The Barnstable School Committee met on Wednesday, May 3, 2017, in the Town Hall Hearing Room. Present were Chair Margeaux Weber, Vice-Chair Chris Joyce, Committee members Patrick Murphy and Mike Judge. Also present were Meg Mayo-Brown and Kristen Harmon along with Student Envoy Makhai Dickerson-Pells and Sydney Crook. Stephanie Ellis was not present.

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.

Highlights in Education

- Astro Pen Pals Program
  - Deb Brunelle, 3rd grade teacher at Centerville Elementary, spoke about the various yearlong collaborations with Mr. Gyra and his Astronomy class at the high school.
  - The students at Centerville all introduced themselves and spoke about the Astro Pen Pals Program.
  - Mr. Gyra stated he had four Astronomy classes this year and created educational experiences for 3rd graders.
  - The BHS students spoke about the program and the experience with the 3rd graders.
  - Mr. Gyra showed a video of Astro Day where the high schoolers made educational astronomy experiences for the 3rd graders.
  - Ms. Mayo-Brown stated she visited during Astro Day and it was great to see all the work the seniors put into the day and to see the relationships that had been built.

- Superintendent Excellence Award Recipients
Ms. Mayo-Brown stated the MA Association of School Superintendents issues Awards of Excellence. Mr. Clark and Ms. Mayo-Brown attended the dinner ceremony for Cape Cod recipients at Cape Cod Tech in March. Lucas Lanzo, who is attending Duke in the fall, and Griffin Beels, who is attending Brown in the fall, were the award winners from Barnstable.

Approval of the Minutes

- Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Judge, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday, April 5, 2017.
- Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Judge, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Executive Session meeting on Wednesday, April 5, 2017.

Student Envoy Report

- Mr. Dickerson-Pells stated seniors are wrapping up the end of the year. The Student Council elected its new officers at their meeting today. Senior finals will be May 23-25. The prom (May 26) and graduation are right around the corner. BHS students are still going through AP exams.
- Ms. Crook stated graduation is on June 3. Two sets of two different science teachers are planning trips to London for literature and science. 8th and 10th graders are finishing MCAS.

Public Comment

- Miriam Loiselle, parent of a 2014 graduate and a current senior, stated the 22nd year of the after prom celebration event will be held from 11:00 PM to 5:00 AM on May 26 in the BHS field house. They are looking for parental, community and corporate support. The event is free of charge for seniors and their dates. There will be theme rooms, games, raffles, food and beverages. They have over 80 volunteers and are seeking more volunteers. Volunteers can sign up on the BHS website.
- Ms. Weber stated this is an unbelievable event. Thanks the community for working all year to make this a special event for our seniors.
School Committee Comments

- Mr. Judge thanked the guidance department at BHS for the breakfast for parents regarding college preparation.
- Ms. Weber stated BPS received a grant worth almost $20,000 from the Attorney General’s office to support the prevention of opioids. She thanked Dr. Gina Hurley and her staff for putting the grant together. Maura Healey was at Centerville yesterday in Ms. Brunell’s 3rd grade class and then had a round table discussion.
- Ms. Weber stated in 2014, the school had an issue with a Brewery that abuts Hyannis West Elementary. The school did not receive appropriate notice. The School Committee voiced their opposition to having a Brewery in that location. The family has applied for their pouring license and there is a hearing on Monday at 9:30 AM. Community members are free to speak minds at that time. Mr. Joyce stated when this came in front of the Committee there was a 3-2 vote against. It is now back and it is a different license they are going after. Ms. Weber stated the number of people that could be served has been increased. They have their license to brew and the new one is for serving on location.

Superintendent’s Report

- Last Thursday, Ms. Mayo-Brown was invited on a 6th grade class trip to Gillette Stadium where they learned about the engineering design knowledge needed to create helmets to protect players from concussions.
- Yesterday, Pat Clark and Ms. Mayo-Brown attended the Economic Development Council meeting where they discussed ways to prepare high school students for careers on the Cape.
- Ms. Mayo-Brown thanked the school families for accommodating the April 13 early release day for professional development.

