The Barnstable School Committee met on Wednesday, June 6, 2018, in the Town Hall Hearing Room. Present were Chair Chris Joyce, Vice Chair Stephanie Ellis, Committee members Patrick Murphy, Barbara Dunn and Mike Judge. Also present were Meg Mayo-Brown and Kristen Harmon.

Mr. Joyce called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Vision Statement and Core Values**
Mr. Joyce recited the Vision Statement and Core Values of the Barnstable School System.

**Video or Audio Recording of the Meeting**
Mr. Joyce 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**
- Lynore Lyons, of The Key Idea and a part-time BIS teacher, stated students at Centerville and BIS participated in a project that captured their hopes and dreams. She introduced some of the participants and had them discuss their work. One student stated her key opens a unicorn cage because she thinks they could come alive. Another student said his key would open the lock to the City of Atlantis. Ms. Lyons stated students wrote about all different things their keys would open including freedom, my mind, a bunch of love, gate to zombies, broccoli land, my dream to become a lawyer, dream house, and a jar of pickles. She stated students and people are more likely to achieve goals when they write them down. She showed a video about The Key Project.
- Kari Morse, Director of Gateway, recognized students for ASLP. These students were selected to be a part of the program in collaborations with the Cape Cod Collaborative and Mass Maritime. The students must have high academics, leadership skills and an interest in STEM. The students will be going to Mass Maritime in July and will be staying there for 3 weeks.
- Kari Morse, Director of Gateway, spoke about the Future Problem Solvers competitors who were going to a competition in Wisconsin the next day. The competition works on critical and creative thinking and team work. One team is 4th graders in Barnstable.
- Kari Morse, Director of Gateway, spoke about Destination Imagination which has been in Barnstable since the 1990s. It is a hands-on system of STEM learning. It uses collaborative problem solving. She recognized that the set of students that just graduated started in 2nd grade and competed every year since.
- Tianzhou Ye and Grace Lytle, teachers at BHS, announced the BHS National Latin Award winners. In March, 125 students took the National Latin Exam. 1/3 of the students won recognition. Ms. Ye read the names of those who were Cum Laude, Magne Cum Laude, Silver Medals winners and Gold Medals winners. Gabby achieved something special: she won a gold medal at Latin I, II, III and at the advanced level.

**Approval of Minutes**
- Motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Judge, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Special School Committee meeting of April 23, 2018.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the School Committee Workshop of May 2, 2018.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the School Committee meeting of May 2, 2018.

