in self-learning, and how assessments are done following the lesson. Questions and comments from the Committee included those relative to if students are allowed to move ahead of others if they have mastered the lesson taught, student involvement in creating flip lessons, digital formative assessments, sharing flip lessons with other schools, and evaluating learning spaces needed with this model as the district explores the options for a new Barrington Middle School building.

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**Information and Proposals**

Mrs. Dillon provided an overview of the outcomes for the district's summer school program. More than 25 students participated in the summer program that is provided strictly for students needing course credit. Plans to move the program forward include consideration of a Freshman Academy, continuation with Edgenuity, continued use of core and special educators for support, consideration of time for students requiring more than one course, and evaluation of trends. Mr. Guida announced that the Board of Education will sponsor a workshop for districts, Superintendents and team leaders on the general philosophy of summer learning programs, with a potential meeting location in Barrington. Discussion ensued on evaluating trends and how to bridge the 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade transition year.

Mrs. Dillon provided an update on TenMarks, an online supplemental math program for Grades 2-Algebra II that has been in use in district for three months. Professional development opportunities for educators are ongoing and two parent workshops have been offered to date at Hampden Meadows School. Educators have provided positive feedback for the integration of extensions and interventions through the program. TenMarks was also used as a summer enrichment program and practice for Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) testing. Mrs. Dillon provided an overview of some opportunities for improvement to the program, including access for students outside school and reporting needs. Questions from the Committee included alignment of the program to PARCC and how input is gathered from parents and students.

Mrs. Miller provided a comprehensive update on technology in the district that included elements of the system infrastructure, equipment, virtual services, and a snapshot of the scope of the district technology systems servicing more than 1,200 end-user computing devices, more than 10,000 end-user accounts, thousands of peripherals, and a sophisticated back-end network.. Mrs. Miller provided an overview of strategies for each goal in support of the district strategic plan that included in Goal 1, to process to redeploy in-cycle devices to help reduce PARCC ready devices from a total of 356 to 231; Goal 2, redesign and transform the district's online presence; Goal 3, promote a positive culture; Goal 4, use of the revitalized Responsible Use Policy and creation of the Unconference; and Goal 5, maximize external infrastructure funding and integration of Special Education management. Mr. Connor asked about the timeline for installation of tablets to television in classrooms, which Mrs. Miller noted is in process. Mr. Fuller asked how much of the technology budget PARCC consumes each year. Mrs. Miller noted that all technology purchases are for instructional purposes and that there is not a specific budget for PARCC.

**General Public Discussion and Information**

Mr. Michael Curry, a representative of the East Bay Lacrosse organization, informed the School Committee of the group's project plans to build a practice wall near the basketball courts along Middle Highway at the Barrington Middle School. The proposed wall, consisting of five connected concrete slabs, would be used for skill development and recreational use by lacrosse and soccer athletes. East Bay Lacrosse plans to maintain the wall and is not seeking financial assistance from the Town of Barrington. Installation is targeted for March, 2014. The Committee agreed to include

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the proposed wall as an agenda item at its November 19 workshop.

Mrs. Deb Perugini asked if the cost of online courses and summer school are covered by the district technology plan. Mrs. Dillon noted that the district continually reviews costs for online learning and have already realized cost savings with the summer program. Mrs. Perugini also asked about the possible expansion of Advanced Placement course offerings.

**Old Business from Superintendent and Staff**

No issues were raised at this time.

**Old Business from School Committee**

Mr. Messore reported that the All Day Kindergarten Task Force will hold its next meeting on December 11. In preparation for this meeting, the Task Force has been asked to review the New Jersey Kindergarten Implementation Guidelines.

The final draft of the revised charge and fiscal management of the Building Committee will be presented for approval at the next School Committee meeting. Mr. Tarro stated that the Building Committee is scheduled to meet on December 4. Discussion ensued on the work that can be completed in anticipation of the potential lift of the moratorium placed on school construction. Mr. Tarro acknowledged the contributions of Ms. Kate Weymouth, Barrington Town Council Vice-President, who has resigned from the Building Committee. Mrs. Cynthia Armour Coyne, School Committee liaison present at the meeting, noted that a discussion of the Building Committee vacancy can be placed on the Town Council's next agenda.

Mr. Messore reported that the Strategic Communication Subcommittee is scheduled to meet on December 4 to finalize the district communication draft plan with the intention of presenting it to the School Committee for review and approval at its regular meeting on December 5.

The Committee will begin the Superintendent Evaluation process in Executive Session this evening.

Dr. Shea noted that the discussion regarding the scheduling of a Governance Workshop is tabled until after the Committee's Annual Organizational Meeting scheduled on December 5.

Mr. Messore reported that the district now has over 800 volunteers, all of whom have undergone background checks. A district volunteer policy will be developed and presented to the Committee at the next meeting.

As shared by Mrs. Brody at the previous meeting, the Committee has been invited to join the Barrington Charter Review Commission for testimony at its next meeting. The meeting will be held on November 20. An agenda has been distributed to the Committee.

