

The Barnstable School Committee met on Wednesday, February 4, 2015, in the Town Hall Hearing Room. Present were Chair Margeaux Weber, Vice-Chair Stephanie Ellis, and Committee members Chris Joyce and Patrick Murphy. Also present were Student Envoy Olivia Brodt, Dr. Mary Czajkowski, Kristen Harmon, and Bill Butler.

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.

Minutes

Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Thursday, January 15, 2015, and the Special Meeting and Workshop on Wednesday, January 21, 2015.

Student Envoy Report

Ms. Brodt stated the final two mid-terms were postponed until today and now BHS is finished with mid-terms. She said it was nice for the high school students to have a regular day of classes yesterday and teachers and students are ready to start quarter 3.

Public Comment

No public comments were presented.

School Committee Comments and Sub-Committee Reports

- Mr. Murphy stated that at a federal level there is a lot of activity in the house and senate in terms of the modernization of the no child left behind act. The plan is to have it updated in next couple of months. He attended the MASC Executive Conference in DC and met and spoke with Bill Keating as to what we'd like to see.
- Ms. Ellis stated the meetings for the BWB Principal Search will continue tomorrow.
- Mr. Murphy mentioned the Legislative Breakfast being held on Friday, February 6th at which the Cape delegation will be attending and making plans for the next year.
- Ms. Weber spoke of the joint Town Council/School Committee Meeting and thanked Mark Milne for presenting the budget's big picture. She and Mr. Murphy are working on the subcommittee for the interim superintendent management plan. They have been discussing the option of having Co-Superintendents – Bill Butler and Marie McKay – along with a management team and Mr. Butler will have a more detailed plan at the March School Committee Meeting. There is a terrific administrative team in place at BPS and Ms. Weber stated she is very optimistic; there are details to work out to have a clear idea of how this will work.
- Mr. Murphy complimented the central office staff. The Co-Superintendent and management team was not something that could have been done four years ago. Mr. Butler has been in Barnstable for a long time and doing this type of work for an even long time having worked with 20 Superintendents.
- Ms. Weber stated that she and Dr. Czajkowski met with Tom Lynch, Mr. Milne and Mr. Markwell to discuss the budget and the town has a clear picture of what the School Department is focusing on. They also met with Mark Ellis to discuss jurisdiction over the various athletic fields and how we can work together with budget and maintenance.

Superintendent's Report

- BPS has used all 5 snow days we built into the calendar. There are four more days available until we hit June 30th. Currently, we have Good Friday off and the School Committee could vote to change calendar and make that a school day. Other options for additional school days are canceling April vacation or adding Saturday school days. There has been some criticism of the DPW and the condition of roads and sidewalks. The safety of the student is always taken into consideration.

- This Saturday Mr. Milne and Dr. Czajkowski will provide written testimony to the Chapter 70 Foundation Budget Review Commission at a public hearing at the D-Y high school. There was a meeting last week in Town Hall with Town Council President Jessica Rapp, Town Council Liaison Sara Cushing, Senator Wolfe, Representative Vieira, and Representative Mannal. Dr. Czajkowski will be speaking with Senator Diaz and Representative Peisch with respect to Barnstable being a Gateway city because of our high needs population. ELL student population is up over 100 students in the last 7 years. Dr. Czajkowski will be asking them to look at increasing the allowance for our low income students and special education reimbursements.
- School will be closed for February vacation on February 16 – 20th.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

- Due to 5 snow days, we have adjusted the end of trimester dates at the elementary schools. Grades are closing March 20th instead of March 13th.
- Next year Kindergarten registration: BWB March 10th from 9:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M., Centerville March 11th from 9:30 A.M. – 5:30 P.M., HWE March 12th from 9:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M., and WVE March 17th from 9:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

Item # 020415-006 Approval of Extended Field Trip Boys Varsity Hockey to UNH

- Mr. Nickerson requested approval from the School Committee to take the Boys Varsity Hockey team to NH on February 14–15th. They will travel to Falmouth, Maine on Saturday to play an exhibition game with the high school team. Then they will visit UNH and have a meeting with the head hockey coach, stay for game that night and stay over. The club hockey head coach at UNH will meet with them the next day and take them on campus tour. The trip is funded through the booster club.
- Ms. Weber asked is the Superintendent approved of this trip and Dr. Czajkowski said she did.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve a field trip to the University of New Hampshire for the BHS Boys Varsity Hockey Team from February 14-15, 2015, as presented to the Committee and recommended by the Superintendent.

