The Barnstable School Committee met on Wednesday, October 4, 2017, in the Town Hall Hearing Room. Present were Chair Margeaux Weber, Co-Chair Chris Joyce, Committee members Stephanie Ellis and Mike Judge. Also present were Meg Mayo-Brown and Kristen Harmon along with Student Envoys Caroline Brodt and Jack Manoog.

Ms. Weber called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Vision Statement and Core Values
Ms. Weber recited the Core Values and Vision Statement of the Barnstable School System.

Video or Audio Recording of the Meeting
Ms. Weber 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 Girls' Volleyball
  o Coach Turco stated he was proud of the team for the American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award. Not only are they great athletes, but more importantly the team has a 3.3 GPA. There are only 3 high schools in MA that received this award.
  o Riley James won the Gatorade Player of the Year Award. She wrote an essay on Special Olympics, won the award and $10,000 was given to the Special Olympics on Cape Cod.

BHS Community Partnerships
  o Mr. Clark spoke about the community partnerships including Wire Achievers where 13 of 13 seniors went on to college in the program.
  o CCCC has a satellite office at BHS. This has increased student enrollment and BHS has a number of students that would benefit from attending two years at CCCC.
  o BHS has an internship program and mock interviews that bring various community businesses into BHS including:
    ▪  Emergency Services (i.e. Barnstable courts, police and fire departments). Ryan Scott, a 2015 graduate was recently hired by COMM Fire.
    ▪  Cape Cod Healthcare: Thank you to Mark Ells for this partnership.
    ▪  Engineering: Shepley.
    ▪  Media: Cape Cod Times, Ch. 18, Cape Cod Media Center Broadcasting, Lighthouse Media.
    ▪  Education: in-house and YMCA.
  o Erin Eastman spoke about how the internship program aligns with SEL competencies.
  o Mr. Joyce asked how many students are in the senior internship program. Ms. Eastman stated there are 25 students in Child Development, in the Nurses Assistant program there are just under 40 students, and there are 6 students with B2BTV.
  o Mr. Clark stated with the students at BHS for 5 years, he looked at how to make senior year a different experience. Students sometimes learn what they don’t want to do and it’s better to learn that in high school than in college.

Centerville Community Partnerships
  o Mr. Scheufele stated that the Barnstable Education Fund does a lot of work for all of our schools.
  o He stated CCCC does an America Reads and America Counts tutoring program. 12-15 college students participated in the program this year.
  o COMM Fire Department comes in once a month to talk about fire safety, ice safety, their jobs and equipment, and home safety evacuation route.
  o Barnstable Police Department holds an After School Police Academy for 3rd graders. Some kids can be timid around law enforcement and this helps to build community.
  o The Brookdale Assisted Living Center partners with a kindergarten class. The “Big Buddies” come visit the school four times a year. They are pen pals, the students put on a play, and there have been cookouts.
  o A Cape Cod Tech teacher brought in his class to teach 2nd graders about electricity.
  o With the Makerspace Program, CCCC and the Facilities Department have helped the students.
Approval of Minutes

- Motion by Ms. Ellis seconded by Mr. Judge, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the School Committee Meeting of September 6, 2017.
- Motion by Mr. Judge, seconded by Ms. Ellis, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the Executive Session minutes of the School Committee Meeting of September 6, 2017.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Student Envoy Comments

- Ms. Brodt stated on Friday, the Girls’ Volleyball team will play against Newton North. The homecoming dance will take place on Saturday.
- Mr. Manoog stated the Human Rights BHS Disaster Relief is helping hurricane victims. The Navy and National Guard will be at BHS next week. All money raised on October 14 at the haunted house in Dennisport will go towards the after prom celebration. There will also be a fundraiser at BHS on October 14 from 9-1 for the after prom celebration.

School Committee Comments

- Mr. Joyce stated the Town is conducting a field study where they are looking at the condition of the fields and needs of the community. There are not enough decent fields for kids and adults. The conversation has started about the Town’s outdoor recreation future.
- Ms. Weber participated in Challenge Day again this year and congratulated all those involved.
- Ms. Weber participated on the mock interviews at BHS and congratulated Erin Eastman on coordinating the event. The students were great.
- Ms. Weber thanked Mark Milne, Mark Ells and the Town Council for the presentation on town budget at the joint meeting between the School Committee and the Town Council last Thursday.

