The Barnstable School Committee met on Wednesday, March 1, 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, as well as, Student Envoys Makhai Dickerson-Pells and Sydney Crook.

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.

Molly Fratantonio
- Ms. Weber stated that we lost a member of our family yesterday.
- Ms. Mayo-Brown stated that we are saddened by the loss the Molly and our thoughts go out to her family. We will honor Molly through our continued commitment to the student of Barnstable Public Schools. She asked for a moment of silence for Molly.
- Ms. Weber thanked Molly's colleagues that helped to take care of the staff and students.

Highlights in Education
- **Scholastic Art Award Winners Caroline Brodt and Madelyn Murphy**
  - Matt Kemp, Art Teacher, introduced Madelyn and Caroline, BHS students, who are scholastic art award winners.
  - Madelyn Murphy, a sophomore at BHS, enjoys many mediums including drawing, painting, photography, fashion, and creative writing. She believes this is a way she can express herself and grow as an artist and a person. She presented and explained her different works of art.
  - Caroline Brodt showed multiple photographs. She attended a workshop in NYC and it was a turning point for her. These photos are part of her show at CCC C. She received 8 gold keys in scholastic competition. Portraits are her strongest work.
  - Ms. Weber thanked the students for sharing their work, showing the experience you can have at BHS and demonstrating how poised they are.
- **BHS Students presented the wreath at an Arlington National Cemetery Ceremony while in DC for Inauguration**
  - Ginny Turner, History and Social Sciences Coordinator, stated that she brought a group of BHS students to the inauguration. She thanked Principal Clark and the chaperones. Four seniors participated in the wreath ceremony at the tomb of the unknowns. She gave the background on their trip to the Arlington National Ceremony. They visited the gravesite of Kevin Houston, 1994 BHS graduate and Navy Seal, who was shot down and is buried in the cemetery.
  - Four of the seniors were chosen to lay the wreath at the tomb of the unknowns. Each student spoke about their experience and what it meant to them.

Approval of the Minutes
- Motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Judge, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the School Committee Workshop on Wednesday, January 25, 2017.
- Motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Judge, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting on Tuesday, February 14, 2017.

Student Envoy Report
- Mr. Dickerson-Pells thanked the students who spoke at the highlight in education. Hearing about their experience makes him happy to be a part of this community. The Lip Sync Battle will take place on March 9 in Knight Hall. The Student Council has its top 5 choices for dress up days in March including tacky tourist day and superhero day. They are waiting for approval. The Prom Committee meeting will take place tomorrow where big decision will be made
including the menu and floor plans. Students are looking forward to the March Madness Tournament including ping pong, dodgeball, and field day.

- Ms. Crook stated the drama club’s “Into the Woods” begins on March 17. They are holding acting workshops and working on 10 minute plays for a festival in April. For athletes interested in spring sports, there is an information meeting on March 7th. The grades close on March 3 for progress reports.
- Ms. Weber stated there is a comedy night on March 11 at the Cape Codder. All the money supports the safe after party for the prom.

Public Comment
No public comment.

School Committee Comments
- Ms. Ellis stated the School Start Time Committee is meeting next week. She met yesterday with Mr. Joyce, Ms. Mayo-Brown and Ms. Gifford to discuss the transportation component of the plan. Ms. Gifford put a lot of work into the plans. The Committee is making strides and coming to a point to make decisions.
- Ms. Weber stated that she and Ms. Harmon attended a meeting with Mr. Ells, Mr. Milne, Mr. Markwell and Cape Tech representatives to discuss building plans. There will be two separate town wide elections, one on the building plans and one on financing. The people of Barnstable need to be educated on this issue as it can be very confusing. The School Committee has nothing to do with Cape Tech. Mr. Sanborn will be giving a presentation to the Town Council tomorrow. There will be a special election in October.

Superintendent’s Report
- Ms. Mayo-Brown stated that she was giving her time to the Assistant Superintendent.

Assistant Superintendent’s Report
- Ms. Harmon stated Kindergarten Kick Off will be on March 18 at Hyannis West Elementary from 10 to 12. There will be activities for incoming kindergartens and information sessions for parents on online registrations.
- March 10 will be a ½ day in-service and elementary report card go home that day.
- On March 2, BUE will be celebrating Read Across America. She and Ms. Mayo-Brown will be guest readers.

