

The Barnstable School Committee met on Wednesday, November 4, 2015, in the Town Hall Hearing Room. Present were Chair Margeaux Weber, Vice-Chair Stephanie Ellis, Committee members Fran McDonald, Chris Joyce and Patrick Murphy, Town Council Liaison Sara Cushing and Student Envoy Saarah Murphy. Also present were Bill Butler and Kristen Harmon.

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

### **Core Values**

Ms. Weber recited the Core Values 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.

Ms. Weber stated the School Committee just participated in the first District Leadership Council meeting of the year.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday, October 7, 2015.

### **Report of Student Envoys**

Ms. Murphy stated the Haunted House was a success. The school newspaper handed out 800 copies of the paper. There are a couple of new clubs at the high school: Yoga for Teens and Warm Hearts Helping Hands. Seniors have sent in college application for early decision. Yearbook pictures and quotes have been submitted by seniors. This year 103 seniors won the Abigail Adams Award. There is a winter clothing drive going on at the high school along with the NHS collecting candy for the troops. Winter sports registration begins on November 9th.

### **Public Comment**

No public comments were presented.

### **School Committee Comments and Sub-Committee/Liaison Reports**

- Ms. Weber congratulated the re-elected School Committee members, as well as newly elected member Mike Judge.
- Ms. Weber stated that we never talk about the good things that happen in our district. She received a phone call from a neighbor who was invited to a gathering with students from the Netherlands visiting Barnstable. The students were so impressed with the teachers at BHS compared to back home.
- Ms. Weber stated that she and Mr. Butler met with the leadership of SEPAC.
- Ms. Weber stated the Superintendent Search Committee is in the middle of interviews. They hope to have recommendations to the School Committee by next week.
- Ms. Weber testified at the State House on behalf of MASC regarding a bill being considered to raise CAP on Charter schools.
- Dr. McDonald congratulated those elected to the School Committee. With two incumbents re-elected, the town endorses what the Committee is doing. He expressed appreciation to entire district. He has enjoyed the spirited debate and looks forward to watching the meetings on TV.
- Mr. Murphy thanked Dr. McDonald for stepping up and running for the School Committee when they were looking for someone sharp to make tough decisions. Dr. McDonald was named Mass Maritime's Admiral.
- Ms. Ellis congratulated Mr. Murphy, Mr. Joyce and Mr. Judge for being elected to the School Committee. She also congratulated Mr. Murphy for being the President-elect to MASC.
- Ms. Ellis stated that she is on the Superintendent Search Committee and the district and town knows we are dedicated to finding an amazing Superintendent.
- Ms. Weber thanked Dr. McDonald for working on behalf of the students of Barnstable. His lively discussions made the district better.

### **Superintendent's Report**

- Mr. Butler congratulated Mr. Murphy, Mr. Joyce and Mr. Judge on winning the election for School Committee. He thanked Mr. McDonald for his service and enjoyed their lively discussions.

- Mr. Butler stated he has received PARCC results from 2015, but he cannot discuss the results yet. The results will be released to the public next week. He will have a full report on the result at December's School Committee meeting.
- Ms. Weber and Mr. Butler met with SEPAC's leadership, Kathy and Jeanne, who expressed concerns on behalf of parents. They asked for clarification on School Committee policies. They will continue to have periodic meeting with SEPAC leadership. SEPAC has a meeting this Thursday at BUE at 5:45 PM.
- The Leadership Team had a presentation by the Deputy Chief of Police on emergency planning and response. We have it annually to keep it fresh in people's minds.
- The Leadership Team also had a discussion on the District Review Report. They discussed the findings and challenges and recommendations from the review team.
- Mr. Butler also reviewed the budget timeline with Principals and Directors and they have their instructions for budget submissions. Last year there were budget meetings with submitters in groups and everyone thought that went well.
- Mr. Butler attended the MASC/MASS Conference this afternoon on life work balance.
- At December's School Committee Meeting, the Committee will need to elect officers.

#### **Assistant Superintendent's Report**

- Ms. Harmon congratulated Valerie Lahteine for being an Excellence in Education Award recipient.
- On November 20<sup>th</sup>, the Credit for Life Fair is being held at BHS from 7:20 AM to 12:30 PM. Ms. Harmon thanked Ginny Turner and Tina Crook for all the work they do on this project and the community members who are participating.
- The October 9<sup>th</sup> in-service day focused on MTSS with 8 trained staff members presenting Classroom Instruction that Works; a common language around instruction.