Mrs. Dillon provided a follow up presentation to the Naviance information discussed on October 29

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and provided an overview for the Guidance Department on current student and parent usage by grade, student outcome statistics summary, and college application data for 2013 and 2014. The department is working to create a satisfaction survey for students and parents, develop and utilize the reporting functionality in Naviance, and implement a logging report in Aspen X2 where all student data is housed. Barrington High School Principal Mr. Joseph Hurley, present at the meeting, noted that Guidance Department Chair Mrs. Toni Corry will visit the Westwood, Massachusetts district on December 4 to gain their feedback on the use of Naviance. Mr. Hurley also reported on the possibility of Barrington High School becoming an ACT placement test site and the next steps involved in the process. Mrs. Brody expressed her concern about the fact that student data from the ACT has not been provided for the past two years absent the purchase of the ACT discs, resulting in missed opportunities to provide students with information to support their process of discernment in the college application process. Mr. Hurley stated that the discs have been ordered from ACT and will populate ACT data from the past two years; the expected delivery date is December 3. Mrs. Brody requested specifics about how the district is meeting the needs of high school students in their junior and senior years relative to capturing their student visit data in the Guidance Department. An update will be provided at the next Committee meeting.

**New Business from Superintendent and Staff**

**Mrs. Brody moved and Mr. Guida seconded to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the appointment of Mark Bonneau, HS, Freshman Boys Basketball Head Coach. The motion passed 4-0 with Dr. Shea, Mrs. Brody, Mr. Fuller and Mr. Guida voting in the affirmative for the motion.**

**Mrs. Brody moved and Mr. Guida seconded to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the request for leave of absence for Michaela Tuthill, PH, Grade 2. The motion passed 4-0 with Dr. Shea, Mrs. Brody, Mr. Fuller and Mr. Guida voting in the affirmative for the motion.**

**Mrs. Brody moved and Mr. Guida seconded to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the resignation of Gary Monuteaux, MS, Robotics Team Coach, and Robert Rodericks, MS, Wrestling Head Coach. The motion passed 4-0 with Dr. Shea, Mrs. Brody, Mr. Fuller and Mr. Guida voting in the affirmative for the motion.**

**Mrs. Brody moved and Mr. Guida seconded to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the request for home schooling for the named individual. The student name was not identified publicly. The motion passed 4-0 with Dr. Shea, Mrs. Brody, Mr. Fuller and Mr. Guida voting in the affirmative for the motion.**

Mr. Messoro and Mr. Tarro reported on discussions held with the Town Manager, Mr. Peter DeAngelis, in consideration of the consolidation of Information Technology (IT) services, specifically head end equipment location, with the Town of Barrington. Mr. Fuller applauded the

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collaboration discussion and suggested possible collaboration of other services.

**New Business from School Committee**

Mr. Messore reported on the donation to the district's Music Department of one saxophone, one clarinet, and one flute by the Bulman Family. Dr. Shea called for a motion to accept the donation.

**Mrs. Brody moved and Mr. Guida seconded to accept the donation of three instruments to the Music Department; one saxophone, one clarinet, and one flute from the Bulman Family. The motion passed 4-0 with Dr. Shea, Mrs. Brody, Mr. Fuller and Mr. Guida voting in the affirmative for the motion.**

**Consent Agenda**

**Mrs. Brody moved and Mr. Guida seconded to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed 4-0 with Dr. Shea, Mrs. Brody, Mr. Fuller and Mr. Guida voting in the affirmative for the motion.**

**Discussion Future Agenda Items and General Discussion to Guide Future Recommendations**

Mrs. Brody requested follow up information to the discussion held on October 17 relative to consideration of the Administration of a proposed initiative to meet with recent Barrington High School graduates in December for their feedback on how well the district prepared them for the workforce or college.

Mr. Fuller requested a future agenda include discussion with the Town Council on opportunities for the possibility of expanding collaboration on common services with the Town of Barrington.

Mr. Messore reported that the School Committee will hold a workshop meeting on November 19 with Consultant Brenda Clark and join the Charter Review Commission meeting on November 20. The next regular meeting of the School Committee will be held on Thursday, December 5 and will be the Committee's Annual Organizational meeting and feature presentations on Common Core State Standards and PARCC.

Mrs. Brody noted that the Rhode Island Association of School Committees is holding a professional development session on Saturday, November 16 on OBAMACARE Overview and Local Responsibilities.

**General Public Discussion and Information**

Dr. Scott Douglas, of 25 Rumstick Road, inquired on if the Strategic Communication Subcommittee will present the draft communication plan to the School Committee at its next meeting on December 5. Mr. Messore responded that the draft plan is scheduled to be presented that evening, and that if it will not be ready, it will then be presented at the School Committee

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regular meeting December 19.

**Mrs. Brody moved and Mr. Guida seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:47 p.m. and go into Executive Session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws Section 42-46-5(a)(1) for Superintendent Evaluation; Section 42-46-5(a)(2) for Collective Bargaining and Litigation with BEST; Section 42-46-5(a)(3) for discussion relative to school buildings security issues; and Section 42-46-5(a)(8) for discussion relative to student disciplinary hearings. The motion passed 4-0 with Dr. Shea, Mrs. Brody, Mr. Fuller and Mr. Guida voting in the affirmative for the motion.**

**Mrs. Brody moved and Mr. Fuller seconded to adjourn the Executive Session at 10:45 p.m. and to seal the minutes and report that no votes were taken. The motion passed 4-0 with Dr. Shea, Mrs. Brody, Mr. Fuller and Mr. Guida voting in the affirmative for the motion.**

**Mr. Guida moved and Mr. Fuller seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:46 p.m. The motion passed 4-0 with Dr. Shea, Mrs. Brody, Mr. Fuller and Mr. Guida voting in the affirmative for the motion.**