

The Barnstable School Committee met on Wednesday, January 6, 2016, in the Town Hall Hearing Room. Present were Chair Margeaux Weber, Vice-Chair Chris Joyce, Committee members Stephanie Ellis, Mike Judge and Patrick Murphy 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.

Highlight in Education: Breakfast in the Classroom Program at Hyannis West Elementary

- Ms. Amato, Principal at Hyannis West, and Mr. Badot, Director of Food Services, spoke about the Breakfast in the Classroom Program at Hyannis West Elementary School.
- Ms. Amato noticed there was poor breakfast participation, a high number of nurse visits, high tardiness rate and bad behaviors starting off the day. Around the same time, she received an email from the EOS Foundation about the Breakfast in the Classrooms Program and was visiting a school in Chicopee that was active in the program. She and Mr. Badot filled out the grant request for the program and received \$12,000.
- Every morning the kitchen staff prepares the carts for each classroom and they are delivered to the classrooms. The students eat the breakfast in the classroom and it's a social time for the students. It has made a positive impact on the students. All students take one of everything offered and if there is something they do not like, there is a share table and the students can take food from that table during the day or home at the end of the day. There is a log that is kept to keep track of the number of students that are eating the breakfast. That is the accountability for the grant.
- The results are morning visits to the nurse have been eliminated, hunger visits have decreased, improved school climate, behavior incidents have decreased and participation went from 38% to 90%. Barnstable leads Massachusetts with the highest percentage of participants.
- Mr. Joyce asked if the grant was ongoing as long as the requirements are fulfilled. Mr. Badot stated that the grant has to be applied for each year.

Approval of the Minutes

- Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Ellis, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday, December 2, 2015.
- Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Ellis, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting on Thursday, December 10, 2015.
- Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Ellis, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting on Friday, December 11, 2015.
- Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Ellis, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday, December 16, 2015.

Report of Student Envoys

Ms. Murphy stated the Prom Committee had their first meeting today. The DECA competition takes place this Thursday and Friday. The Drama Club has started rehearsals for their spring musical "Godspell." Also, auditions for "12 Night" will begin next week. On the Boys' Track Team, several athletes set personal records this week. The Girl's Swim Team is undefeated. Mid-terms are coming at the end of the month. A number of BHS students will be going to Peru over February vacation. BHS would like to welcome to the new Superintendent, Meg Mayo-Brown.

Public Comment

Jennifer Mullin and Sally Vektorino, BWB PTA Playground Committee, spoke of the proposals for the playground. The Committee is meeting next Wednesday at 7:00 PM. Mr. Kanyock stated the wooden playground was deemed unsafe and would need to be taken down. Ms. Mullen spoke of the process the Committee has gone through to acquire bids for the new playground.

School Committee Comments and Sub-Committee/Liaison Reports

- Ms. Weber stated there will be a Joint Town Council and School Committee Meeting on January 21st. There will not be a School Committee Workshop on January 20th.
- Ms. Weber gave an update on the Superintendent Search and the process has come to a conclusion with the School Committee selecting Meg Mayo-Brown as the new Superintendent. Ms. Mayo-Brown will be starting on July 1st.
- Ms. Ellis spoke about Christine Boulette, a teacher at BIS, who does 29 Days of Giving during the holidays. One thing they do is make get well and holiday cards to give to the patients at the hospital. Ms. Boulette emailed Ms. Ellis today to say that one of the gentlemen who received a card after his surgery came to the school today and said the card meant so much to him and made such a difference.

Superintendent's Report

- Mr. Butler attended the Cape Cod Superintendent's Meeting in December. The Director of Early Education and Care, the Director of Strategies for Children and the Cape Cod Collaborative spoke of early childhood education and preschool.
- Mr. Murphy asked the percentage of kindergarten students that come in with no preschool. Mr. Butler does not have the number, but will get them for the Committee.
- Mr. Butler stated he and Ms. Harmon met with Meg Mayo-Brown last Wednesday. It was a good opportunity to familiarize her with the district and town structure. They spoke about the district's initiatives and the FY'17 budget process. She would like to be involved in the budget process and hopes to attend School Committee Meetings when the budget is presented.
- The budget submissions from the Principals and Directors were submitted on December 23. Ms. Harmon, Mr. Markwell and Mr. Butler briefly reviewed them this week. The budget meetings will be next week and the initial budget meeting to the School Committee will be on February 3rd. Mr. Milne, Mr. Markwell and Mr. Butler will be attending the CFAC Meeting on January 11th to discuss the FY'17 Capital Improvement Plan.
- There will be a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the modular classrooms at BWB on January 19th at 10:00 AM.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

- Ms. Harmon stated that tomorrow at BIS is the annual Geography Bee from 9:15 – 11:15 AM.
- BIS Needy Fund raised \$7000 for food and gifts for the holidays. \$3500 of the total was donated from the Penny Wars and Jack Manoog donated \$2000.
- Today, nine teams (one from each school) participated in MTSS problem solving training.
- Mr. Harmon welcomed her new assistant, Tricia Liskov, who started on Monday.