#### **Item # 110415-004 Barnstable Community Horace Mann Charter Public School Memorandum of Understanding for FY'16**

- Ms. Podesky stated that she met with Mr. Butler, Ms. Weber, Ms. Harmon, Mr. Markwell and the Chair of the Board to update the MOU that consisted of date changes. On October 26, 2015, the Board of Trustees voted to approve the MOU and she is here tonight to ask for School Committee approval.
- Mr. Butler stated it is the same as last year's except the dates have changes and the FY'16 allocation.
- Mr. Murphy encouraged BCHMCPS to help serve the influx of children into the district.
- Ms. Podesky stated class size is 20-22 students.
- Mr. Joyce stated the relationship between the School Committee and BCHMCSP was not the greatest before Ms. Podesky and he is looking for a collaborative relationship going forward with a leader in the school.
- Ms. Podesky stated the sentiment on the Board is also very positive.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve a memorandum of understanding between the Barnstable Community Horace Mann Charter Public School and the Barnstable School District confirming the relationship between the school and the district for fiscal year 2016, as presented to the Committee.

#### **Item # 110415-001 Multi-Tiered System of Supports Policy**

- Mr. Butler stated the development of MTSS Framework is a high priority for district. Barnstable is currently in the second year of a two year grant from the Tower Foundation. School Committee endorsement for MTSS is an important piece. In front of you are draft guidelines and an action plan. Mr. Butler recommends adoption of the policy.
- Ms. Weber stated there have been changes since the first reading. Mr. Butler stated the MTSS Steering Committee had a day-long meeting with the consultant. She visited classrooms in the morning and met with the Committee in afternoon to work on the development of the framework and problem solving process.
- Mr. Murphy asked if adopting the policy would effectively bind us financially, legally, and contractually to things that we cannot do. Mr. Butler said no, it would be adopting a philosophy. There will be financial implications to the MTSS work. There is talk of renewing the grant, but if not, we will need funding for PD and consultation.
- Mr. Murphy asked when a new Superintendent comes in, is this a common language and practice. Mr. Butler stated that MA has been one of the last adopters. This is based on solid research: adopt these practices and students achieve.
- Ms. Weber stated the second paragraph is very specific. Mr. Butler stated it is important to spell out the framework in other areas.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Joyce, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve Policy IF entitled "Multi-Tiered System of Support Framework for Improving the Educational Performance of All Student," as presented to the Committee and recommended by the Interim Superintendent.

**Item # 110415-002      Physical Restraint of Students Policy**

- Mr. Butler stated this is a mandatory policy due to a change in the law. The main changes are additional reporting requirements.
- Mr. Murphy asked if there is staff training. Mr. Butler stated there is non-violent crisis training with staff that may need to use restraints.
- Ms. Ellis asked if it was a single training. Mr. Butler stated there are two parts: de-escalation strategies and use of restraints.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve Policy JKAA entitles “Physical Restraint of Students,” as presented to the Committee and recommended by the Interim Superintendent.

**Item # 110415-003      Appointment of Advisory Committee to study school start times**

- Mr. Butler listed the proposed committee members.
- Mr. McDonald asked if the options are wide open. Mr. Butler answered yes, the healthy youth task force recommended a later start time for the high school. The Committee will look at how this could happen.
- Mr. Murphy asked the cost estimate of going to 2-tiered bus system. Mr. Butler stated \$700,000-800,000 annually.
- Mr. Joyce asked how Mr. Butler came up with the list of people. Mr. Butler stated he asked principals.
- Ms. Weber stated this is a topic being discussed across the state.
- Ms. Ellis asked when the recommendation for this committee is due. Mr. Butler stated the report and recommendation is due by June 1, 2016.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Joyce, and the Committee voted unanimously to create an advisory committee to the School Committee to study the start times in the Barnstable Public Schools, including the effects of the current start time at the high school on student health and achievement as well as the ramifications throughout the school system of a change in start times, and to report its findings and recommendations to the School Committee by June 1, 2016, and to appoint as members of the advisory committee those recommended by the Interim Superintendent along with two School Committee members.

