

The Barnstable School Committee met on Monday, December 8, 2014, in the BHS Knight Auditorium. Present were Chair Margeaux Weber, Vice-Chair Stephanie Ellis, and Committee member Fran McDonald, Patrick Murphy, and Chris Joyce. Also present were Dr. Mary Czajkowski, Kristen Harmon, Bill Butler, Town Council Liaison Sara Cushing, and Student Envoys Olivia Brodt and Donnie Brodd.

Ms. Weber called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 22. Anyone who wished to make a recording of the session must notify the Chair.

### **Highlight on Education**

- BHS Chorus previewed two songs they will sing during their upcoming performance for the Epcot Candlelight Processional at Disney World.
- BHS graduate Rory Trimble and BHS Science Teacher Michael Gyra introduced the video they were about to show with respect to BHS Going to Space with a GoPro camera attached to a balloon. They thanked the sponsors, Principal Pat Clark, and all those involved in the experiment and video. They showed the BHS Goes to Space YouTube video.

### **Minutes**

Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. McDonald, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of Monday, November 17, 2014.

### **Student Envoys**

- Mr. Brodd stated that winter sports started last week and the drama club is putting on a free show, A Christmas Carol, with donations to benefit Champ House.
- Ms. Brodt spoke of the candy grams BHS is currently selling to benefit Toys for Tots. The Penny Wars during Spirit Week raised over \$600 for Toys for Tots. The National Honors Society is currently having a hat and glove drive.

### **Public Comment**

No public comments were presented.

### **School Committee Comments and Sub-Committee Reports**

- Mr. Joyce attended the Credit for Life Program which is a partnership between Cape Cod Five Savings Bank and BHS. It gives students a budget and expenses, just like they will encounter in real life.
- Ms. Weber read to a Hyannis West class last week. She also attended the Poetry Out Loud Program at BHS and wanted to congratulate the English classes and students who participated in the event.
- Ms. Weber stated the Field Sub-Committee will be going on a field trip to see new fields off cape on Wednesday.
- Ms. Weber thanked the Town Council for approving the additional funds for the modular Early Learning Center.

### **Superintendent's Report**

- In regards to the Early Learning Center, Dr. Czajkowski wanted to thank the Town Council, Dave Kanyock, Mark Milne, the staff of the preschool, and the School Committee for all their hard work. The Town Council approved an additional \$564,977 for the modular Early learning Center Phase I and \$179,000 for Phases II and III. This money is in addition to \$2 million already approved for the modular. The naming of the center is on the agenda tonight. There will be a groundbreaking ceremony in January.
- Student Envoy and Student Council member Olivia Brodt put together a survey for the student body in regards to a later start time for the high school. Dr. Czajkowski went over the survey questions and requested School Committee feedback.
- There will be parent/teacher conferences for Pre-K – 7<sup>th</sup> grade on December 9 and 11.

- Dr. Czajkowski thanked Jim Gilbert, Noreen Jones, and Jen Kruczek for their help in getting the first episode of the Superintendent's Corner released. It is being broadcast on Ch. 22 and can be found on the BPS website under the b2b tv link under Quick Links on the home page.
- Upcoming events in the next two weeks include: a meeting with Ms. Jezard, Mr. Bruinooge, and Mr. O'Toole regarding special drama performances for students with special needs; a meeting with the modular Early Learning Center architects to discuss Phases II and III; lunch with Ms. Hurley at the BHS bistro, and lunch with a class at BWB.

### **Assistant Superintendent's Report**

- Elementary school report cards were sent home on Friday and the Intermediate school report cards were sent home today.
- Computer Science Week is taking place with its Hour of Code program that supplies lessons and activities for students on coding. The program is in its second year with 150 countries participating.
- Centerville Elementary received a grant from Reebok for its Build Our Kids Success program where it believes "active kids equals active minds." The program consists of before school physical activities led by staff.
- BUE has started a program where they focus on a specific trait for a month and at the end of month, there will be a ceremony for students who exemplified that month's trait. Integrity is this month's trait and January's trait is Kindness.
- Hyannis West's PTO has a tree in the JFK Spectacle of Trees. Ms. Harmon encourages everyone to make a donation to Hyannis West's tree.

### **Item # 120814-001 BCHMCPS Enrollment Policy**

Item tabled until next meeting.

### **Item # 120814-002 Graduation Requirements Policy**

- Mr. Clark spoke about the last meeting where he laid out his plan for the graduation requirements to the School Committee and community. The only shift was in step 4 where there is a clarification that the requirement is for two years of the same world language.
- Motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Ms. Ellis, and the Committee voted unanimously to adopt Policy IKF entitled "Graduation Requirements", which will require a rigorous program of studies for all high school students, fully aligned with MassCore by the class of 2020, as presented to the Committee and recommended by the Superintendent and High School Principal.

### **Item # 120814-003 Public Use of School Fields**

- Mr. Kanyock looked at the public use of school fields in neighboring districts along with what was permitted and signage used. He suggested language for the signage at the various school fields.
- Mr. Joyce asked if there was signage at the stadium currently and Mr. Kanyock answered there was and it states public use is allowed, no dogs on the track, and permits are needed.
- Ms. Weber asked Mr. Butler about the suggested language and Mr. Butler replied that he could prepare a revision for a policy and present it as a first reading at the next meeting.
- Ms. Weber stated that we need to focus on the safety and security of the students.
- Ms. Ellis wanted to make sure we look at all of the Barnstable Public Schools' signage and not just signage at the high school.

