

The Barnstable School Committee met on Wednesday, August 5, 2015, in the Town Hall Hearing Room. Present were Chair Margeaux Weber, Vice-Chair Stephanie Ellis, and Committee members Chris Joyce and Patrick Murphy. Fran McDonald was not in attendance. Also present were Bill Butler and Kristen Harmon.

Ms. Weber called the meeting to order at 7:02 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.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting on Thursday, July 9, 2015.

Public Comment

No public comments were presented.

School Committee Comments and Sub-Committee/Liaison Reports

No comments were presented.

Superintendent's Report

- The BCHMCPS Annual Report for 2014-2015 is complete. The School Committee Chair is planning a joint workshop with BCHMCPS Board this fall.
- An executive summary has come out for a new charter school in the Commonwealth from the Weetumuw Tribe that will focus on their language. Barnstable will have an opportunity to comment.
- Mr. Butler attended the Superintendent Conference in Mashpee and one speaker from Boston Children's Hospital working with Boston Public Schools was very interesting and had good suggestions that Mr. Butler has passed onto to Dr. Hurley. They also heard a panel discussion from the Foundation Budget Review Commission where they discussed the changes to Chapter 70 allocation would be if the Commission's recommendations are accepted by the legislature.
- Mr. Markwell advised Mr. Butler that school choice is closed. There is no remaining space in any of the schools.
- Mr. Butler attended the district's new administrator's orientation yesterday along with 9 new administrators including 7 internal promotions: Kari Morse, Laura Gill, Karen Cloutier, Sue West, Bob Donehey, Melisa McCarthy-Kraus, Thomas Tracey, Nicole Caucci and Stephanie Markwell.
- The Legislature overrode the Governor's veto of the Kindergarten Grant. Mr. Butler is not sure how this will affect Barnstable. Barnstable made cuts in anticipation of the reduction and Mr. Butler will meet with Mr. Markwell and Mr. Milne if money is allocated to Barnstable.
- The convocation for staff is August 31st and the first day of class for students is September 2nd.
- Mr. Murphy asked if this would be the last year of the Kindergarten Grant and Mr. Butler responded that was the message received from local legislatures.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

- In regards to MTSS work, next week, 10 participants will train to be the trainers in Classrooms that Work. There will be a trainer in each school building.
- Balanced Leadership Training with continue for 40+ members of the leadership team at the administrator's retreat August 18th and 19th.
- Title 1 allocation funding was cut 4.5 % or \$47,000. Ms. Harmon is working with Ms. Wegman to put a grant application together.

- The high school is holding its 4th annual Credit for Life fair on November 20th. All seniors at the high school receive real life experience in budgeting. We are looking for community members interested in volunteering at the event.
- Ms. Harmon congratulated Centerville Elementary for finishing the process for NAEYC, which was the culmination of a years' worth of work of information about the school shared with NAEYC for their review. This was a requirement for the Kindergarten Grant.

Item #080515-001 Overview of the Grade 7 Mobile iPad Project and ISTE Report

- Ms. Orr gave an overview of the grade 7 iPad project and the ISTE report. She gave background information including applying for the US e-rate reimbursement of \$5 billion for next 5 years to schools, libraries and towns to build out infrastructure. Barnstable participated in Open Cape which spent \$2.2 million for fiber optics in schools. BPS had a \$600,000 CIP grant from the town. The high school and intermediate schools are complete with this infrastructure and the elementary schools will be completed by November.
- Ms. Orr thanked the Committee for supporting the project of iPads for every 7th grade student in 2014. She spoke of her mobile learning vision. She looked at every study that was out there regarding iPads in the classroom – there are not a lot out there. She visited schools that were doing what Barnstable hoped to do.
- Ms. Orr worked with ISTE to conduct pre- and post-surveys in the fall of 2014 and spring of 2015, including classroom observations, focus groups, and student sample work. 66% of teachers used the iPad daily. Teachers responded students were more engaged, organized and empowered. Students responded that they were getting better grades, more engaged and learning on a deeper level with the iPads. Students felt they had more opportunities for research, management and creation.
- Mr. Murphy asked if grade 6 had access to technology and Ms. Orr replied that there are computer labs and one iPad cart.
- Recommendations from ISTE's report included strengthening the district's support, continue long range professional development and to develop a budget to expand mobile learning to 1:1.
- Mr. Joyce asked if that was ISTE's recommendations for all schools or Barnstable and Ms. Orr responded it was for Barnstable specifically.
- The emerging themes from this project included effective effort, initiative, support, structure and technology is not ubiquitous.
- The next steps include year 2 of 1:1 mobile learning, Ed Tech for Teachers and expansion of cart model for grade 6. Long range goals include iPads for PreK to 7 and laptops for grades 8 to 12.
- Mr. Joyce asked how many iPad carts are at BIS and Mr. Orr answered they are adding 5 for a total of 6.
- Ms. Ellis thanked Ms. Orr for her thoroughness. We need to think of students bringing their own technology and of up and coming technology. We need to look at all options; the iPad may not be the best option.
- Mr. Murphy stated the 72 page study is the outcome of the decision the School Committee made years ago when it decided to make this investment. The challenges are that you cannot tie the investment in technology to better student outcomes that are test driven. MA testing might force our hand as to what technology we use. Ms. Orr stated in PARCC testing, students are using the iPad and liking it better.
- Ms. Weber stated that Barnstable needs more accessibility to technology in the schools.