Superintendent’s Report

- Ms. Mayo-Brown spoke about meetings she had with parents of children with Down syndrome this past year. She sent Kathy Bent and Linda Letourneau, the informal leaders of this group a summary letter of their meeting and wanted to share parts with the School Committee.
  - Parent concern: students do not graduate with a diploma because they take MCAS ALT instead of MCAS. She explained the differences in the MCAS and MCAS ALT. The team will decide together whether the student takes MCAS or MCAS ALT. If a parent decided their student should take MCAS, the district will defer to them.
  - Parent concern: students are not getting grade level curriculum. The parents stated if their child is in 5th grade and needs access to 3rd grade curriculum, then they should go to 3rd grade or the teacher should come to the student’s current classroom. Ms. Mayo-Brown stated students should be educated with grade level peers. DESE has a guide on how to teach with grade level peers.
  - Parent concern: parents not provided drafts of IEPs prior to meetings. The district has developed a new practice form for parents to express concerns prior to meeting. Teachers come to the meeting with a draft IEP. If it is sent out prior to the meeting, it looks like the team is making decisions before the meeting.
- Ms. Mayo-Brown stated the district will continue to use the 3 to 21 Foundation consultancy service to help build skills of the staff.
- A number of the district’s staff will be attending the MA Down Syndrome Conference on November 14.
- The district is exploring co-teaching models of a reading specialist with SPED teachers.
- There will be a program review at the end of October and parents can share their thoughts. A letter is posted on the district’s website with more information.
- There is no school this Friday for students as it is a PD day for teachers. Think Kids will be the presenter.
- Barnstable submitted its intent to apply for a Chapter 72 program: Environmental Science and Technology.
- Barnstable submitted to be a part of an early college application for educator preparation pathway.
- Ms. Mayo-Brown met with President Cox at CCCC. They started the conversation for early college pathways.
- Mr. Joyce appreciated the follow-up on the SPED and Down syndrome community’s concerns.
Assistant Superintendent’s Report

- Ms. Harmon stated at BHS on September 11th, there was a 9/11 remembrance. A lot of the students were not alive when it happened. Every school had a moment of silence. BHS planted 3000 mini flags in front of BHS. Social science and history shared the audio and video from the day’s events. The 9th grade World History talked about how life has changed since 9/11.
- MCAS results have not been received. The embargoed release is slated for mid-October. The official release will be on October 24. There will be a presentation on the results to the School Committee at November meeting.
- The MCAS for grades 4, 5, 7 and 8 were a computer based test. Grades 3 and 6 will be added next year. ELA and Math for grade 5 and grade 8 MCAS science will be online as well.

Item #100417-001 Approval of BHS Girls’ Volleyball Field Trip to Springfield

- Coach Turco spoke about the annual volleyball field trip that the team has gone on for the past 15 years.
- Ms. Weber stated since it is an overnight trip, the School Committee needs to approve the trip every year.
- Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Judge, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve a field trip to Springfield, Massachusetts, for the BHS Girls’ Volleyball Team for a volleyball tournament from October 8 to 9, 2017, as presented to the Committee.

Item #100417-002 Approval of Executive Director of Special Education Title Change

- Ms. Mayo-Brown stated the title change is in response to the BAO, since there are several positions titled Director. This one is on an individual contract vs. those in the BAO. This is just a title change.
- Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Judge, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve a change of title from Director of Special Education to Executive Director of Special Education, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Item #100417-003 BCHMCPs Curriculum Alignment

