The Barnstable School Committee met on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, in the Barnstable Intermediate School Library for a School Committee Workshop with the BCHMCPS Board of Trustees. Present were Chair Margeaux Weber and Committee members Stephanie Ellis and Mike Judge. Also present were the BCHMCPS Board of Trustees, Meg Mayo-Brown, Kristen Harmon and Gareth Markwell.

Ms. Weber called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Core Values
Ms. Weber recited the Core Values of the Barnstable School System.

Opening Remarks
- Ms. Weber stated she was happy to have everyone in the same room for the first time. She stated the agenda for tonight included discussing the charter’s renewal process. Last time the process was rushed and the Committee did not feel like they did their job properly. The BCHMCPS Board is going to discuss the Annual Report they submit to DESE and the MCAS scores.
- Everyone at the workshop introduced themselves.

Annual Report
BCHMCPS Board Secretary, Beth-Anne Allen, spoke about the Annual Report they submitted to DESE. She discussed the three questions they must address in the report: Faithfulness to Charter, Academic Success and Organizational Viability. She spoke about the five Charter Conditions and how they were met or waived.

MCAS
BCHMCPS Principal Sheila Kukstis spoke about the MCAS scores for the school. Highlights included advanced ELA increasing 2% and advanced Math increasing 19%. For accountability data, the PPI was 73 points, which designates the school as a level 2. Ms. Kukstis discussed the subgroup accountability for ELA and Math and the school’s demographics. BCHMCPS will be using data driven goal setting to increase student academic achievement. She discussed why the ELA and Math numbers increased.

Timeline for Charter Renewal Process
- BCHMCPS Board Chair Mr. Steinhilber stated a Renewal Task Force will be identified by December. The group will meet and work backwards from the renewal deadline to create a timeline for the renewal process.
- Ms. Weber stated the Committee will look at what the needs of the district are. The elementary level is where Barnstable is feeling the pinch. The Committee needs to consider options if it decides not to renew the charter or if the charter office decides not to renew in Barnstable. The Committee is committed to having choice in the district and is looking at innovation schools. Charter school regulations can be restrictive.
- Ms. Mayo-Brown stated class size is restricted with the charter. SPED classrooms are against the regulations. She liked the cadre model and steering committee from the charter school and believes one of Barnstable’s schools could benefit from it. She spoke about the population in Barnstable and rise in the number of ELL students.

Adjourned 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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