Item #080515-002 Superintendent Search Committee

- Ms. Weber stated that she and Mr. Butler met with Paul Hilton and Glenn Koocher for a preliminary discussion on the Superintendent search. She has invited Mr. Hilton and Mr. Koocher to give an overview at the next School Committee meeting. There is a tentative timeline for the search beginning on September 7th. She is in the process of putting together the Search Committee and she has not heard from any of the high school teachers. A proposed schedule and brochure is in the School Committees packets. Tonight the Committee needs to approve the salary range of \$175,000 – 200,000.
- Mr. Murphy asked if that was the salary range recommended and Ms. Weber stated yes.
- Mr. Joyce asked what the feeling is on the search. Ms. Weber stated that there are not a lot of searches going on around here and Barnstable is ahead of the pack. Mr. Butler stated last year there were an unusually large number of high profile districts searching for a Superintendent and they are not seeing this to the same extent this year. This is a competitive salary to attract a good applicant pool.

- Mr. Murphy stated that the timing needed to be early to stay competitive. Mr. Butler stated last year School Committees were making decisions in December and January and the process has accelerated.
- Mr. Joyce stated that often schools hire a sitting Superintendent, but the person might not take over until July. Mr. Butler stated that is the case and Superintendents have provisions in their contracts for 90 days to 6 months' notice. Ms. Weber said the new Superintendent could start in July or sooner.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Joyce, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve an annual salary range of \$175,000 to \$200,000 to be included in advertising for a new superintendent, as recommended by the Chair and the superintendent search consultants.

Item #080515-003 Pre-Approval of the BPS Flooring Replacement Project

Item #080515-004 Pre-Approval of the BPS Burner Upgrade

Item #080515-005 Pre-Approval of the Early Learning Center Playground

- Mr. Kanyock spoke about the three pre-approvals including the high school and intermediate schools burner replacement projects, flooring replacement work, and the early learning center playground project.
- Mr. Joyce asked if the playground has been designed. Mr. Kanyock said it has and he has been working with Dr. Jezard and O'Brien and Sons who have done Centerville, BCHMCPS, and HWE.
- Mr. Joyce asked where the funds were coming from. Mr. Kanyock stated some of the funds have been donated and some from FY' 15 budget. Mr. Butler stated that we have a \$30,000 donation from the Barnstable Disability Commission.
- Mr. Joyce asked about the accessibility and location of the playground. Mr. Kanyock stated that it is accessible equipment and the playground is being built where the building jars in.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and the Committee voted unanimously to authorize the Interim Superintendent to accept the bid of the lowest responsive and eligible bidder and award a contract for the Barnstable Public Schools flooring replacement project for a value not to exceed \$16,000, as recommended by the Town Purchasing Agent.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and the Committee voted unanimously to authorize the Interim Superintendent to accept the bid of the lowest responsive and eligible bidder and award a contract for replacing burners at Barnstable High School and Barnstable Intermediate School for a value not to exceed \$350,000, as recommended by the Town Purchasing Agent.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and the Committee voted unanimously to authorize the Interim Superintendent to accept the bid of the lowest responsive and eligible bidder and award a contract for the Early Learning Center playground project for a value not to exceed \$160,000, as recommended by the Town Purchasing Agent.

Item # 080515-006 Approval Accounts Payable Warrant FY '16 Warrant #6

Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve FY2016 Treasury Warrant #6 in the amount of \$183,191.44.

Adjourned 8:03 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Kruczek
Executive Assistant