Assistant Superintendent’s Report

- Ms. Harmon spoke of Astronomy student Albert Brox III, who presented his incredible independent research project to his peers and teachers. To see the student become the teacher was incredible.
- Ms. Harmon stated three BHS students would be competing in the DECA international competition.
- Ms. Harmon stated Barnstable had two Future Problem Solving teams and individuals compete at the state level last month and will have two teams represent Massachusetts at the Future Problem Solving conference in June in Wisconsin.

Item #050317-001 Wellness Courses for 8th and 12th Grades Proposal

- Mr. Clark stated that he and Ms. Clark were back with a proposal for bookend courses to help 8th graders entering high school and then 11th or 12th graders who are off to college or career.
- Ms. Clark stated this course would be a graduation requirement in 11/12 grade pending a change in the master schedule. This course would help with two state mandates that we are not meeting: drug and alcohol prevention education and bullying prevention education. This course would help with District Strategic Objective II: social emotional programming.
- Ms. Pierozzi discussed the curriculum for the 11/12 grade semester course and the 8th grade course.
- Mr. Joyce asked if there will be a concentration on self-confidence. He has seen an increase in kids that don’t believe in themselves. Ms. Pierozzi stated yes, some the units focus on goal setting, goal making, and teen/parent conflict. When they have the ability to do those things, they have more self-confidence.
- Mr. Murphy asked under the current schedule what would students have to give up if this course was a requirement. Mr. Clark stated students would not have an access to the arts, music, etc. This requirement would be very difficult with the current schedule. We are now talking about it now because of the hopeful move to a new schedule for 2018 – 2019. Mr. Murphy stated social emotional learning in not trendy, but vital for our students. It is a terrific proposal, but he is concerned with the ability to implement.
- Mr. Judge thanked Mr. Clark and Ms. Clark for this extremely important work. He would like to see this proposal go forward and does not want to see it fall off the radar.
- Ms. Weber stated this would be for the 2018-2019 school year as we are working towards the new schedule. It creates so many more opportunities for students and she is a strong proponent of this proposal.
- Mr. Clark asked what the next steps were for this proposal. Ms. Mayo-Brown stated that next steps would be dependent on a new schedule. Ms. Weber stated that School Committee does not approve courses, but graduation
requirements. Ms. Clark stated that the course in 11/12 grade would be a graduation requirement and the 8th grade would be an optional class they could take.

**Item #050317-002 Proposal for Monthly Half Day Professional Development**
- Ms. Mayo-Brown stated she presented the theory of the concept last month. She is back tonight with a proposal with more detail.
- Ms. Harmon spoke of the benefits of professional development, along with the research behind professional development and Barnstable Public School’s goals for professional development. She discussed the current professional development model and the proposed model. She discussed other districts that use a similar model. The professional development model includes in-service time, PLCs, coaching, and staff meetings all geared towards increasing student achievement.
- Ms. Harmon gave an example of the current professional development sequence at the elementary level and an example of what it might look like with the extended professional development.
- Ms. Harmon discussed childcare including an RFP going out for working with an outside vendor for after school care.
- Mr. Murphy asked for more specifics about what the professional development gets you. He asked if this is targeted for September. He has a concern for the childcare side. He would like an understanding of what a teachers day looks like and why they do not have time to meet at every grade level. He is concerned about the community impact. Ms. Harmon stated principals have to bring in subs to pull all 3rd grade teachers together in a school. Mr. Murphy asked for the administration to pull this data together to show how doing this will lead to not having to bring in subs anymore.
- Ms. Mayo-Brown stated that teachers have no time in their schedule for professional learning. They teach classes and have time to prepare their instruction. As we increase expectations, the teachers need time to learn new subject matter and teaching methods. So much more is being put on teachers, but they are not given time to prepare for it.
- Mr. Judge asked for the amount of money being spent for subs from pulling teachers out for professional development. He asked how many hours per grade are the teachers not in classrooms because of professional development. Mr. Harmon stated she can have this information at the next meeting.
- Mr. Joyce stated that the Committee does not want to put more stress on the community, but this is needed. The sacrifices made by the families will come back to them in student learning.
- Ms. Weber asked if it would make sense to do a few more than we are currently doing, but not six. She would like to hear from the principals as to what they would do with the half day.

