

The Barnstable School Committee met on Wednesday, March 2, 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. 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.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded Mr. Murphy, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday, February 3, 2016.

Report of the Student Envoys

There was no student envoy report.

Public Comment

Kathy Bent, parent of four children in Barnstable with one that receives Special Education, stated there has been a slow response time for the report on students who receive special services that Barnstable conducted in the fall. The report has been in hands of the SPED Administration, but the findings have not been shared.

School Committee Comments and Sub-Committee/Liaison Reports

- Mr. Joyce stated he went to the Collaborative Legislative Breakfast a couple of weeks ago and the dialogue on charter schools and funding was extremely enlightening and educational. Barnstable has good legislators working hard to bring money back to the area. Today, he went to BUE to read Dr. Seuss' "Oh, The Places You'll Go" to his son's classroom for Read Across America.
- Mr. Judge also read at BUE today in his daughters' 4th and 5th grade classes Dr. Seuss' "Horton Hears a Who".
- Ms. Ellis and Mr. Joyce met with the subcommittee on late start time for the high school. The Committee includes a dozen members including those in finance, high school, teachers, parents, principals and the Athletic Director. This was the first meeting to restart the discussion. They discussed a summary of what has been done and a starting point of how to move forward as a group.
- Mr. Murphy spoke of the Memory Project at the high school where a picture of an international orphan is sent to a student and the student draws the picture and sends it back to the orphan. Mr. Murphy also thanked students at the high school that participated in the exit polling surveys yesterday for a government class. He also spoke about high school students allowed to attend the Kennedy Museum of the Senate where they learned how the senate works.
- Mr. Murphy stated there are two issues School Committees across MA are considering taking positions on: charter school legislature is being proposed to raise cap on Charter schools and the next steps in funding related to the Foundation Budget Review. He will work with Ms. Weber on language to put something together for the next meeting.
- Ms. Weber attended the Legislative Breakfast as well, and appreciated the honest conversation with legislators.
- Ms. Ellis congratulated the girls' gymnastic team for being state champions once again. She stated the Godspell at the high school is going to be stellar.
- Ms. Weber stated the girls' hockey team is still in the playoffs.

Superintendent's Report

- Mr. Butler stated one of Barnstable's students, Jeramiah Smith, was killed last night in Mashpee in a pedestrian accident. He asked for a moment of silence. The Administration learned of his death last night and the crisis team at BIS was activated. Ms. Hurley is in charge of the crisis team and they were at BIS this morning with police.

- At last month's meeting, the School Committee was informed of the retirement of the principal at BCHMCPS at the end of this school year. The BCHMCPS Board of Trustees is searching for a new principal and Bill Cole is assisting. The agreement is the Board of Trustees selects the principal with approval from the Superintendent.
- An update on the modular projects at BWB and HyWest: at BWB the units will be set in the ground on March 10 and 11 and at Hywest on March 24 and 25. The Enoch Cobb Early Learning Center is establishing a parent teacher organization, which is the first step to a school council.
- The Massachusetts Partnership for Diversity is having a job fair for educators on March 12 at Cambridge Latin High School. Susan Atkins and John Reed will represent Barnstable at this job fair.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

- Ms. Harmon stated the AP Geography class, 77 students, participated in a senate debate on immigration reform at the Kennedy Center. After two hours of debate, the immigration reform bill was defeated by two votes. It was an incredible experience for the students.
- Today, Ms. Harmon participated in BUE's Read Across America, where she read "Horton Hears a Who".
- Ms. Harmon just came from attending Kindergarten Family Reads Night at Centerville.
- Kindergarten registration will be centralized this year taking place at the HYCC from March 21 – 24. Information and the forms needed are on the district website.
- Kindergarten Kickoff, an introduction to kindergarten, will be March 12 at HyWest from 10:00 – 12:00. There will be activities for the kids and information for the parents.
- Congratulations to the following BHS students for winning the Boston Globe Scholastic Art & Writing Awards:
 - Gold Key: Sydney Maddox and Madelyn Murphy
 - Silver Key: Caroline Brodt
 - Honorable Mention: Matthew Johnston, Madelyn Murphy, Hailey Silliman and Shane Sprague
- Congratulations to the Barnstable Youth Hockey Squirt A team for becoming the MA State Champions this weekend.

