The Barnstable School Committee met on Wednesday, July 6, 2016, in the Town Hall Hearing Room. Present were Chair Margeaux Weber, Vice-Chair Chris Joyce, Committee members Stephanie Ellis and Mike Judge. Also present were Bill Butler and Kristen Harmon. School Committee member Patrick Murphy 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.

New Superintendent Welcome
Ms. Weber welcomed new Superintendent, Meg Mayo-Brown, to her first School Committee meeting.

Highlight in Education
- Kathi Amato recognized Kathy Duran as a 2017 Finalist for Massachusetts Teacher of the Year. Ms. Amato spoke of Ms. Duran’s accomplishments.
- Ms. Duran thanked the School Committee, Kathi Amato, Bill Butler, her colleagues, the Hyannis West families and her own family. She spoke about her time teaching and what it has meant to her.
- Ms. Weber thanked Ms. Duran for her work with the students.

Approval of the Minutes
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Judge, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday, June 1, 2016.

Public Comment
No public comment.

School Committee Comments and Sub-Committee/Liaison Reports
- Ms. Ellis thanked Ms. Mayo-Brown for accepting the superintendent’s position and welcomed her to the district.
- Ms. Weber congratulated the graduates from the Class of 2016.
- Ms. Weber thanked Mr. Markwell, Mr. Butler and Ms. Harmon for their budget presentation to the Town Council.
- Ms. Weber thanked former Town Manager, Tom Lynch, for his work on the school’s behalf.
- Mr. Joyce thanked Mr. Butler for stepping up this year and leading the district in his calm, cool and collective demeanor. Barnstable was fortunate to have him this past year.

Superintendent’s Report
- Ms. Mayo-Brown stated she is excited to be in the best district in MA. She thanked Mr. Butler and Ms. Harmon for all their help. Not only is she the superintendent, but also a parent of a BHS student and resident. She stated what an incredible asset BHS is to this community with its courses and extracurricular activities. She thanked the School Committee for the 10 transition days where she went to all the schools except BCHMCPS and spoke to students, teachers, parents and the staff at the schools.

Assistant Superintendent’s Report
- Ms. Harmon stated the BHS Marching Band was in the 4th of July parade and were excellent.
- The next generation MASC 2.0 will be given in the spring of 2017. Grades 4 and 8 will take the test online in 2017, Grades 5 and 7 will take the test online in 2018 and all grades will take the test online in 2019.
- Mr. Judge asked if it was a trial test in 2017. Ms. Harmon stated that the test will have some aspects of PARCC, MCAS and some new MCAS 2.0. The district will be held harmless of the scores.
Approval of BHS Poetry Field Trip

Brooke Styche, teacher at BHS, spoke about the poetry field trip to the Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry Festival in New Jersey, October 20-22, 2016. This festival and field trip request happens every other year. Five students attended last time and she is hoping there will be ten students this year. The trip is paid through grants. It is an amazing experience to see poets from all walks of life.

Mr. Joyce asked where the students stay. Ms. Styche stated the Marriott in Newark. In the past, they have taken the train, but a coach bus would be more cost effective if they can get to ten students.

Mr. Judge asked who the field trip is open to. Ms. Styche stated it is open to everyone. BHS has a poetry club, but anyone can go on the field trip.

Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Judge, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve a field trip to the 2016 Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry Festival in Newark, New Jersey, for the BHS Poetry Slam Team from October 20 to 22, 2016, as presented to the Committee and recommended by the Superintendent.

Pre-Approval BUE Light Pole Replacement Contract Award

Mr. Markwell stated this pre-approval is for the FY17 program to replace 16 light poles at BUES. Bids were received for the installation on July 5. The bids were between $12,223 and $40,000. They will next be doing reference checks. The vote tonight is to authorize the Superintendent to enter into the contract.

Mr. Joyce asked if we already had the poles. Mr. Markwell stated yes.

Mr. Joyce asked if this was unexpected. Mr. Kanyock stated there was tearing on the base of the poles that was unexpected. The pole with the worst risk was taken down.

Mr. Joyce asked if the project will be completed before school starts. Mr. Kanyock stated yes.

Mr. Butler added that Ms. Boucher asked that the value not exceed $13,000 rather than $50,000 since the three lowest bids were all under $13,000.

Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Judge, and the Committee voted unanimously to authorize the Superintendent to accept the bid of the lowest responsive and eligible bidder and award a contract to replace light poles at Barnstable United Elementary School for a value not to exceed $13,000, as recommended by the Town Purchasing Agent.

Approve Accounts Payable Warrant

Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Judge, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve FY2017 Treasury Warrant #1 in the amount of $413,091.72.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Joyce and the Committee unanimously approved in a roll call vote to go into executive session – to reconvene in public session – to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Barnstable Teachers Association and AFSCME contracts pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3).

Ratification of AFSCME Contract Extensions

Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Judge, and the Committee voted unanimously to ratify extensions of the current collective bargaining agreements with AFSCME Council 93, Local 2977, for custodians and maintenance personnel for a period of 12 months each, with a wage increase of 2% on July 1, 2016, and related changes, as recommended by Assistant Superintendent/Legal Counsel and Human Resources Director.

Adjourned 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Kruczek
Executive Assistant