The Barnstable School Committee met on Wednesday, February 7, 2018, in the Town Hall Hearing Room. Present were Chair Chris Joyce, Vice Chair Stephanie Ellis, Committee members Patrick Murphy and Mike Judge. Also present were Meg Mayo-Brown and Kristen Harmon.

Mr. Joyce called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Vision Statement and Core Values**
Mr. Joyce recited Vision Statement and Core Values of the Barnstable School System.

**Video or Audio Recording of the Meeting**
Mr. Joyce reminded everyone that the meeting was being telecast and recorded on Channel 18. Anyone who wished to make a recording of the session must notify the Chair.

**Highlight in Education**

**BHS Student Art Project Exhibited in Town Hall**
- Mr. Kemp stated this past Fall, students along with naturist, local artists and himself visited Sandy Neck Beach to sketch and take in the experience. Students spent time researching Sandy Neck and formulated a response with their art.
- Elle Horton, BHS student, stated the piece she did was an abstract landscape. She incorporated the pictures at Sandy Neck along with journal pages.
- Caroline Brodt, BHS student, stated her piece was the one with the hand of harmony. She included the various textures and colors she encountered. She organized the images and led with hand and experimented with colors and shapes.
- Zach Nelson, BHS student, demonstrated his wooden piece that was influenced by simplicity and the relaxing quality of the grass. The mechanical wooden structure shows the movement of the grass and human contact with nature without disrupting it.
- Samantha Lydon, BHS student, stated her picture is landscape focused with a hidden figure in it. She was influenced by the natural beauty of Sandy Neck and the feeling that you are somewhere else.
- Mr. Joyce thanked the students for sharing their work and stated he was very impressed.

**BHS Members of the All Cape and Islands Concert**
- Mr. Schroeter stated last weekend, BHS hosted The Cape and Island Music Festival with 230 student participants. A number of BHS students were here tonight to discuss their experience.
- Olivia Cooper, percussionist junior at BHS, stated it was a great experience to audition and make it into different ensembles. It was great to meet kids with the same passion as she has from all over the Cape.
- Nikita Schley, junior at BHS, who has participated with All Cape since his freshman year, was part of the mixed choir. It was a good experience to meet new people, especially people who love the same activities as you. It has made him a better musician and singer. BHS hosting the event was special this year. The three day festival puts your musical abilities to the test.
- Michael Booth, senior at BHS, played saxophone in the band at the All Cape Festival. This was his fourth and favorite year participating in the festival. He was able to meet other students, see old friends, and bond with others over the love of music. He and the other students received great musical instruction.
- Sam Wasser, sophomore at BHS, played clarinet in the All Cape band for the first time this year. He stated it felt like he was involved in a professional group with talented musicians. It was a fun experience to play famous music.
- Kaylee Arnold, freshman at BHS, stated this was her first year in the treble choir and it was an amazing experience. She met awesome people, the conductor was amazing and very professional, and on stage it felt like a professional group.
- Mr. Joyce thanked the students and stated what a great opportunity this was for all the students.

**Approval of Minutes**
- Motion by Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Joyce, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the School Committee Meeting of January 10, 2018.
Student Envoys Comments
Ms. Brodt stated the Scholastic Art Awards were announced and 15 BHS students received awards. The Class of 2022 is having a Sky Zone event on March 8 at 5:45pm. She congratulated Vinnie Ciliberto on his 100 career win for Wrestling. He is only the 7th BHS student to reach that milestone. The Boys Hockey team is playing Dartmouth tonight and on Friday there is a Girls Basketball game. There is a Comedy Night on March 3 and the funds are going to the after prom celebration.

Public Comment
• Heather Malkani, BWB parent, stated for the past 18 months, she has been subbing in BWB classrooms. She feels BWB needs to increase their resources to increase safety of all students. There are 5-10 students in each classroom that need extra attention. The school does not have the staff to address the situation. She is hoping this topic is added to the agenda for next School Committee meeting. She appreciates the time and effort the teachers and staff provide to the students. The needs of a few are being prioritized over the needs of the many.
• Kathy Bent, mother of 4 BPS students, stated on January 19 the Executive Director of Special Education position was posted on the website. The deadline for application was the February 16th, but today she noticed the position is posted until filled. She is hoping an extensive search is done to find qualified candidates. She asked where the position is being advertised, has the position been advertised in a language other than English to reach a diverse group, has it been posted outside of Cape Cod, outside of MA and how much parent input will there be in the process. She stated there was a survey posted on the website for the BUE Principal and she hopes the same will be done for this position.

