

The Barnstable School Committee met on Thursday, July 9, 2015, in the BHS Knight Auditorium. Present were Chair Margeaux Weber, Vice-Chair Stephanie Ellis, and Committee members Chris Joyce and Fran McDonald. Patrick Murphy was not in attendance. Also present were Bill Butler 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 22. Anyone who wished to make a recording of the session must notify the Chair.

Highlight in Education

- Linda Silk spoke about the Kindergarten Jumpstart Summer Program at Hyannis West Elementary School. The program was started last summer when it was realized that a large percentage of Kindergarten students did not attend preschool – up to 75% of the students. It was decided that helping these students in the summer for a couple of weeks was preferable to working with the students with 20 other students in the class at the beginning of the school year. Both social and academic skills are worked on with the students. The program was held for two weeks last year and will be three weeks this year. Students are provided free bus transportation. There are eight teachers who each had 5 to 6 students. There are ELL classes and Spanish and Portuguese translator parent liaisons. Ms. Silk also spoke of the 21st Century Program that will be held this summer. An enhancement grant allows for three teachers to develop a curriculum with the students; the summer program will focus on hunger in our community and include working at local food pantry.
- Dr. McDonald asked about the origins of the Jumpstart program. Ms. Silk stated that they had looked at the needs of our children. She was not sure if came from best practices or just grew out of need.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Dr. McDonald, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meetings on Monday, June 15, 2015.

Public Comment

No public comments were presented.

School Committee Comments and Sub-Committee/Liaison Reports

- Ms. Weber and Mr. Butler met with Chair of the Board and the Principal of BCHMCPS to discuss the maximum enrollment. They need to take the discussion back to the Board.
- Ms. Ellis asked what the maximum capacity for the BCHCPS building is. Mr. Butler stated that Mr. Kanyock looked at recommendations from the school department and it was suggested 330-380 students. He also looked at 16 classrooms with 23 and 24 students and that comes out to 330-370 students. BCHMCPS is setting the maximum capacity at a desirable class size and we do not have that flexibility in other schools.

Superintendent's Report

- Ms. Weber welcomed Interim Superintendent Butler to give his first Superintendent Report.
- Mr. Butler stated that the seven schools (not including BCHMCPS) have submitted school improvement plans. They will be given the opportunity to amend the plans based on training they had last week. They will submit a draft revision at the summer workshop in August and the final draft will be due September 30.
- The Town Council would like to hear a presentation regarding capital projects for FY'16 from the School Department. We are scheduled to have the presentation in September.
- DESE conducts reviews of coordinate program of district civil right practices and we're in the middle of the 5 year cycle and DESE concluded its mid-cycle review and looked at seven selected areas. Three of the criteria were implemented and four were partially implements. We will work with Dr. Jezard on the four areas.

- Mr. Butler will be attending the MASS Executive Institute next week. It will be an opportunity to meet other superintendents and is he looking forward to attending several programs on the agenda.
- The FY'15 budget ended in the black. The legislature sent the FY'16 state budget to the governor and he has 10 days to respond.
- The District Leadership Workshop will take place August 18-20 at the Heritage Museum in Sandwich. All School Committee members are invited to attend.
- Mr. Butler included the ESHS grant End of Year Status Report for 2014-2015 prepared by Pam Ciborowski in the packets. Ms. Ciborowski will attend a School Committee meeting if there are any questions.
- DESE did a report on Preparing Citizens: Report on Civic Learning and Engagement that was given to the School Committee. There is some interesting data on the sorry state of American students' knowledge of civics.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

- Ms. Harmon spoke of the professional development training that took place on June 29th, 30th and July 1st. 40 classroom teachers participated in the best first instruction program. 40 members of the leadership team participated in the balanced leadership training which focused on the 21 leadership practices of the most successful leaders and how best to use our skills to promote change. The focus was efforts around planning. The conversations will be beneficial to school improvement plans. The Leadership Retreat in August will be a continuation of the balanced leadership training.

Item # 070915-001 Superintendent Search Consulting Services

- Ms. Weber stated that Mr. Joyce is recusing himself from this vote due to his involvement with the Cape Cod Collaborative. She and Mr. Butler had conference calls with each of the services. There was a significant cost difference between the two and there was no reason not to select the lower cost service of MASC and the Cape Cod Collaborative.
- Mr. Butler stated the district had a good result using them last time. They had a good proposal and would recommend them to the Committee.
- Ms. Ellis asked about the timeline of the search. Ms. Weber stated they will work with us to get things moving ASAP. We asked to be close to a final decision by the end of the year. They will proceed how we want them to.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. McDonald, and the Committee voted unanimously to accept the joint quote submitted by the MASC and Cape Cod Collaborative in the amount of \$12,500 for search consulting services for the Committee's superintendent search, as recommended by the Chair.

Item # 070915-003 Pre-Approval for Floor & Steps Refinishing Contract

Item # 070915-004 Pre-Approval for West Villages Chiller & Water Tower Contract

- Mr. Kanyock explained the need for the Committee to approve the Superintendent to accept the bid of the lowest bid for the BHS floor and step refinishing contract and the WVE chiller and water tower contract.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Joyce, and the Committee voted unanimously to authorize the Superintendent to accept the bid of the lowest responsive and eligible bidder and award a contract for refinishing the kitchen floor at WVE and concrete entrance steps at BHS for a value not to exceed \$30,000, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent and Facilities Director.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Joyce, and the Committee voted unanimously to authorize the Superintendent to accept the bid of the lowest responsive and eligible bidder and award a contract for replacement of the chiller and water tower at WVE for a value not to exceed \$250,000, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent and Facilities Director.
- Mr. Kanyock gave an update on the new ELC. Things are moving along nicely, the painting is done, parking complete and lining today, and exterior paint complete. Contractor is set to complete work by July 24th and we hope to have power by August 3rd, and move in around August 15th.
- Mr. Joyce asked if we would occupy the building on August 15th and when will teachers occupy the building. Mr. Butler said the teachers would be able to occupy the building in mid-August, right after the furniture was moved in.
- Mr. Joyce asked if there will be a grand opening ceremony. Mr. Kanyock said there will be.

Item # 070915-005 Approval of Contract Amendment – BHS Solar Panels

- Mr. Butler spoke of the smaller of two solar panels on the high school roof. He is looking for approval to transfer the maintenance from Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative, Inc. to Consolidated Edison Solutions at no cost to the Town. They have been assisting and are in a better position to maintain.
- Mr. Joyce asked Mr. Kanyock his thoughts on the solar system. Mr. Kanyock stated that he was not involved. Mr. Butler stated that the amendment was just switching the maintenance of the panels. The original company that facilitated the maintenance does not want to continue to maintain the panels.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Joyce, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve Amendment No. 1 dated April 13, 2015, to the Cooperative Net Metered Power Purchase and Equipment Attachment Agreement between the Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative, Inc., Consolidated Edison Solutions, Inc., and the Town of Barnstable, as presented to the Committee and recommended by the Interim Superintendent.

Executive Session

- Motion by Ms. Ellis to go into executive session, and the Committee unanimously approved – to reconvene in public session – to discuss strategy regarding collective bargaining with the AFSCME contracts. Meeting in an open session may have detrimental effects on the School Committee bargaining position.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. McDonald, 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 wage increases of 1.5% on July 1, 2015, and .5% on January 1, 2016, as recommended by Interim Superintendent and Human Resource Director.

Adjourned 7:38 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Kruczek
Executive Assistant