Item # 010616-001 Security Cameras in Schools Policy

- Mr. Butler stated the policy is in front of the Committee for a second reading and vote tonight. It authorizes the use of security cameras in district buildings and on school property, including buses. Policy delegates authority to the Superintendent.
- Ms. Ellis asked if there was any audio with these videos and Mr. Butler stated no, it was only video.
- Mr. Joyce asked about notices for these videos. Mr. Butler stated that there will be notices posted in buildings and on school grounds. There are already notices on school buses.
- Mr. Murphy asked if the systems have remote access to the police department. Mr. Butler stated they currently do not, but they are talking about it in a long range plan.
- Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Ellis, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve Policy ECAF entitled "Security Cameras in Schools," as presented to the Committee and recommended by the Interim Superintendent.

Item # 010616-002 2016-2017 School Calendar

- Mr. Butler stated there are two options with students starting school either before or after Labor Day. He is recommending option B with students starting before Labor Day. He had discussions with the BTA President to combine the two half day PD days, but we do not have the budget for it.
- Mr. Joyce asked what the teacher's thoughts are on the calendar. Mr. Butler stated there is no consensus. Mr. Joyce said he likes school to start after Labor Day. Mr. Butler stated that if there are snow days, Barnstable will be going to the end of June. Also, he feels there is more academic work done in September than at the end of June.
- Ms. Ellis commented on the half days in December for parent teacher conferences. She doesn't believe the loss learning time outweighs the benefit of the 15 minutes conference.

- Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Ellis and the Committee voted 4-1 (Mr. Joyce opposed) to approve Option B for the school calendar for the 2016-2017 school year, as presented to the Committee and recommended by the Interim Superintendent.

Item # 010616-003 World Languages Spanish Culture NYC Field Trip March 4-5, 2016

- Ms. Lytle stated this cultural field trip is geared towards Spanish I and II students where the students will see a cultural show on Broadway, MET, UN, and the 9/11 Memorial.
- Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Ellis and the Committee voted unanimously to approve a Spanish Culture field trip to New York City for the BHS World Language Department from March 4 through 5, 2016, as presented to the Committee and recommended by the Interim Superintendent.

Item # 010616-004 World Languages NYC Field Trip to see Don Quixote April 13, 2016

- Ms. Lytle stated this field is for Spanish IV and AP level to attend the Spanish version of Don Quixote.
- Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Murphy and the Committee voted unanimously to approve a field trip to New York City for the BHS World Languages Department on April 13, 2016, to attend a production of "Don Quixote," as presented to the Committee and recommended by the Interim Superintendent.

Item # 010616-005 Varsity Girls' Basketball Field Trip to Springfield, MA from February 19-20, 2016

- Mr. Butler stated this is an annual request for the varsity girls' basketball team to travel to Springfield, MA, from February 19-20 to play in two basketball games and attend the Basketball Hall of Fame.
- Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Ellis and the Committee voted unanimously to approve a field trip to Springfield, MA, for the BHS Varsity Girls' Basketball Team from February 19 through 20, 2016, as presented to the Committee and recommended by the Interim Superintendent.

Item # 010616-006 History and Social Sciences Field Trip to DC for Presidential Inauguration January 18-22, 2017

- Mr. Butler stated this field trip lead by Ginny Turner is for the History and Social Sciences Field Trip to DC for the Presidential Inauguration on January 18-22, 2017.
- Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Ellis and the Committee voted unanimously to approve a field trip to Washington, DC, for the BHS History and Social Studies Department from January 18 to 22, 2017, to attend the Presidential Inauguration, as presented to the Committee and recommended by the Interim Superintendent.

Item # 010616-007 Pre-Approval for New Copier Contract

- Mr. Markwell spoke about buying out the final year of the copier contract for approximately 50 of the 60 copiers in the district and obtaining a new copier contract. The service contract will cost \$88,000 for the next year and the buyout is less and Barnstable will have better copiers for less money.
- Mr. Joyce asked if we stayed in lease, we would have our lease and the service contract. Mr. Markwell said yes and we will save money and have better copiers. Mr. Joyce asked about the other 10 copiers. Mr. Markwell stated that these machines were leased off cycle.
- Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Ellis and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the buyout of the district's current four-year copier lease with Ricoh Corporation one year early and approve a new four-year copier lease with Ricoh Corporation pursuant to the Massachusetts state contract program and authorize the Superintendent to execute the new lease, as recommended by the Town Purchasing Agent in a memorandum to the Committee dated December 17, 2015.

Item # 010616-008 Approval Accounts Payable Warrant FY '16 Warrant #28

Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Ellis, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve FY2016 Treasury Warrant #28 in the amount of \$431,466.24.

Adjourned 7:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Kruczek
Executive Assistant