The Barnstable School Committee met on Wednesday, July 18, 2017, in the Town Hall Hearing Room. Present were Chair Margeaux Weber, Vice-Chair Chris Joyce, Committee members Patrick Murphy, Stephanie Ellis and Mike Judge. Also present were Meg Mayo-Brown and Kristen Harmon.

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
- Ms. Harmon spoke about the technology advancements in the district. Last year, 900 Chromebooks were purchased for BHS, 480 each for BUES and BIS and 30 for each elementary school to support instruction, assessments and increase learning opportunities for students. 230 iPads were purchased for BUES last year and they will be redistributed to the elementary schools this year to develop a continuum of technology use and age appropriate demand of technology and its use.
- Ms. Harmon spoke about the district’s technology staff including the Director of Technology who focused on BUES this past year and an Education Technology Specialist who focused on the high school supporting Chromebooks. This upcoming year, a Digital Coach position will be added for the elementary schools.
- Ms. Harmon spoke about Maker Space, a place for students to explore, create, invent and problem solve using various tools and materials. BUES has green screen and 3D printer. Coming soon to BIS are creative spaces, robotics and software. Elementary schools will be using BeeBot and Dash kits.
- A new Engineering Lab at the high school will be using technology and equipment that leading software companies are using.
- Ms. Ellis asked if devices are still 1:1 at grade 7. Ms. Harmon stated those iPads are being redistributed to the elementary schools. The goal is 2:1 in grades K-7 and 1:1 in grades 8-12.
- Mr. Murphy asked if at the end of this year, will the goal for the number of devices be achieved. Ms. Harmon stated it almost will. The high school will still be 2:1.

Approval of Minutes
Motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Judge, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the School Committee Meeting of June 7, 2017.

Public Comment
No public comment.

School Committee Comments
- Mr. Murphy stated there will be a joint house and senate meeting on the Chapter 70 Foundation Budget on July 25. The work will continue over the next year.

Superintendent’s Report
- Ms. Mayo-Brown attended a Chapter 70 Foundation Forum at Monomoy Regional High School on July 11 held by State Representatives Sarah Peake and Tim Whelan along with State Senator Julian Cyr. They
discussed how the foundation formula works and the recommendations for revisions to the formula. The biggest impact would be around healthcare. It was a terrific forum.

- The Department of Education will be holding a Coordinated Program Review in Barnstable in October to review the SPED and ELL programs.
- Ms. Mayo-Brown congratulated Hyannis West for receiving the 21st Century Learning Grant. She thanked Jackie Gillis for working on the grant.
- Ms. Mayo-Brown attended the Rotary Club last week where she gave a presentation and made new friends.
- Since the last School Committee Meeting, a third Community Forum on School Start Times was held on June 19. She is currently working on FAQ for the district’s website.
- Ms. Mayo-Brown recently met with community and district stakeholders interested in helping her make recommendations around the Field of Dreams.

Assistant Superintendent’s Report

- Ms. Harmon stated elementary ELA and Math staff are working on curriculum development and writing projects this summer.
- At the end of June, there were Summer Professional Development classes and there will be end of additional Professional Development opportunities at the end of August.

Item # 071817-004  
**BWB and BUES as Polling Locations**

- Ann Quirk, Town Clerk, spoke about polling locations traditionally being in the schools. She is here to ask the Committee to allow the Town to continue using BWB and BUES as polling locations.
- Ms. Weber stated that she would like to cooperate with the Town with minimum disruptions to schools. She understands there are not a lot of options available. Ms. Quirk stated the BUES location handles 2 precincts. November 6, 2018 is an election day and stated maybe that day can be an in-service day. They have extra police at the schools on polling days.
- Mr. Judge asked if the schools can do an in-service day on November 6, 2018. Ms. Mayo-Brown stated we can. She stated the Town Manager said the Town was looking for alternative locations. He stated other locations have been identified, but could not take place this year, but could in the future. Ms. Quirk stated they have looked at other locations, but the logistics are not working out and they are not easily accessible.
- Ms. Ellis asked how many school buildings are affected. Ms. Quirk stated two: BWB and BUES. Ms. Ellis stated Sandy Hook changed things. It is all about the safety of the kids. She hopes there continues to be conversations and outreach to get voting out of the school buildings.