School Committee Comments
• Mr. Murphy stated there is an NSBA equity event in DC and the MASC put together a poverty summit due to this event in Worcester in March. They are looking to have conversations with districts trying to address the wide array of challenges students bring to schools today. The Advocacy Congressional Delegation is trying to get insight on federal entitlement grants. Title 2 is going to be on chopping block all together. There will be an opportunity for School Committee members to talk with legislative delegation at a February 9 breakfast. The Day on the Hill in April takes place on Beacon Hill and is a time to talk to legislatures about education policy and school funding.
• Mr. Joyce stated at last Thursday's Joint Meeting with the School Committee and Town Council, the Committees appointed Barbara Dunn to fill open vacancy on the School Committee. The process included 11 applicant interviews with 3 finalists moving forward to the joint meeting. The whole collaboration process with the Town Council was amazing. He thanked all that applied, interviewed and shared their thoughts. He thanked Town Council members Eric Steinhilber, John Flores and Jen Cullum and their assistant Cindy Lovell.

Superintendent’s Report
• Ms. Mayo-Brown stated the job is posted for Executive Director of Special Education due to Dr. Jezard’s retirement. It is posted on School Spring, where all our jobs are posted. The HR Director is running a search to cast a wide net. We intend to develop a committee to review applications and conduct interview. The committee will include parents, teachers, staff, administration, a representative from SEPAC and Mike Judge will be the School Committee representative. This position is appointed by the School Committee with a recommendation from Superintendent.
• Ms. Mayo-Brown stated for the Principal of BUE search, the Committee did a great job and she thanked all those that served. There were 18 applicants and 9 were interviewed. They are reopening search to be sure to find the right candidate. It is a large building with many needs. The principal will lead, support teachers, and focus on student learning.
• Ms. Mayo-Brown stated in regards to the new BHS schedule, Principal Clark will present the final schedule to faculty next Wednesday. The schedule has gone through multiple phases of development. At leadership team meetings, they are taking feedback from faculty and incorporating it into the schedule. The new schedule will give students more course options to take.
• Ms. Mayo-Brown congratulated Cole Houston, of the boys’ basketball team, who hit the 1000 point mark.

Assistant Superintendent’s Report
• Ms. Harmon stated Hyannis West received the 21st century program grant and program up and running. They are currently in the second of three sessions. It is an after school program that focuses on service learning and STEM. Partnerships with this program include the JFK Museum, which came in to provided background information on JFK and Cape Cod; the Maritime Museum which has done a boat building and boat flag design activities; and the Audubon Society, who provided field notebook on animal life and comparing insects. About 40 students per day participate.
• Ms. Harmon reminded everyone that February 14 is a half day for teacher professional development.
Item #020718-001 Proposal for Construction of Wetlands Living Lab for BHS and BIS
- Ms. Mayo-Brown stated at the last meeting, the question was brought up about what happens in future. There are two pieces of communication in the packets: one is from Darcy saying there is no issue if the land needed to be used for something else in the future and the second is from Dave Anthony stating the project will not increase liability.
- Motion by Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Judge, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the construction of the wetlands living lab for BHS and BIS, as presented to the Committee and recommended by the Superintendent.

Item #020718-002 2018-2019 School Calendar
- Ms. Mayo-Brown stated at last month’s meeting, the School Committee was presented with two school calendar options: Option A which has school starting before Labor Day and Option B which has school starting after Labor Day. She is recommending Option A with a school start date before Labor Day.
- Ms. Ellis stated she disagrees with the two half days in December for parent/teach conferences. She does not feel a 15 minute conversation with between a parent and teacher is a good use of learning time. She stated she would not be voting tonight.
- Motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Joyce, (Ms. Ellis abstained) and the Committee voted to approve Option A for the school calendar for the 2018-2019 school year, as presented to the Committee and recommended by the Superintendent.