**Public Comment**
- Travis Cundiff, BCHMCPS Vice-Chair of the Board and father of 3 children at school, stated he valued having a choice as to where to send his children and the school has students from all villages.
- Lori Crawley, Barnstable resident, stated the MOU between the Town of Barnstable and Superintendent concerns her. She asked if an impact study was done at the current fields, if the Town has looked at other locations, what is the timeline for this study, what is the impact on the environment, what is the impact on Dunns Pond Road, what is the impact on the water quality, and will the property values will go down.
- Linda, Barnstable resident who owns property on Dunns Pond Road, spoke about flooding in the neighborhood. Her property abuts one of the fields. She said the last time the fields were altered, the flooding was worsened.
- Michelle Fravel, kindergarten teacher at BCHMCPS, gave the perspective of a teacher who taught in three different schools: HyWest, Centerville, and BCHMCPS. She said her year at BCHMCPS has been her happiest. She said the test scores are the same or higher than other schools in the district. She spoke about her experience at BCHMCPS.
- Ben, a 3rd grader at BCHMCPS, stated he would like kids to have the same great experience that he has had. He spoke about his experience at the school.
- Carol Panasci, enrichment teacher at BCHMCPS, discussed the enrichment cluster at BCHMCPS where a small group of students work with adults. It is project based learning. She spoke about her experience at BCHMCPS.
- Kathy Duran, town resident of Dunn Pond Rd, stated the road is flooded and she is terrified of adding more water to the neighborhood. She spoke about the Superintendent in Orleans who had a similar request last year and recommended a denial.
- Laura Witt, Dunns Pond Road resident, stated she has grave concerns about the MOU.
- Bruce Zicko, Dunns Pond Road resident, stated he has been pumping water 24/7. It is crazy to think of any more water coming into the area.
- Matthew Cuneo, Dunns Pond Road resident, wanted to reiterate what has already been said as he has watched neighbors lose basements, have high electric bills, fill in basement, and dry land is now wet land.
- Heather Gately, parent at BCHMCPS, stated her daughter is in 3rd grade and she has a kindergartener going in next year. She loved having her daughter in a smaller classroom size and the teachers are great there.
- Alyssa Sader, parent of three children who have gone to BCHMCPS, stated the school was a game changer for her oldest son. All of her children have thrived at this school. It has a diverse student body and the test scores are excellent.
- Timea Menyhart, BCHMCPS Treasurer, Board Member and parent, stated the school has a strong presence in the town. There is a diverse student body with a high level of ELL students, same as HyWest. The school has the highest test scores in the district. She is happy with the leadership.
- Dr. Raposo, parent of BCHMCPS student who started this past year, stated her son has opportunity and potential. Her son was in a private preschool, suffered a concussion and has had academic issues. To have a choice is huge. Her son is back to baseline level if not further along.
- Shawn Brown, parent of 2 children at BCHMCPS, stated there was an evacuation of the school last week due to a strong chemical smell. His son was sick and he brought him to the ER. He would have wanted a phone call that night regarding the evacuation. He is concerned with the leadership at the school regarding safety.
- Daniel De Miranda, parent of BCHMCPS student, stated he was concerned about which school his only child should go to. He heard about BCHMCPS and his daughter loves going to the school.
- Adam, a 3rd grader at BCHMCPS, stated he had a good time with great teachers. He had a fun time with the clusters. He was an ambassador this year.

School Committee Comments
- Mr. Judge stated that bus passes at the discount rate closes this Friday.
- Mr. Judge stated the BIS School Council is hosting The Dangers of Vaping on June 13th in the BIS Library.
- Mr. Murphy requested an agenda item on guidance from the new school attorney on opioid litigation.
- Ms. Ellis congratulated the Class of 2018 on graduating this past Saturday. She said attending the graduation ceremony is one of the best parts of being on the School Committee.
- Ms. Ellis thanked the after prom Celebration participants. She pulled an all-nighter. She thanked the volunteers and community members that participated.
- Mr. Joyce thanked the Celebration Committee for putting on an amazing event for the kids.

Superintendent’s Report
- Dr. Mayo-Brown attended the Senior Awards Night last week that recognized seniors for their great accomplishments. The local community contributed $350,000 in scholarships to our graduates.
- Dr. Mayo-Brown stated the search process for the Executive Director of Special Education led to no candidates that she would move forward to the School Committee. She said the position will be reposted. Dr. Jezard has agreed to stay on in the roll while the search continues.
Assistant Superintendent’s Report

- Ms. Harmon stated over 30 students presented the culmination of their internships. There were partnerships with the community including police, fire, chamber of commerce, real estate agencies, hospital, and vet offices. Some of their takeaways included the importance of relationships and maybe their internship wasn’t the profession they wanted to pursue. The high school is more than doubling the number of internships for next year.
- Ms. Harmon stated she and the Superintendent attended an end of year presentation by Ian Wojtowicz, who was part of an independent study in astrophotography with Mike Gyra. We sat there as students and Mr. Wojtowicz fielded questions from teachers.
- Ms. Harmon stated the construction of wetland project by BIS started today.
- Ms. Harmon attended the Makerspace opening at Centerville Elementary and thanked the BEF and Cobb Fund for making that come to life.