Item #030117-002 Barnstable Youth Commission’s Annual Youth Summit
- The Barnstable Youth Commission introduced themselves (Allianna DeBarros, Liaeana Sethares, Caleb Sonnabend, Sean Smith, and Matt Hersey) and were there to talk about the Youth Summit on March 16 and 17. They gave an overview of the past projects they have been a part of including the Youth Summits.
- The Youth Summit consists of a parent and community event on Thursday and Friday is for the 7th graders.
- They thanked their sponsors for the Youth Summit. All the School Committee members are invited to the Youth Summit on March 16.

Item #030117-001 BHS Class Rank
- Mr. Clark gave a review of the previous discussions on academic standing. It is in the students’ best interest to not have exact rank. Parents want to get rid of class rank immediately.
- Ms. Clark stated the stress that the students felt about class rank had them ramping up AP courses to raise the rank. They had conversations with students and parents on how to help the students be well-rounded. College admissions say that exact rank actually hurts students.
- Mr. Joyce thanked Mr. Clark and Ms. Clark. He said he was shocked that every person is for this change. He asked how the reporting is going to go. Ms. Clark stated they will still need to run rank to give students a decile.
- Ms. Ellis asked if parents are persistent to know class rank will it be available. Ms. Clark said no.
- Mr. Murphy stated that he is in full support of this. Barnstable is a highly competitive school and colleges do not know or care what the ranking is as they have already admitted kids by the time the rank comes out. He questioned how senior awards night would be impacted or any social/culture issues. Mr. Clark stated these are issues they will need to discuss. Needham was first school to get rid of class rank and he has a professional relationship with them and will ask them what they do. Ms. Weber stated the class speaker at graduation could be elected.
Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the change in reporting of academic standing at Barnstable High School from exact rank to a decile starting in the Fall of 2017 with the graduating class of 2018, as presented to the Committee and recommended by the Superintendent.

Item #030117-003 Superintendent Goals – Formative Evaluation
- Ms. Weber stated this formative evaluation is part of the evaluation process required by DESE.
- Ms. Mayo-Brown stated this is a 5-step process and tonight’s feedback from the School Committee regarding progress on her goals. She stated they received evidence of these goals in their packets.
- Mr. Murphy asked how he would find evidence for each goal. Ms. Mayo-Brown discussed the evidence for each goal.
- Mr. Joyce asked what a learning walk is. Ms. Mayo-Brown stated it is an opportunity to observe learning and teaching in school. Principals present a case study of the school and identify areas to observe. The principals of all the schools along with central office go out and observe for about 2 hours in classrooms and then come back as a group and provide feedback. Principals provide a feedback letter to the staff.
- Mr. Joyce asked if this is new this year. Ms. Mayo-Brown stated yes.
- Ms. Weber stated that the School Committee is not following Ms. Mayo-Brown around all day and do not have the viewpoint that she has in being in schools. This is a formal procedure that needs to be followed.
- Ms. Ellis stated that while the School Committee does not see what Ms. Mayo-Brown does on daily basis, she communicated to them when needed and provides weekly updates on meeting attended and what is happening in the district.

Item #030117-004 Update on the FY’18 Budget
- Mr. Markwell spoke about budget information available including the capital budget books he gave to the School Committee members which is also on the Town of Barnstable website. The school budget presentations from all the meetings this year are on the school’s website.
- Mr. Markwell spoke about the budget timeline and school operating revenue.
- Mr. Murphy asked if there was conversation on entitlement grants and the potential decrease. Mr. Markwell stated the grant budget is $3-4 million and during budget development a 10% decrease was included already.
- Mr. Markwell discussed the preliminary revenue allocation, circuit breakers, school choice, and transportation funding for a total of $67,884,706.
- Ms. Ellis asked if there were any projections for high cost students aging out of the district. Mr. Markwell stated he has made projection based on students aging out.
- Mr. Markwell discussed the budget priorities, enrollment numbers in the past and predictions for the future, budget drivers, and initial program adjustments. The preliminary projection is $67,884,706.
- Mr. Markwell discusses spending by category and spending by function.
- Mr. Joyce asked if Barnstable is in line with other districts. Mr. Markwell stated there are identical patterns across the Commonwealth.
- Mr. Markwell discussed the budget timeline’s next steps.
- Mr. Murphy asked if the goal is to adopt the budget by April 5. Ms. Weber stated yes and March 15 is the public hearing.

Item #030117-005 Approval Accounts Payable Warrant FY’17 Warrant #32
Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve FY2017 Treasury Warrant #35 in the amount of $226,884.03.

Adjourned 8:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Kruczek
Executive Assistant