**Item #050317-003 Update ADF District Wellness Policy**
- Ms. Weber asked if these changes taken from the law. Ms. Ciborowski stated the changes have to do with new nutrition guidelines by law. The sharing of food and beverages came out of the District Wellness Committee.
- Mr. Murphy asked what is required by law, what is recommended by MASC, what is recommended by the Wellness Committee.
- Ms. Weber stated the Wellness Committee’s recommendations do not need to be put in the policy, but as guidelines and protocols. Ms. Weber would like to meet with Ms. Ciborowski to discuss what would be need to be included in the policy and what could be procedures and protocols.

**Item #050317-004 Advisory Committee on Start Time Recommendations**
- Ms. Mayo-Brown stated the names of the School Start Time Advisory Committee.
- Ms. Mayo-Brown spoke of the goals for the community conversation. Phase I is to present the recommendations, listen, and collect stakeholder feedback. Phase II is to present the feedback and input to the Advisory Committee and School Committee.
- Mr. Clark gave a background timeline of the steps taken so far. It started with the results of Nauset’s delayed school start time. There was a demand by parents to have conversation about this in Barnstable where 125 people showed up to a community meeting. A task force was set-up to examine the topic. The conclusion was 7:20 AM is too early for students to learn. The group made a list of potential challenges including day care and family life, athletics and extracurriculars, and transportation.
Ms. Mayo-Brown stated later start times for adolescents improve academic outcomes, health and decision-making. The group had a transportation analysis done and a report was issued by MASBO. The Transportation Director created various scenarios. We concluded that we needed to keep a three tier system. We started to explore what if's: what if we had two grade 4-7 schools. This came out of students making too many transitions and staying with a three tiered transportation model. Research tells us the schools with broader grade spans have higher achievement and stronger relationships. The two 4-7 schools are needed for the geographic split reducing overall travel time and allowing for a later high school start time.


Ms. Mayo-Brown discussed next steps in the process including community forums.

Mr. Joyce stated the Committee struggled with transportation in the beginning. This is the beginning of a journey.

Mr. Murphy asked if there is an end time problem for grades 4-7. Mr. Scheufele stated this is not a lot of research out there in the opposite direction.

Mr. Murphy stated we have a huge town and need a lot of buses. He asked what would be good next steps in order to vet this plan with the community. Mr. Scheufele stated he has it the easiest with no changes. Mr. Clark stated folks who asked for and are hoping for the change would be the first group to speak with. Next, students who are in athletics, drama and music to make sure the quality of those programs do not go down. School councils could lead conversation about bringing more parents into the conversation. Mr. Anderson stated there was a joint staff meeting on Monday with BIS and BUES and a BIS faculty meeting on Tuesday. Everything the teachers shared were things the Committee thought about.

Item #050317-005 Update BDFB Student Member of School Committee Policy
Ms. Weber stated this was an update based on the current practice. The Committee will vote on this at the next meeting.

Item #050317-006 Update on the District’s Strategic Planning Workshop
Ms. Weber stated the Committee had a workshop last week to discuss strategic planning. She thanked Ms. Mayo-Brown for her work on the plan which grew out of her entry plan interviews.

Ms. Mayo-Brown stated from the entry plan themes emerged. BDLT funneled those themes down to three areas: academics, social emotional and community partnerships. They developed problems statements and initiatives under the priority areas. Those were taken and started to draft strategic plans. BDLT discussed the definition of the whole child and vision opportunity for the district.

Ms. Weber stated the Committee discussed the core values aligning with the strategic plan. The Astro Buddies program is an excellent example of building community within our district community. More of this type of work needs to be done.

Item #040517-007 Approval Accounts Payable Warrant FY’17 Warrant #44
Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Judge, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve FY2017 Treasury Warrant #44 in the amount of $180,408.09.

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).

Adjourned 9:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Executive Assistant