Highlight in Education

Dr. Hurley stated that this week is National School Counseling Week and she wanted to share the work that School Counselors do. There are School Counselors in all Barnstable Public Schools. They are DESE licensed with master's degrees. She shared the MA Accountability Report Card for each of the Barnstable Public Schools. She presented how each of the Barnstable School Counselors finished the following sentence "I love being a school counselor because..."

Item # 020415-001 BCHMCPS Enrollment Policy

The item is being tabled since there is no new information. DESE asked Charter School to revise their enrollment policies and then told them to put this on hold while they did a new checklist.

Community Use of School Facilities Regulation

- Ms. Weber stated that she received 10-12 emails from community members regarding the community use of school facilities and would like to put the vote on hold for further discussion. A press release was sent out, there was an article in the newspaper, and she did interviews on the radio.
- Bill Lord, a 15 year resident of Hyannis, has used the track countless times. He coaches runners and it is a pleasure to see the impact exercise has on the entire family. When children see their parents exercise, then they are more inclined to exercise. Why would the School Committee want to limit an activity that promotes physical fitness? He has never seen an issue and it is safer for runners to be on track than on road. If there is a conflict with the school, then limit the use to that time of day, rather than all day. The community use was a key point made when the track needed funding.
- Ms. Weber said the focus needs to be on school security. The track or field is a classroom when physical education classes are out there. Things have happened in the world since this track was built.
- Mr. Joyce stated that a lot of people have spoken to him and brought up the original funding and public use was part of the deal. It is hard to have students go into the school building with everything locked down and then go outside and anyone can be there. The School Committee needs to make the best decision for the safety of students while including the community.
- Ms. Weber said that she would like the community's thoughts on the topic and to please contact her.

Item # 020415-003 Domestic Violence Leave Policy

- Mr. Butler stated the Domestic Violence Leave Policy is required due to a recent change in state law.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve Policy GCCD entitled "Domestic Violence Leave Policy," as presented to the Committee and recommended by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

Item # 020415-004 Background Checks Policy

- Mr. Butler stated the Background Checks Policy will replace the CORI Policy. It adds coverage for fingerprinting, which is an FBI national background check. All school employees need to have the fingerprinting background check.
- Mr. Joyce asked if volunteers will still follow CORI policy and Mr. Butler said they would.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the revised Policies ADDA "Background Checks" and ADDA-R entitled "DCJIS Model CORI Policy," as presented to the Committee and recommended by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees.

Item # 020415-005 Naming of the Barnstable Early Learning Center

- Dr. Czajkowski introduced the Interim Director of Early Learning, Nicole Caucci.
- Ms. Caucci spoke of her background as a special education teacher for 16 years. She wanted to serve kids at higher level and received her administrator's license.
- Dr. Czajkowski stated that Marie McKay sent out a letter to staff and parents of the early learning center and Ms. Caucci received the responses and Dr. Jezard has recommended naming the new building the Enoch Cobb Early Learning Center.
- Dr. Jezard stated the name was Ms. McKay's recommendation while she was doing interim work in Fall. Dr. Jezard researched Enoch Cobb and the provision in his legacy to the town. He lost four children and left a trust to BPS, which speaks volumes about his character.
- Dr. Czajkowski said there will be a public hearing and vote at the March 4th School Committee Meeting.

