

**Minutes of School Committee Meeting with the Committee on Appropriations 04/15/2014**

A meeting of the Barrington School Committee and the Barrington Committee on Appropriations was held on Tuesday, April 15, 2014, in the Senior Center, Barrington Public Library. The School Committee was called to order by Mrs. Brody at 7:45 p.m. and present were Mrs. Brody, Dr. Dominguez and Mr. Guida. Mr. Fuller and Dr. Shea were absent. Mr. Messore and Mr. Tarro joined the School Committee for the joint meeting. Committee on Appropriations (COA) members Tim Sweetser, Geoff Grove, Peter Clifford, Chad Mollica and Joel Hellman were in attendance, as was Councilwoman Ann Strong.

The members contemplated calculations provided to the COA by Ms. Amy Serrano, which suggested that the school district might receive additional state aid (\$926,474 vs. the original figure of \$296,000) with the launch of All Day Kindergarten. Mr. Tarro provided Ms. Serrano with contact information from the Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education as a resource for further clarification of data. Members of the COA asked a number of questions of the School Committee, Mr. Messore, and Mr. Tarro, including positions open for hiring, W2 and salary information, and teacher salary chart. An explanation of the range of the needs of special education students in the district was provided, as was a description of how decisions are made to allocate the district's capital reserve fund. Further discussion of the teacher salaries and benefits ensued, which included reference to average salaries and benefits nationally and within Rhode Island. The meeting closed with a reminder of the date of the May 14 budget hearing, and a question from audience member Mr. Gary Morse regarding the potential financial impact on the district of any Supreme Court decision regarding pensions.

**Dr. Dominguez moved and Mr. Guida seconded the motion that the School Committee adjourn its meeting at 8:50 pm. The motion passed 3-0 with Mrs. Brody, Dr. Dominguez and Mr. Guida voting in the affirmative for the motion.**