Item #060618-001 MOU for School Fields Upgrades and Effluent Discharge

- Mr. Ells stated the request was initiated by the Town. In answering the question how is Barnstable going to manage the drinking and waste water, the town came up with a way to keep things balanced. They are looking at every potential option. One opportunity is to look at when the town does a new field, parking lot, etc. to determine whether it makes sense to have the effluent discharge at the location. The town looks at this for every project that comes forward. The town has to ask the School Committee when it is on the school’s property. The town put this into the appropriation for phase 1 of the field project. An MOU is needed to evaluate the site. The town has done a preliminary evaluation and it does not look like a site where the town would want to do effluent discharge. When the Town approved the new field, it required this MOU for all three phases.
- Ms. Dunn asked if this moves forward to evaluation, will the town be looking at other locations concurrently. Mr. Ells stated yes.
- Mr. Murphy stated the school entered into a similar MOU at Hyannis West Elementary and Barnstable United Elementary. Mr. Ells stated at Hyannis West, the pump station project is on a portion of school property. The School Department built the waste water station for West Villages and Barnstable United. The town took over managing the station almost 20 years ago.
- Mr. Murphy asked is there are any other relationships with school property. Mr. Ells stated the sewer system. He said anytime the school brings forward a request for parking lot, fields, or any request on public property, the town will ask this.
- Mr. Murphy asked if this was just a request to do a study. Mr. Ells stated the School Department is agreeing to move forward if the study shows this is a viable piece of land.
- Mr. Judge asked if the residents from Dunns Pond would have more time to voice their opinions. Mr. Ells stated yes, there will be studies and hearings.
- Ms. Ellis thanked the residents from Dunns Pond for attending the meeting and voicing their concerns. This was up for a vote at last month’s meeting and our School Committee decided to move it to this meeting so they could gather more information. The Committee felt the importance of understanding the details. She thanked Mr. Ells for the Town’s perspective. She is an advocate for the students of Barnstable and wanted to understand what impact this will make. The language in the MOU states a transfer of custody for the property.
- Mr. Joyce stated at the BUE and WVE campus, the discharged is under the fields. It had to go through regulations and environmental protocols. Mr. Ells stated that was correct. Mr. Joyce stated the town did the study for phase I of the field project and it is not feasible. Mr. Ells stated that was correct.
- Ms. Dunn asked if the studies for the next phases would be done by the same people. Mr. Ells stated yes. It will take years to come to that point.
- Ms. Ellis stated she would like to see the MOU language reworked slightly. The night of the Town Council vote, the language did not say it was contingent on this MOU.
- Mr. Murphy stated wastewater is an issue on Cape Cod and is everyone’s responsibility. The School Committee asked for more information which was provided tonight and he would support the MOU as written.
- Mr. Judge stated he is not against the study. There is too much in one MOU. He feels they should do the study and then have another discussion.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Judge, and the Committee voted unanimously to defer action on this MOU.
Create Policy Staff Cellular and Personal Communications Services – Telephone Usage Policy (GBEF)

- Mr. Joyce stated the Committee discussed this policy at a last School Committee meeting.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Judge, and the Committee voted unanimously to create and adopt policy GBEF Staff Cellular and Personal Communications Services – Telephone Usage Policy.

Approval Field Trip to Cuba February 15-27, 2019

- Ms. Lytle stated this trip was planned for last year, but did not take place and she is here to get approval for a field trip to Cuba. The students will work on an old fashion farm with organic farming. She is hoping to take the students to a school. The students will come back and put what they learned into a project.
- Mr. Murphy asked if she did this trip 4 years ago to Cuba. Ms. Lytle stated yes.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Judge, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve a field trip to Cuba from February 15 through 27, 2019, as presented to the Committee and recommended by the Superintendent.

Approval of Installation of Exercise Stations and Fall Surface at WVE

- Mr. Gibbons asked for approval to move forward with a generous donation from the WVE PTO to add to WVE’s current playground and a fall surface.
- Mr. Murphy asked if the same people who installed the current equipment is installing the new equipment. Mr. Gibbons stated no, that company is out of business.
- Ms. Ellis asked if this had to go through the bidding process. Mr. Kanyock stated no, these are not public funds.
- Mr. Judge asked Mr. Kanyock if he looked through everything regarding this installation. Mr. Kanyock stated yes and he is satisfied with everything.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Judge, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the installation of exercise stations and fall surface at West Villages Elementary School, as presented to the Committee.