### **Item # 120814-004 Spanish V Field Trip**

- Ms. Lytre requested approval to take her Spanish V Honors class to see a play in Spanish in NYC. The class is currently reading the book the play is based on.
- Ms. Ellis thought this was a wonderful opportunity and wondered if the students can make up work they are missing.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and the Committee voted unanimously approve a field trip to NYC for Spanish V students at BHS from December 18 to 19, 2014, as presented to the Committee.

### **Item # 120814-005 Naming of Facility Policy – Barnstable Early Learning Center**

- Mr. Butler spoke of the current naming policies that needs to be taken in account in regards to naming the Early Learning Center.

- Dr. Czajkowski felt we needed to get input on the naming of the Early Learning Center from the school community.

#### **Item # 120814-006      BCHMCPS Playground Naming**

- Mr. Steinhilber nominated the new BCHMCPS playground to be named the Lyndon P. Lorusso Friendship Playground. Back in February, they began fundraising for the new playground and raised \$131,000 by June. The playground opened this past September and the Lorusso Foundation was critical as their largest donor and matching gifts. The Friendship Playground part of the name came from the fact the playground will have friendship benches that when a child is sitting on one will signifies they are feeling down in hopes the other kids will reach out to them.
- Ms. Ellis stated she is well aware of the Lorusso family's generosity and wants to make sure this is what the community wants. Mr. Steinhilber stated the name has been discussed with the BCHMCPS Board of Trustees, parents, and the school community.
- Mr. Murphy thought this name was a fantastic idea, but this is the first time on agenda. Usually the first time it's on the agenda is for informational purposed and the second meeting it becomes an action item. Is there any reason not to hold this item over to the next meeting? Ms. Weber stated the signage for the playground with the name is already up.
- Mr. Butler stated that it was at the discretion of School Committee to vote tonight or hold off the vote until the next meeting.
- Ms. Weber asked who was in favor of voting tonight and Mr. Joyce, Mr. McDonald and Ms. Weber were all in favor of voting on this issue at this time.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Joyce, and the Committee voted unanimously approve the nomination of the BCHMCPS to name the new playground at BCHMCPS the Lyndon P. Lorusso Friendship Playground, as presented to the Committee.

#### **Item # 120814-007      1:1 Technology Evaluation Study**

- Ms. Orr spoke of the 400 iPads that were distributed to the 7<sup>th</sup> graders at BIS on October 2 and 3 with the goal of enhancing and accelerating learning while leveraging technology and promoting collaboration and creation to increase student engagement.
- Ms. Orr would like to focus on staff development with the iPads to make classroom practices more modern and supported through social media. edtechteacher will be providing PD sessions to help with the technology. The pre-survey on the iPads is completed and a post-survey will be administered in May.
- Ms. Weber asked is the 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers would be ready if the current 7<sup>th</sup> graders kept their iPads as they moved on. Ms. Orr said they would be.
- Dr. Czajkowski asked if that was the plan for the iPads to follow with the students and what happens with next year's 7<sup>th</sup> grade class. Ms. Orr stated that the iPads would follow with the current 7<sup>th</sup> graders and she was going to request iPads for next year's 7<sup>th</sup> grade class.
- Mr. Murphy asked if the PARCC assessment would use iPads. He heard the Chrome book is the way to go with the PARCC assessment and not the iPad. Dr. Czajkowski stated that it was decided to use the pencil and paper test.
- Mr. McDonald stated he is cautious to contribute more money without first having the feedback as to how the current program is going. The School Committee needs better data on how the iPads are enhancing learning. He would like to see more data and studies at the next meeting.
- Ms. Ellis said she is supportive of using technology for learning, but would like to look at other technologies besides iPads. Technology Department needs to do their due diligence with grant money. She would like more concrete data including if iPads help with standardized test.

#### **Item # 120814-008      Early Learning Center Modular Construction Update**

Dr. Czajkowski will be meeting with the architects next week to discuss Phases II and III. There will be a groundbreaking ceremony in January and Dr. Czajkowski will let the Committee know when the groundbreaking ceremony is to take place.

#### **Item # 120814-009      Student Release Policy**

- Mr. Butler spoke about the school district having conditional involvement in extracurricular with parents signing a release. Schools are not required to offer extracurricular activities and involvement in these activities is voluntary. Barnstable does not currently have a policy. Policy proposed would have the Superintendent as a designee to the School Committee to decide what activities would require a release.

- Mr. Murphy stated that it might be a challenge to put the decision on the Superintendent. Mr. Butler said you can have a release policy for all activities. Dr. Czajkowski commented that in her former district they had the student release policy as part of the student handbook.

**Item # 120814-010      2015 - 2016 School Calendar**

- Dr. Czajkowski gave the School Committee two calendar options for the 2015-2016 school year. Option A would have the first day of school after Labor Day and Option B would have the first day the Wednesday before Labor Day. The Teachers' Union supports Option B.
- Mr. Murphy asked if the half day teacher conferences were well attended. Dr. Czajkowski said they were and there were two conferences that would take place this week that we could get the numbers that attend.
- Ms. Ellis thought Option B was better because of Labor Day being so late in 2015. She thought we should remove the half day teacher conferences, move the half day in January to the Friday before President's Day in February, and the Wednesday before Thanksgiving should be a half day.

**Item # 120814-011      Accounts Payable Warrant**

Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve FY2015 Treasury Warrant #23 in the amount of \$431,612.73

**Executive Session**

Motion by Ms. Ellis to go into executive session - not to reconvene in public session - to discuss strategy with respect to the Barnstable Brewing litigation. Meeting in an open session meeting may have a detrimental effect on the School committee bargaining position.

Adjourned 9:13pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Kruczek  
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