**Item # 110415-005      PARCC/MCAS High Stakes Testing Recommendation**

- Ms. Weber stated the School Committee had a workshop on this topic. Decision will be made in the next few weeks as to which test MA will be using in the spring. Some School Committees are recommending moratoriums on high stakes testing. Ms. Weber stated Barnstable will leave the lobbying on this topic with MASC/MASS.
- Mr. Murphy thanked Mr. Butler, Ms. Harmon and Ms. Lovett for the workshop presentation.

**Item # 110415-006      Amendment to Cape Cod Collaborative Agreement**

- Mr. Butler stated that Paul Hilton of the Cape Cod Collaborative will attend the December School Committee meeting to discuss the amendment. The changes conform to changes in the legislature.

**Item # 110415-007      Approval of contract award for Modular Buildings at Hyannis West and Barnstable-West Barnstable Elementary**

- Mr. Kanyock stated there were two bidders for the project and Vanguard Modular Building Systems came in with the lowest bid. He has checked Vanguard’s references and they have come back positive. He is planning a trip to look at their projects next week.
- Mr. Butler stated the Vanguard bid was \$140,000 more than what was budgeted, but the difference will be financed internally and it is not necessary to go to the Town Council for the additional funds.
- Mr. Joyce stated that this is for phases 2 and 3. It might look like we are quickly reading through this, but it has been so long in the making. He appreciates all the work that has been done internally. The opening of the early learning center was a proud moment.
- Ms. Weber asked if the portables at BWB were still there. Mr. Kanyock stated they were and that is next on the agenda.
- Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Ellis, and the Committee voted unanimously to accept the bid of, and award a contract to, Vanguard Modular Building Systems, LLC, in the amount of \$3,891,403 for construction of modular classrooms and related facilities at Barnstable-West Barnstable and Hyannis West Elementary Schools, as recommended by the Town Purchasing Agent.

**Item # 110415-008 Approval of contract award for Barnstable-West Barnstable and Barnstable Community Horace Mann Charter Public School Portables Asbestos Abatement**

- Mr. Kanyock stated this if for the trailers at the BWB and BCHMCPS schools. The bidder has done work with Barnstable before.
- Mr. Joyce asked where the money was coming from. Mr. Kanyock stated from money 3 years ago.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Joyce, and the Committee voted unanimously to accept the bid of, and award a contract to, ERS, Inc., in the amount of \$19,400 for abatement of asbestos in portable space at BWB and BCHMCPS, as recommended by the Town Purchasing Agent.

**Item # 110415-0010 Approval Accounts Payable Warrant FY '16 Warrant #19**

Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Joyce, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve FY2016 Treasury Warrant #19 in the amount of \$722,864.65.

**Item # 110415-009 FY'17 CIP Overview**

- Mr. Kanyock discussed the list of CIP projects to be submitted for FY'17 including:
  - Charter Façade Improvement and Roof
  - BPS Network Infrastructure
  - Stadium Bleacher Upgrade
  - High School Library A/C Upgrade
    - Mr. Murphy asked if this was related to the redesign of the high school library that was talked about a few years ago. Mr. Kanyock stated it is not related. Mr. Clark stated the redesign is on hold due to leaks and other larger items.
  - Unit Ventilator Upgrades at BWB, Centerville and HWE
  - Maintenance Shop Roof
  - BUE Restroom Fixture and Hardware Upgrade
  - BUE Replace Parking Lot Light Poles
  - BPS Pump Flange Replacement
  - BHS/HWE Walk-in Coolers
  - BPS Kitchen Equipment
  - BHS Exterior Windows, Engineering
  - BHS Field House Improvement
  - BUE Courtyard Improvements
  - Flooring, BWB Gym Floor and High School
  - BHS and BIS Replace Rooftop Unit Ventilators, Engineering

Ms. Ellis asked about the contractual obligations at Osterville and Cotuit. Mr. Kanyock stated we are responsible for the major items in Cotuit. Mr. Butler stated that it is the same for Osterville.

**Executive Session**

Motion by Ms. Ellis, roll call vote to go into executive session, and the Committee unanimously approved in a roll call vote – not to reconvene in public session – to discuss strategy regarding collective bargaining with the Barnstable Teachers Association.

Adjourned 8:19 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Kruczek  
Executive Assistant