BUE Report on Social Emotional Learning and DESSA Data

- Dr. Gina Hurley discussed what SEAD is and how it is used for academics. She discussed what a SEAD Coach does. She spoke about research based practices that Barnstable is using including Second Step, Responsive Classroom, Collaborative Problem Solving, and PBIS Practices.
- BUE SEAD coach Mr. Dylan Bissonnette spoke about Second Step Program. In Unit 1: the students learn empathy and skills for learning, in Unit 2: emotion management, and in Unit 3: problem solving. He showed examples of posters that went with the program.
- Mr. Bissonnette stated Responsive Classroom has the structure of a morning meeting: greeting, sharing, group activity, and a morning message. He said with Collaborative Problem Solving, it addressed the challenging behaviors in the classroom. He discussed the PBIS Expectation Matrix.
- In regards to the Social Emotional Screener, Mr. Bissonnette was at a conference and people wanted to know more about what Barnstable was doing with this. Barnstable screened all students and identified 50 students that needed special attention and Barnstable had programs that serviced those students.
- With the BUE Screener, there were 17% of students in the Fall that screened in as needing help, compared to 10% in the Spring.
- Dr. Hurley stated the District Screen data does not have the same gains as BUE. BUE has a SEAD coach. She would like to see these results across the district. The district is getting two more SEAD coaches next year; one shared at the K-3 schools and one at BHS.
- Mr. Judge asked if the district screens K-8. Dr. Hurley stated yes.
- Mr. Murphy stated it was nice to see what this all means. He asked Mr. Bissonnette what his background was in. Mr. Bissonnette stated social pragmatics, school counselor, and he has a master’s in school counseling.
- Mr. Murphy stated that the SEAD coach just started this year and BUE is seeing that jump. He said when we find excellent people with a particular expertise, it changes everything.
- Mr. Joyce asked if the Responsive Classroom is daily. Mr. Bissonnette stated yes. 17 teachers are taking the training this year.
- Ms. Ellis stated this is fantastic work and it is important to show our work is productive. She said it might be productive to do a parent workshop at some point.
• Ms. Dunn asked if BIS a missing link. Dr. Hurley stated for next year, yes it is a missing link. She and Mr. Anderson have talked about reallocating funds the following year to have a SEAD coach at BIS.

**Item #060618-006  BCHMCPS Renewal**

• Todd Carley, Chair of Board of the BCHMCPS and father of two students, introduced the renewal committee. They started their work on the renewal in July 2017.

• Sheila Kukstis, principal of BCHMCPS, thanked the staff, parents and students that came tonight to support the renewal. She read the Mission Statement of BCHMCPS.

• The renewal committee spoke about how they are planning to build a community school for the future. The renewal application speaks to their successes and also where they want to go. The school’s mission drives the school. The school governance and leadership structure empowers the school. The staff supports the renewal and the BTA voted for renewal. They spoke about the history of the charter from 2004 to the present. They spoke about the charter model the school is based on: an accelerated schools plus model. They have three questions they have to answer to DESE: Is the school faithful to the terms of the charter? Is there academic program success? Is there organization viability? Their plans for the next five years are moving to become a K-3 STEAM focused school.

• Mr. Murphy stated his concerns are around student enrollment. Ms. Horgan stated the enrollment policies have changed. As long as the open enrollment is posted, they can accept new students. Mr. Carley stated BCHMCPS class sizes are the second highest in the Barnstable. Mr. Murphy asked if they are accepting late enrollments in September. Ms. Kukstis stated yes, if there are slots it is kept open. They opened the enrollment lottery again June 15 to July 15 and did one at the beginning of the school year. They do have to adhere to the charter rules.

• Mr. Murphy asked who determines the number of slots. Ms. Kukstis stated the charter determines the slots.

• Dr. Mayo-Brown stated you cannot compare Centerville’s class sizes since they have some classrooms with 6 students which skews the numbers on the DESE data.

• The Committee discussed classroom sizes throughout the district versus the charter school.