Item #030216-001 Barnstable Little League Facility Use Agreement

- Mr. Butler stated the School Committee has a revised version of the facility use agreement with Barnstable Little League in front of them with the only change being the name Mini Fenway to Fenway Cape Cod. He recommends approval.
- Ms. Ellis asked about the timeframe for the construction of the field. Mr. Scott stated they would start in August and the field would be completed in 7-8 weeks.
- Mr. Butler stated the agreement allows the school to use the field when not in use by the Little League.
- Ms. Ellis asked about conservation funding for the field. Mr. Scott stated Community Preservation contributed \$217,000 for the last field and there was no need to go to conservation. This time they needed to go to conservation and come up with a design.
- Motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Ms. Ellis, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve a facility use agreement with the Barnstable Little League, Inc. for further use of fields adjacent to the current Barnstable Community Horace Mann Charter Public School as Little League baseball fields, as presented to the Committee and recommended by the Interim Superintendent.

Item #030216-003 Facilities Booking Procedures

- Mr. Butler stated there were concerns expressed on booking of Don McLean at the PAC in April. He looked at the policy and the procedures and there might be some conflicts that he wanted to discuss with Committee to see how they want to proceed.
- Ms. Weber stated the controversy came about when a commercial producer approached us about using the facility. She would like to discuss the policies and procedures for booking outside vendors.
- Mr. Kanyock explained the P&L for all of district facilities and the PAC only.
- Mr. Joyce asked what the net profit looked like before Mr. Kanyock came on board. Mr. Kanyock stated it wasn't as good and the facilities were losing money.
- Ms. Weber stated the Committee has a preference for non-profits and community benefits in our policy. Commercial use of the facility should come before the School Committee. She is wondered if it is worth the

complications for commercial use of the PAC, Knight and synthetic turf. The Committee needs to discuss if we want outside, for-profit companies using the facilities and if so what level of approval do they need.

- Mr. Kanyock stated Facilities has an online application form and requires certificate of insurance and liability and a sign off from the principal of the school.
- Ms. Weber stated in policy KF-R line #2, the commercial business has to go through the Superintendent. Mr. Butler stated that whomever approves these uses case by case is treading on thin ice with first amendment rights. He questioned if it was worth it to have commercial uses.
- Ms. Ellis asked what was considered commercial. Mr. Butler stated the Symphony is a non-profit. If the user sells tickets and keeps the revenue, then they are commercial.
- Mr. Murphy stated some non-profits could be an issue as well. We have had the PAC for 20 years and have an issue every once in a while. This issue no one could prevent. Mr. Butler stated there is an issue in the section Ms. Weber read. He asked if the School Committee wants to consider individual request or delegate it to the Superintendent. He could delete the line and update policy and continue to designate the Superintendent through the Facilities Director.
- Ms. Weber asked to clarify the procedures at the next School Committee meeting. Mr. Butler stated he would have a draft for next meeting.
- Mr. Joyce stated that when for-profit uses come into building it's a marketing opportunity for us. He wants to continue to bring outside functions into the building.
- Mr. Butler stated there is a paragraph in the policy about advertising and signage. He will add language to make it clear the School Committee does not endorse or supports use of facility by non-school events.

