

The Barnstable School Committee met on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, in the Town Hall Hearing Room. Present were Chair Margeaux Weber, Vice-Chair Stephanie Ellis, and Committee members Patrick Murphy and Chris Joyce. Also present were Dr. Mary Czajkowski and Kristen Harmon. Fran McDonald and Bill Butler were not present.

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.

Option to Renew School Transportation Contract

- Mr. Markwell explained in 2012, BPS signed a 3 year contract with First Student which ends at the end of this school year. In the contract, there is an option for a 24 month extension for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017. At the last School Committee Meeting on January 15th, it was stated that the School Committee had until May to make this decision. After meeting with Mr. Butler and reviewing the contract, we have until February 1st to make the decision. There was also a question of the additional cost if we moved to a 2 tiered system and 10-15 more buses would be needed at a cost of \$520,000-780,000 per year. The contract would cover the option on a 2 tiered system.
- Mr. Joyce stated to the public that this was discussed at the last School Committee Meeting, with rate comparisons.
- Motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Joyce, and the Committee voted unanimously to exercise the option in the School Committee's contract for regular and extracurricular school transportation with First Student, Inc. to extend the contract for an additional term of 24 months beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017, as recommended by the Superintendent and Deputy Finance Director.

Field of Dream

- Dr. Czajkowski explained that the Director of Athletics, Director of Facilities, and the Deputy Director of Finance are here to discuss the revised plans of the Field of Dreams. The School Committee allocated \$15,000 to do a plan. A few months ago, a plan was presented with a single use baseball field, along with other fields including a multi-purpose field. The Committee asked for a multi-use baseball field. The architects revised the plan with a multi-use baseball field.
- Mr. Kanyock spoke about the features of the varsity baseball and multi-purpose field, the costs of the plan, and the field design of the baseball/multi-purpose field.
- Ms. Weber stated that since the last time this plan was presented, there have been several meetings and site visits. One site visit was to Plymouth North on a rainy day. The field is turf and was in such great condition that a game could have played on the field. Ms. Weber drove by BPH baseball field today and it was covered in puddles and geese. This discussion is to approve project plans only. There is no money for the project yet. This is a great revision of exactly what we asked to see.
- Mr. Joyce is on the Subcommittee for this project and did a few site visits with Mr. Kanyock and Mr. Thomas. The turf fields were beautiful on a rainy day. He initially did not think too much of turf, then after the site visits of multi-use fields, he has changed his opinion and thinks the turf field and design are great. This is a great plan and now we need to figure out how to finance it.
- Ms. Weber suggested making a presentation of this proposal to baseball boosters and other boosters to see about financing.
- Ms. Ellis asked about locker rooms, equipment storage, bullpen protection, scoreboards multi-use, lining for different sports distracting, and are all sports being covered. Mr. Kanyock stated the dugouts have storage, there are no locker rooms, the bullpens are protected, the scoreboards are multi-use, lining of the field for different sports will not be distracting since baseball is one season and all the other sports are in a different season and the lines will fade, and as many sports as possible are being covered. The next phase will include softball fields and upgrading other fields.
- Mr. Joyce stated the plan is equitable as possible. We'd like to upgrade all the fields, but we have to start somewhere.
- Mr. Thomas stated the baseball field is the worst condition of all the fields and needs improvement. The condition of the baseball field is what started this conversation of the field of dreams. Softball has had upgrades and is probably the best field.

- Ms. Weber stated that this plan should be presented to the community and official School Committee approval for this plan needs to be presented.
- Dr. Czajkowski asked about maintenance and how long the turf lasts. Mr. Kanyock stated the facilities would be responsible for maintenance and turf lasts 8-10 years.
- Mr. Murphy stated turf fields are great and will get a lot of use.
- Mr. Thomas added that a turf field will allow games to be played over a few months instead of all the games in one month as the case has been in past years with weather conditions. The fields will be used earlier and longer.
- Ms. Weber asked about the timeline of the project. Mr. Kanyock stated that if construction started the day after school closed the fields would ready the following spring.

Phases II and III of Modular Construction

- Dr. Czajkowski explained how she and the architects, Mr. Gigliotti, Ms. Amato, and Mr. Markwell Gareth have been meeting with respect to spaces and how they would be utilized. The architects have come back with a plan based on our needs.
- Justin (architect) spoke about the Early Learning Center at Hyannis West for Phase I and Phase II's 4000 square foot modular at BWB including a library, art/music space, and Special Education spaces. Phase III will be an addition to Hyannis West for Kindergarten classes and an OT/PT space. There have been further revisions and the contract has been signed. Phase II's addition to BWB is a separate building and not an additions, so there was a need to add bathrooms for staff, storage for art/music room and a conference room.
- Mr. Gigliotti said one portable was brought into BWB in 1979. The new modular gives BWB space for art, music, a library, ELL and remedial reading space, and a much needed conference room. SPED will be relocated to a classroom that currently houses the library.
- Mr. Murphy asked about the space and if there is flexibility if the needs change 20 years from now. Mr. Kanyock explained there will be more flexibility with the modular, so parts of the building can be renovated.
- Ms. Amato explained the current OT/PT space is in the hallway of the portable, ELL is on the stage, office space is in the locker rooms, and storage units are in the hallway at Hyannis West. The modular will bring the building up to code, house the new ELL parent center, and open 4 classrooms.
- Dr. Czajkowski believed having the preschool at Hyannis West and moving into Kindergarten is good for a high poverty school. Early education is so important and having these students in an adequate space is equally as important.
- Ms. Ellis asked if there is access to the existing building. Mr. Kanyock said it's not connected physically, but the outdoor corridor is covered.
- Dr. Czajkowski spoke of the project and the upcoming schedule of events.
- Mr. Joyce spoke of the process with the vetting, bids, budget, etc. Phase I is exciting, but there is still the issue of the portables after Phase II and it's an embarrassment. They need to be removed and the Town Council is as excited as we are to finish this project. We need to stay on track for Phases II and III.
- Ms. Weber stated Town Council Ann Canedy is here tonight and thanked her for her support and the support of all the Town Council.
- Mr. Joyce asked where are we are for Phases II and III. Dr. Czajkowski explained this project has been vetted and has been through the process for the approval of the Town Council. We need to go through the steps of procurement for their project.
- Mr. Joyce asked about the timeline for Phases II and III. Justin stated Phases II and III could be completed by July 15, 2016, if the bids process begins at the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year.

Adjourned 8:03PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Kruczek
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