• Ms. Dunn stated she was on the Board of the Horace Mann School at what is now BUE. She struggles with one school as a district functioning in isolation. There is turnover and change.

• Ms. Dunn asked about an Innovation School. Dr. Mayo-Brown stated an Innovation School is approved as a Charter school is. There is a proposal and application. The difference is an Innovation School falls under the governance of the School Committee instead of a Board. Ms. Dunn asked if the STEAM idea could be an Innovation School. Dr. Mayo-Brown stated yes, if the School Committee approves that innovation.

• Ms. Horgan stated BCHMCPS has been through many Superintendents’, principals, two buildings and they are still going strong.

• Ms. Ellis stated she sat on the Board for grade 4/5 charter. That Charter was different and was not school choice. That charter was absorbed from a school level. The passion for this school and education is palpable. There are great things happening at the school, but there are also great things happening at all the schools. She has two issues with the charter: the School Committee engages in an MOU with BCHMCPS and an allotment of money is turned over and the Board decides how to govern. There is a duplication of services and finances. The other thing is the governance of charter schools is as clear as mud. She thinks it is time for a change. We’re in the business of educating our students.

• Ms. Menyhart stated the funding allocation model they are asking for involves covering overhead. They spend 67% of the funding of other K-3 schools.

• Mr. Murphy asked where we are in the timeline of the application process. Mr. Carley stated the application is due in August. Mr. Murphy stated he wants to go through the MOU process. He would not approve the renewal unless there is an updated of MOU. He has concerns about the enrollment process.

• Mr. Judge stated there is site based management at the schools with horizontal and vertical alignment across the schools. The other schools are going in one direction while the charter school is doing what they want to. Ms. Allen stated every school has to follow a curriculum. The math and reading book are the tools that have to align with the standards.

• Mr. Joyce stated the teachers have stayed passionate through leadership and principal changes. Horace Mann charter schools across the state are closing. It’s time for the school to come back into the district.

• Motion by Mr. Murphy, pursuant to an MOU addressing the districts concerns around enrollments, grievance procedures and other administrative issues, to renew the BCHMCPS charter. There was no second to the motion.
• Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Ms. Dunn not to renew the Horace Mann Charter at the Barnstable Community Horace Mann Charter Public School, pursuant to the authority of the School Committee of the Barnstable Public Schools, in a roll call vote Barbara Dunn voted yes, Mike Judge voted yes, Patrick Murphy voted no, Stephanie Ellis voted yes, and Chris Joyce voted yes.

Item #060618-007 Appoint Cape Cod Collaborative Board of Directors Representative
• Mr. Joyce stated Mr. Judge has served as the Barnstable representative for the Cape Cod Collaborative for over two years and the Committee will be appointing a new representative.
• Motion by Mr. Judge, seconded by Ms. Ellis, and the Committee voted unanimously to appoint Barbara Dunn Barnstable Public School’s Representative to the Cape Cod Collaborative.

Item #060618-008 Contract Amendment for Refuse Services
• Mr. Kanyock stated this item is for a one year extension for the School Department refuse collection and disposal. This will give us time to look at some different options for FY’20.
• Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Judge, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve a one year contract extension for the School Department Refuse Collection and Disposal for a value not to exceed $86,080.00, as recommended by the Town Purchasing Agent.

Item #060618-009 Approval Accounts Payable Warrant FY’18 Warrant #49
Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Judge, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve FY2018 Treasury Warrant #49 in the amount of $227,457.02.

Executive Session
Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Judge, and the Committee voted unanimously in a roll call vote to go into executive session – to reconvene in public session – for a strategy session for salary adjustment for non-affiliated personnel.

Salary Adjustment for Non-Affiliated Personnel
Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Judge, and the Committee voted unanimously in a roll call vote to authorize FY2019 salary increases for non-affiliated personnel, except personnel with new individual employment contracts who are commencing new assignments on or after July 1, 2018, of 2% at the start of the 2018-2019 contract year, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Meeting adjourned at 11:07PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Kruczek
Executive Assistant