Item # 071817-001  
**Update ADF District Wellness Policy**

- Ms. Weber stated there was a presentation and discussion at the last School Committee Meeting. This action is for a formal policy.
- Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Ellis, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve Policy ADF entitled “District Wellness Policy,” as presented to the Committee and recommended by the Superintendent.

Item # 071817-002  
**Adoption of the Whole Child Vision Statement**

- Ms. Mayo-Brown stated the vision statement was presented at the last meeting as a first reading.
- Motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Joyce, and the Committee voted unanimously to adopt the Whole Child Vision Statement, as presented to the Committee and recommended by the Superintendent.
Item # 071817-003  District Legal Representation
- Ms. Weber stated there has been an ongoing discussion regarding legal representation. BPS currently works with outside counsel Joan Stein and she has done a great job. We would like to look at the options. She recommends continuing with outside counsel for negotiations and other work.
- Mr. Judge stated we should go forward and post the job for in-house Counsel.
- Ms. Ellis stated the district was well served by Mr. Butler and we will have a difficult time finding someone like him. The district is doing fine with current representation. She thinks we should begin the search.
- Mr. Murphy stated there should be a timeline set for the process. If we cannot find someone, we turn the position over to the Superintendent and this position is reallocated. The decision should be no later than January.
- Mr. Joyce stated Barnstable was fortunate to have Bill and we all miss him. He would like to post position.
- Ms. Mayo-Brown stated she is comfortable in either model.
- Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Judge, and the Committee voted unanimously to authorize the Superintendent to post the job description and receive applications for the position of Legal Counsel for Barnstable Public Schools.

Item # 071817-005  Approval of Speech & Language Assistant position
- Ms. Mayo-Brown stated this position was not in the approved FY’18 Budget.
- Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and the Committee voted unanimously to create the position of Speech & Language Assistant, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Item # 071817-006  Approval of Digital Coach position
- Ms. Mayo-Brown stated this was the position Kristen referenced in her highlight.
- Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and the Committee voted unanimously to create the position of Digital Coach, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Item # 071817-008  Approval of Assistant BHS SPED Coordinator position and funding
- Ms. Mayo-Brown stated this position was not in the approved FY’18 Budget.
- Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Judge, and the Committee voted unanimously to create the position of Assistant BHS SPED Coordinator, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Item # 071817-009  Update 2017-2018 School Calendar
- Ms. Weber stated the 2017-2018 school calendar needs to be updated to include the additional half day professional development days.
- Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Judge, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the revised school calendar for the 2017-2018 school year, as presented to the Committee and recommended by the Superintendent.

Item # 071817-010  Superintendent’s Entry Plan Presentation
- Ms. Mayo-Brown discussed her entry plan findings. Part 1 of the document is the findings and summary of the plan. She learned much through this process about the school and community. Meg discussed the strength findings, the areas the community mentioned should be kept at all costs and about what type of leadership the community is looking for from her. She reviewed the district’s capacity for instruction, instructional focus and strategic planning and initiatives.
- Ms. Mayo-Brown discussed the District Goals and Action Plan draft she and her administrators are currently working on for the August meeting.
- Mr. Murphy congratulated Ms. Mayo-Brown on her first year. Her pace and tone are on point and it was good she was willing to spend the year to learn and listen. He asked about specific expectations for
student learning achievements. His expectation is that Barnstable should do better than what the state average is.

- Ms. Mayo-Brown discussed the specific outcomes for student learning is still to be determined since the state is changing testing and removing PPIs. She feels Barnstable can be well above the state average.
- Ms. Ellis stated that Ms. Mayo-Brown was not hired to remain at the status quo. The entry plan document shows her commitment.

**Item # 071817-011  Overview of Facility Projects**
- Mr. Kanyock gave an overview of the summer and upcoming facility projects.
- Mr. Joyce asked if the money is budgeted for the asbestos abatement. Mr. Kanyock stated yes.
- Mr. Kanyock discussed facilities maintenance and the infrastructure project update.
- Mr. Joyce thanked Mr. Kanyock for his initiative and work.

**Item # 071817-012  Approval Accounts Payable Warrant FY’18 Warrant #2**
Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve FY2018 Treasury Warrant #2 in the amount of $312,920.59.

**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 8:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Executive Assistant