Item #020718-003 Appointment of Subcommittee for School Attorney Search
- Mr. Joyce stated the School Committee was fortunate to have Bill Butler as School Attorney for a number of years. Since his passing, we have been using an outside law firm to do legal work. The School Attorney job has been posted and we have candidates. He is going to appoint a subcommittee for the school attorney search that will include three School Committee members and two non-School Committee members. He is going to appoint himself, Mike Judge, Pat Murphy, Superintendent Meg Mayo-Brown and HR Director Bill Cole to the subcommittee.
- Mr. Murphy stated he would like to ask the Town Attorney to help form interview questions.
- Mr. Murphy asked that since there are three School Committee members are we violating open meeting law. Ms. Mayo-Brown stated no, the meetings will be posted. Mr. Joyce stated the interviews will be conducted in Executive Session.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Judge, and the Committee voted unanimously to create a subcommittee to the School Committee named School Attorney Search Subcommittee to interview and recommend a School Attorney candidate to the School Committee and to appoint as members of the subcommittee the following persons Chris Joyce, Patrick Murphy, Mike Judge, Meg Mayo-Brown and Bill Cole.

Item #020718-004 Status of Subcommittees of the School Committee
- Ms. Mayo-Brown stated she was asked by the School Committee what the statuses of subcommittees were. She stated the only subcommittee is the one that was just appointment.
- Ms. Ellis stated she would like to look at the policy on subcommittees and the language. It sounds like you can only appoint subcommittees at the organizational meeting.

Item #020718-005 Update Policy Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability (ACE)
Item #020718-006 Update Policy Tobacco Products on School Premises Prohibited (ADC)
Item #020718-007 Update Policy School Committee Member Qualifications/Oath of Office (BBBA/BBBB)
Item #020718-008 Update Policy School Committee-Superintendent Relationship (BDD)
Item #020718-009 Update Policy Notification of School Committee Meetings (BEDA)
Item #020718-010 Update Policy Agenda Format (BEDB)
Item #020718-011 Update Policy Public Comment at School Committee Meetings (BEDH)
Item #020718-012 Update Policy Use of Electronic Messaging by School Committee Members (BHE)
Item #020718-013 Update Policy New School Committee Member Orientation (BIA)
Item #020718-014 Update Policy School Committee Conferences, Conventions, and Workshops (BIBA)
Item #020718-015 Update Policy School Committee Powers and Duties (BBA)
- Mr. Joyce stated there are 11 policies with word changes to the current policies. They are all first readings tonight. He is taking item #020718-005 through item #020718-015
Mr. Murphy stated it is incumbent on School Committee members to highlight any items at the next meeting before the vote.

**Item #020718-016 Initial Presentation of FY’19 Budget**

- Mr. Markwell stated all budget information for prior years and FY’19 development are on Town and Barnstable Public Schools websites. He discussed the budget calendar from September through June.
- Mr. Markwell stated the enrollment has levelled out the last 4-5 years to 5200-5300 students. He discussed the student demographics including the number of students in Special Education, ELL, and economically disadvantaged.
- Mr. Markwell discussed the school operating revenues including appropriation $67,059,622, savings account $230,306, circuit breakers $1,801,693, transportation fees $225,000, and school choice $700,000 for a total of $70,016,620.
- He discussed the level service from FY18 to FY19 would include $1.6 million in salary and wages and $157,853 in contracted services, which is an increase of $1.76 million. That leaves $366,264 available for new enhancements.
- He stated site requests were over $2.9 million with 61 submissions that have been categorized into three groups: high priority, lowest priority and under review. $1,088,541 in high priority requests. Prioritization was done by contractual/law/program continuation, reoccurring v. one-time expense, and alignment with district goals.
- He stated the budget status with the high priority enhancements of $1,088,540, salary/wage, supplies/services, and the operating capital – leaves us with a deficit of $260,450.
- Mr. Markwell stated the next steps are to review the submissions further, review FY’18 budget opportunities, update projections for retirement/vacancy savings, and look at special revenue funds.
- Mr. Murphy asked in a future presentation if Mr. Markwell could add a slide showing the changes in federal entitlement grants over the years, local allocation increases, but not federally, and at site bases show how different budgets change year to year.

**Item #020718-017 Approval Accounts Payable Warrant FY’18 Warrant #32**

Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve FY2018 Treasury Warrant #32 in the amount of $899,369.46.

Adjourned 8:24 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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