The Barnstable School Committee met on Wednesday, March 15, 2017, in the Town Hall Hearing Room. Present were Chair Margeaux Weber, Vice-Chair Chris Joyce, Committee members Stephanie Ellis, Patrick Murphy and Mike Judge. Also present were Meg Mayo-Brown and Kristen Harmon. Student Envoys Makhai Dickerson-Pells and Sydney Crook were not present.

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

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**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.

**Highlights in Education: Mad Science After School Program at Centerville Elementary**
- Mr. Scheufele welcomed the Mad Scientist from Centerville Elementary’s Mad Science After School Program, as well as their teachers Bonnie Stanley and Holly Warren.
- Ms. Warren stated the program gives the students hands on experiments that teach them what science really is. A Cobb Fund grant pays for the program.
- The “Mad Scientist” each spoke about their experience with the program and stated why they love Mad Science.
- Ms. Weber thanked the students and their parents for coming.

**Approval of the Minutes**
Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Joyce, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday, March 1, 2017.

**Student Envoy Report**
- No Student Envoy Report
- Ms. Weber stated the drama club’s production of “Into the Woods” opens Friday. This week is Spirit Week at BHS.

**Public Comment**
No public comment.

**School Committee Comments**
- Ms. Ellis stated the School Start Time Advisory Committee met as a group last week. They are hoping to have a recommendation next month at the School Committee meeting.
- Mr. Judge, the School Committee representative for the Cape Cod Collaborative, stated they are having a transition fair on April 29 to help students transition to adult services.
- Ms. Weber stated the Barnstable Youth Commission’s Community Prevention Forum is this Thursday at 5:30 PM at Cape Cod Community College. The 7th graders will be attending an all-day event on Friday.
- Ms. Weber stated she was a panelist on March 4 at Senator Cyr’s Forum on the topic of “Raising a Family on Cape Cod.” One issue that came out of the discussion was the need for quality daycare and PreK on Cape Cod.

**Superintendent’s Report**
- Ms. Mayo-Brown received a letter from DOE Commissioner Mitchell Chester regarding Hyannis West being recognized as the MA School Breakfast Challenge Champion. Hyannis West was also received the Healthy Start Award which comes with a $500 award.
- Ms. Mayo-Brown was invited by the Executive Office of Education to join a regional workforce skills planning team as part of The Workforce Skills Cabinet. The team will work together to identify opportunities to support regional workforce and economic development success. The first meeting is on April 5 with the Governor and Skills Cabinet.
Assistant Superintendent’s Report

- Ms. Harmon stated MCAS testing for 10th grade ELA begins next week. The testing window for grades 3 to 8 is April 3 to May 26. Grades 4 and 8 are participating in online testing for the first time this year.
- Kindergarten Kick Off is on March 18 for incoming Kindergarten students from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Hyannis West. There will be activities for students and information for parents.
- The high school received a $35,000 Lead the Way grant. It will be used to expand the engineering program.
- Mr. Murphy attended a poverty summit this past week and one of the topics was food security. There were five students from Worcester Public Schools, who came from difficult situations, and every single one pointed out that sometimes breakfast and lunch in school was all they would eat. Congratulations to Hyannis West for all they do for the breakfast challenge.
- Mr. Joyce asked if there are programs that send food home on weekends. Ms. Mayo-Brown stated the BCHMCPS has applied for and received the Breakfast in the Classrooms grant. A food pantry has been added at BHS.

Item #031517-001 Approval of Marine Biology Field Trip to Costa Rica April 14-22, 2018

- Ms. Mayo-Brown spoke about the annual trip the Marine Biology takes every year. This year’s trip is to Costa Rica.
- Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Judge, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve a field trip to Costa Rica for the BHS Marine Biology Department from April 14 through 22, 2018, as presented to the Committee and recommended by the Superintendent.

Item #031517-002 Update Fee Policy

Ms. Weber stated that the Committee should add “publishing on the website” to Policy JQ. This will be an action item at the next meeting.

Item #031517-003 Adoption of FY’18 Fee Schedule

- Mr. Markwell stated the School Committee needs to determine the fees to levy for the 2017-2018 school year. The proposed fee schedule includes a $25.00 increase for the bus fee, $.15 increase for the elementary school lunch, and a 2% increase in facilities fees.
- Mr. Joyce stated he is not big on student’s fees being increased. There is a 14.1% or $340,000 increase in the busing for FY’18. Barnstable has one of the lowest fees in the state. Parents buy bus pass as an insurance policy for their kids and utilization is low especially at the high school level.
- Mr. Markwell stated when routing buses, they aim for 75% capacity. Actual ridership in elementary school is 65-75% and 40% at the high school.
- Mr. Joyce stated that there will still be an early $25 discount if you register early.
- Ms. Ellis stated that Barnstable does not charge for parking at the high school. She asked if other districts do charge. Mr. Murphy stated that there should either a bus fee or parking fees. He is for the proposal as it stands.

Item #031517-004 FY’18 Budget Presentation and Public Hearing

- Mr. Markwell stated the budget information is available on the website.
- Mr. Markwell gave a budget timeline from September to the present. He discussed the budget priorities, enrollment numbers for FY’04-FY’17, enrollment projections for the next 10 years, and the changing demographics with ELL and SPED.
- Mr. Markwell discussed the school operating revenue sources including appropriation, savings account, circuit breakers, transportation fees, and school choice.
- Mr. Markwell discussed the budget drivers including level fund utilities and SPED tuition.
- Mr. Markwell discussed the programming adjustments including two K-3 teachers, a school counselor, an ESL Interventionalist, positions formally paid for by a grant, SPED assistants, as well as contracted services and the bus contract.
- Mr. Markwell discussed the budget timeline next steps.
- Ms. Weber opened the public hearing on budget. She closed the public hearing when no one approached.
- Mr. Joyce stated the School Committee has been going through the budget process for many months. There has been a lot of conversation.
- Ms. Weber stated after all contracted services, there was $12,000 left in the budget.
Ms. Ellis asked for next meeting in regards to fees to have what it cost the district and what we charge.

Mr. Murphy thanked Mr. Markwell as he does a technically and tactically great job on their budget. His suggestion is over the next year to identify initiatives that do require investment in people or resources. Ms. Mayo-Brown stated at the School Committee Workshop in April the topic will be a strategic plan for the district.

Ms. Mayo-Brown stated it is a pleasure to work with the Town and Mr. Markwell to prepare the budget. In her previous role, there was a lot of drama and fighting. She appreciates the collaborative and transparent process. She is looking forward to the strategic planning process.

Item #031517-005  FY’18 Proposed Capital Improvement Projects

Mr. Kanyock stated 8 of the School’s 26 projects were selected to be supported by the Town Council. The 8 projects included:

- BHS 21st Century Learning Space Project
- BHS Bleacher Replacement
- BHS Cafeteria and Storefront Replacement
- BWB Roof Replacement
- Districtwide Unit Ventilator Replacement – Phase II
- BPS Asbestos Abatement
- BPS Communications and Security Network Upgrades
- Districtwide Infrastructure Upgrades

Item #031517-006  Approval Accounts Payable Warrant FY’17 Warrant #37

Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Ellis, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve FY2017 Treasury Warrant #37 in the amount of $288,949.95.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Joyce and the Committee unanimously approved in a roll call vote to go into executive session – not 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 hear a Barnstable Teachers Association Grievance, and to discuss strategy with respect to potential litigation that is clearly and imminently threatened against the District. Publicly disclosing the name of the litigation matter would compromise the purpose for which the executive session is being called.

Adjourned 8:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Kruczek
Executive Assistant