Item #030216-002 Barnstable Youth Commission's Second Annual Youth Summit

- Brendan Clark, student at BHS and President of the Youth Commission, spoke about how they work with schools and the Youth Summit. He introduced the other members of the Commission. He went over the Commission's programs and services.
- Sean Smith spoke of the Social Norming Campaign that shows the positive side of those who make the positive decisions.
- Lianna Mitchell, Vice Chair, spoke of the 2015 Youth Summit held at HYCC. She showed photos from last year and spoke of the vendors that attended. The Commission is proud of work and decided to make it annual.
- Carrie Osborn, member of the Commission, spoke of this year's summit. It will be held March 17 and 18 at CCCC. Thursday will be geared towards adults and parents and Friday is for the 7th graders. She spoke of the goals for this year's summit.
- Mr. Clark stated The Lorusso Foundation has produced a video on opioid use that will be shown to the parents so they can see what students are facing. Speaker Michael Devlin has struggled with addiction and graduated from BHS. He spoke of the supporters, sponsors and attendees.
- Ms. Weber stated she attended last year and thought it was a great event and will be there this year. The Devlin's are friends and will be powerful speakers.
- Mr. Joyce asked about the video. Mr. Clark stated he screened and believes it is important for students to see. It is graphic and makes you feel uncomfortable. Mr. Smith said Michael Devlin saw it and said not to change a thing.
- Mr. Clark stated they would like to show the video in the PAC. Ms. Weber stated this needs to be discussed with the school building principal. Mr. Butler stated he will consult with Dr. Hurley and Principal Clark and get back to the Commission.

Item #030216-004 Update on the FY'17 Budget

- Mr. Butler stated that he and the Town Manager have taken into consideration when it comes to the budget that they are lame ducks. The goal with the budget is to support ongoing needs with as much flexibility as possible for the new Superintendent. This year there is an increase in revenue of \$1.8 million. The main focuses have been on meeting the changing needs of student population specifically the ELL and SPED populations, the work on MTSS and need for K-5 reading program.
- Mr. Markwell stated this is a transitional budget focusing on areas with historical deficient in line items and preserving flexibility. The budget is \$66,050,000. Mr. Markwell discussed the highlights, assumptions, enrollment

trends, budget breakdown, the district's budget history, appropriation funding, circuit breaker funding, school choice funding, transportation funding and budget expenditures.

- Mr. Markwell stated this is a level service budget with a focus on SPED and ELL.
- Mr. Markwell went over the contractual obligations including steps and cola costs and FTEs.
- Mr. Markwell discussed the program enhancements: preventative maintenance, textbook replacements and adoption of K-5 reading program.
- Mr. Markwell discussed the per pupil expense in Barnstable vs. the state and Barnstable vs. Cape peers with % above required NSS Budget.
- Mr. Markwell discussed the budget process leading up to tonight and what is to come going forward.
- Mr. Murphy asked about the sustainability of the budget with a 6.25 FTE increase and if we continue to see growth in ELL and SPED, how will Barnstable be able to sustain. Mr. Butler stated the Crossroads Program increase, if offset by the Out of District decrease. He is not sure how we'll sustain the growth since we are taking from other resources. Mr. Murphy stated that administration has to be clear with the Committee with what is turning into being unfunded mandates; we need to talk to legislators. Mr. Butler said we can group ELL students better than we do to reduce the number of staff. The focus is at HyWest and Principal Kathi Amato will visit a Fall River school to see how they address those needs.
- Mr. Murphy asked about the school choice revenues. Mr. Markwell stated this supplements technology and maintenance. He believes Barnstable can open up school choice enrollment more than we have in past years.
- Mr. Murphy would like more details on the \$700,000 reading investment and training. Mr. Butler stated they will put together that information for next meeting.
- Mr. Joyce stated he expected more savings in utilities. Mr. Markwell stated that they did bring a new school into operation with the Early Learning Center. He tends to be ultraconservative and will look mid-year to see if we have money and then look for one time investments, like in technology.
- Ms. Ellis asked where the district's commitment to technology was in the budget and about the fees for athletics; it's a bargain for kids to participate in sports at BHS. Mr. Markwell stated that the infrastructure is all set up for technology. There are ongoing discussion and some flexibility for the new leadership. As for fees for athletics, he has a meeting with the Athletic Director to go over his budget. He can give you cost information of individual sports and recommendations of a tier level of fees.
- Mr. Murphy asked in the next presentation for a per school breakdown. Mr. Markwell said they try to be as transparent as possible in the budget book, but was waiting to get feedback from the School Committee. Mr. Butler stated the budget book does include a breakdown by cost centers.

Item #020316-005 Approve Accounts Payable Warrant FY'16 #36

Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Ellis, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve FY2016 Treasury Warrant #36 in the amount of \$305,237.82.

Executive Session

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

Adjourned 9:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Kruczek
Executive Assistant