- Ms. Harmon stated she met with the principal of BCHMCPs at the end of September regarding items in the MOU, including the BCHMCPs curriculum being aligned to the district’s curriculum. In some cases, the programs are not aligned.
- Ms. Weber stated the math program is aligned to common core, but is missing some of the district’s standards. Ms. Harmon stated BCHMCPs is not fully aligned with the district.
- Mr. Judge asked how long they have had the math program. Ms. Harmon stated it just started this year. They will need to build in the additional standards.
- Ms. Ellis asked if the Charter school is participating in the district’s in-service day on Friday. Ms. Harmon stated for the full day, yes they are. The half day professional development days are school based.
- Ms. Ellis asked Ms. Harmon if she has any input on their school based in service days. Ms. Harmon stated that she has not been asked. Ms. Weber stated the BCHMCPs Board has a say in the curriculum and experience doesn’t always take precedence.
- Ms. Mayo-Brown stated there has been push back on expectation as to what was submitted by the Charter vs. the district’s curriculum map. The district’s curriculum provides more information to teachers as opposed to the Charter which is more of a cut and paste from the guide. More work needs to be done at the Charter.
- Mr. Judge asked if the Charter school uses the same template as the district. Ms. Harmon stated no.
- Mr. Judge asked if the math program is not aligned with the district, will that be the same for ELA. Ms. Harmon stated yes and they will need to add additional standards.
- Ms. Weber stated that Principal Kukstis was invited to tonight’s meeting and could not attend.
- Mr. Judge asked in the MOU if the School Committee is supposed to get this report every year and have they been getting it. Ms. Harmon stated according to the MOU, the School Committee is supposed to be getting this report, but this is the first time.
- Ms. Mayo-Brown stated all schools are invited to contribute to the curriculum maps. The goal is to have alignment with the district, so when the students enter 4th grade, there are no gaps.

Item #100417-004 Approval of Superintendent’s Goals

- Ms. Weber stated this is the beginning phase of Superintendent’s evaluation.
- Ms. Mayo-Brown stated she is not asking for approval tonight, but would like feedback. She will seek approval at the November meeting. She spoke about her goals:
  - Student Achievement Goal: Reduced proficiency gap between and among the students as a whole and sub groups.
Item #100417-005 Update Policy GBA1 – Affirmative Action Plan

- Ms. Weber stated DESE did a pre-visit to the district and one of their criteria is to look at School Committee policies. They stated Barnstable was missing the classifications in its affirmative action plan of gender identification and sex.
- Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Judge, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve Policy GBA1 entitled “Affirmative Action Plan,” as presented to the Committee and recommended by the Superintendent.

Item #100417-006 Approval of Contract for Landscape Architectural Consultant Services For BHS Football Field Spectator Stands Improvement Project

- Mr. Markwell stated CHM Smith won the contract for the BPS bleacher replacement project at BHS. There is a $39,000 design phase, $3,000 bidding phase, and $10,000 construction phase.
- Mr. Joyce stated the funding source through the appropriation was already done.
- Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Judge, and the Committee voted unanimously to accept the bid of, and award a contract to, CHM Smith, Inc., in the amount of $49,000.00 for Landscape Architectural Consultant Services for the BHS Football Field Spectator Stands Improvement Project, as recommended by the Town Purchasing Agent.

Item #100417-007 Pre-Approval Hyannis West Phase 2 HVAC Replacements Project

- Mr. Markwell stated this is phase 2. This was part of the capital budget for FY18.
- Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Judge, and the Committee voted unanimously to authorize the Superintendent to accept the bid of the lowest responsive and eligible bidder and award a contract for the Hyannis West Elementary School Phase 2 HVAC Replacement Project for a value not to exceed $250,000.00, as recommended by the Town Purchasing Agent.

Item #100417-008 Approval Accounts Payable Warrant FY’18 Warrant #10

Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Judge, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve FY2018 Treasury Warrant #14 in the amount of $596,903.50.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Joyce and the Committee unanimously approved in a roll call vote to go into executive session – to reconvene in public session – to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Barnstable Teachers Association pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3); to discuss strategy regarding general terms and conditions with principals contracts; and a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel and/or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel for Gina Hurley.

Item #100417-009 Approve Contract for Executive Director of Social Emotional Learning and Student Support Services

- Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Judge, roll call vote and the Committee voted unanimously to approve an employment contract for Gina Hurley for the position of Director of Social, Emotional Learning and Student Support Services at an annual salary of $125,000, effective September 7, 2017, and on such other terms and conditions as have been presented to the Committee.

Adjourned 9:01 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Kruczek
Executive Assistant