

The Barnstable School Committee met on Monday, November 10, 2014, in the Barnstable Town Hall Hearing Room. Present were Chair Margeaux Weber, Vice-Chair Stephanie Ellis, and Committee members Chris Joyce and Fran McDonald. Also present were Dr. Mary Czajkowski, Kristen Harmon, Bill Butler, and Town Council Liaison Sara Cushing.

Ms. Weber called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

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.

Item #111014-001

Preschool Phase I Funding

Item #111014-002

Preschool Phases II and III Design Funding

- Ms. Weber stated that the purpose of tonight's School Committee was to discuss the modular preschool.
- Dr. Czajkowski stated that the Director of Finance, Director of Facilities, and the Deputy Director of Finance were all present. She spoke of the two rounds of bids for the modular and referred to the chart demonstrating the difference between the bids and bidders in each round. Phase I would consist of six classrooms for the Early Learning Center. Triumph's first bid was \$3,677,475 and Innovative's first bid was \$4,170,500. There was a budget of \$2 million, so a rebid was put out minus the deduct 1 and 2 and the timeline for occupancy was changed from February 2015 to September 2015.
- Dr. Czajkowski recommended the School Committee accept Triumph's bid of \$2,255,025. The original budget did not include OT/PT dedicated space in the original \$2 million budget. With the additional footage, OT/PT space and contingencies, an extra \$529,977 is needed. Dr. Czajkowski recommended that \$275,831.60 remaining from ten completed school projects be appropriated to the modular preschool project and the remaining balance of \$254,145.46 be allocated from the school savings account. The Town Council needs to approve the appropriation of the funds from the school savings account, which currently has a balance of \$4.7 million.
- Dr. Czajkowski explained that Phases II and III of the Modular Preschool project would require \$172,000 for design costs. Phases II and III would include removal of all remaining portables from BWB that were built and bought in 1979 – 1981.
- Dr. Czajkowski spoke of the need for six complete classrooms in Phase 1. There are currently 17 children undergoing evaluations that need to be placed in January. Preschool enrollment is ongoing throughout the year.
- Dr. Czajkowski said that if the School Committee allocated the funds for Phase I and Phases II and III, there would be a first reading at the November 20th Town Council Meeting and a second reading and vote at the December 4th Town Council Meeting.
- Mr. Joyce said the modular preschool has been talked about for a while and vetted. Last week, he along with Dr. Czajkowski and Mr. Kanyock visited Lexington where Triumph had just finished a modular project. The Barnstable Community has asked him why modular construction. Modulares have the shelf life of stick builds. It is a priority to remove the current portables. Modulares are very easy to add onto, attractive, efficient and economical. It is less costly to build modulares than to open one of our older buildings as the buildings are not up to current standards and there would be additional operational costs to staff the building.
- Dr. Czajkowski stated that the removal of the portables and adding modulares has been a goal of the School Committee and the former Superintendent. The Facilities Advisory Committee, when Dr. Czajkowski started at BPS, was looking to replace the portables. With the closing of schools, we have space issues. We have an increase of students and are trying to have special programs for SPED, so we can educate all our students in Barnstable. Building the modular is the most cost effective way to do this. It would cost \$2-3 million to get the older closed buildings up to code and another \$1 million for operating costs.
- Mr. McDonald pointed out that modulares are not the same as portables. He asked if the MSBA had co-funding for the modular construction as they do with stick builds and if there were any other energy rebates.

- Dr. Czajkowski stated that the Sturgis West campus is a modular construction. The MSBA does not reimburse for modular construction.
- Mr. Joyce responded that the math has been done and it is cheaper to move forward with the modular construction than it is to have a stick build with the MSBA rebates.
- Ms. Ellis stated that she's been on the School Committee for six years and it has been six years of talking about removing portables. It is important to educate and focus on our younger students. Portables just need to be removed at HWE and BWB. She questioned that when the preschool opens at HWE, will that open space at Centerville and will there be redistricting. There is a need to look at the trends and where families are residing.
- Dr. Czajkowski stated that Centerville is growing. We will need to look at the district lines and bus routes. The BWB and HWE portables need to be removed. We cannot not replace the portables. At BWB, the library is on the stage. It's not appropriate to have art on a cart. We want to educate SPED in our district.
- Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Ellis, and the Committee voted unanimously to accept the proposal of Triumph Modular, Inc. in the amount of \$2,255,024.58 for construction of the Barnstable Early Learning Center at Hyannis West Elementary School, contingent on approval by the Town Council of additional funding to the existing appropriation for this project and successful negotiation of the technical specifications to deliver a building satisfying the expectations of quality and appearance as described in the requirements in the Request for Proposal package, as recommended by the Town Purchasing Agent, and to request—through the Council liaisons to the School Committee—that the Council appropriate the sum of \$529,977 for this purpose by transferring the sum of \$275,831.60 from the balances of the Council Orders listed originally appropriated for school district capital projects and by transferring the sum of \$254,145.40 from the schools' allocation of General Fund reserves.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Joyce, and the Committee voted unanimously to request—through the Town Council liaisons to the School Committee—that the Council appropriate the sum of \$172,000 for design costs for modular expansion at BWB Elementary School for Phase II and modular kindergarten expansion at Hyannis West Elementary School for Phase III by transferring the sum of \$172,000 from the schools' allocation of General Fund reserves.

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Kruczek
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