Item #020415-007 Initial Presentation of FY'16 Budget

- Dr. Czajkowski stated that she and Mr. Markwell would be presenting the initial presentation for budget. In the fall, she met with the Town Manager for a revenue sharing meeting where it was agreed upon to keep the 60/40 split with the School receiving 60% of the revenue and the town receiving 40%. In November, Dr. Czajkowski met with the leadership team to discuss the budget request timeline schedule. Mr. Markwell made the forms available for the principals. The principals met with their staff and councils and the budget requests were submitted prior to Christmas break. Dr. Czajkowski and Mr. Markwell met with budget groups the first week of January where they received \$ 4.7 million in requests. This past week, Mr. Markwell and Dr. Czajkowski met to discuss and prioritize the needs. They looked at how the requests align with District, School Committee and individual school goals. Dr. Jezard applied for and received a grant for \$238,000 for to work with MTSS. Principals will share their experience with MTSS and propose schedule changes that will have an impact on the budget and student learning. In March, Mr. Markwell and Dr. Czajkowski will provide information on school fees and a more detailed FTE by building.
- Mr. Markwell spoke about the past budgets from FY'12 through FY'15. For FY'16, there were \$4.7 million in budget request. After meeting with Dr. Czajkowski, they have whittled the budget down to \$2.1 million in requests and it still needs to be cut down further. Mr. Markwell stated that enrollment has been static over the past few years. The breakdown is usually around 400 students per grade. The current kindergarten class enrollment is 420 and it looks as if it will be increasing in the years to come.
- Mr. Markwell spoke of the budget history and the four areas of revenue that make up the budget: appropriation from the town, circuit breaker, school choice, and bus fees:
 - Appropriation from the town: Revenue sharing is a 60/40 split with town. The School increase is just over \$2 million. This has been from an increase in taxes: property, hotel, boat, motor vehicle, etc.
 - Circuit Breaker: This is a reimbursement for cost exceeding 4 times the average per pupil cost. Mr. Markwell is estimating a \$1.8 million for out of district tuition budget. These figure to an increase of over \$170,000, which is a 10% increase from FY'15.
 - School choice: This is revenue received for educating non-resident students. Mr. Markwell is budgeting \$575,000 in revenue, which is 88 students.

- Transportation fees: The fees for a bus pass are \$175/pass or \$350/family for students 2 miles or less from the school in grades K-6 and for students in grades 7-12 regardless of distance from the school. Mr. Markwell is budgeting \$365,000 in supplement transportation costs. The total cost transportation cost is \$2.1 million from First Student.
- Total resources for the FY'16 Budget are \$64,027,990.
- Dr. Czajkowski spoke about the three priority areas when it comes to the budget:
 1. Fixed costs: These costs include employee contracts, utilities, the bus contract, and NECC Program.
 2. Preschool Program: These costs include staffing of the new early learning center as well as, furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the building.
 3. MTSS: These costs include costs associated with student-based schedules in the elementary schools and ELL support. There are 170+ ELL students with no curriculum materials and now requesting \$80,000 for materials.
- Mr. Murphy stated at a recent conference the DESE speaker commented how most districts are 19% above foundation level. Mr. Markwell stated that Barnstable is within the average range. Mr. Murphy is concerned about Barnstable's ability to sustain all three priorities.
- Dr. Czajkowski stated that with MTSS, there is sustainability. We need to identify needs early on when they are PreK students and intervene then to save resources down the road. Early prevention can save students from going into SPED and will be a cost savings.
- Mr. Markwell stated that he does look out 10 years to make sure priorities are sustainable.
- Mr. Joyce asked for a comparison to other districts on the Cape and if there is a requirement the amount the district is supposed to spend per student. Dr. Czajkowski said \$14,000 and we are on the low end of what other towns spend.
- Ms. Ellis asked about the rationale behind adding a bus to next year's budget. Mr. Markwell stated there has been an increase in the enrollment at the BIS, Sturgis and Pope John Paul tier. Ms. Ellis asked for an explanation as to why we are busing Sturgis/Pope John Paul students. Mr. Gareth explained that it is MA state law to transport students within district to public or private schools.

Item # 020415-008 BWB Tennis Court Relocation

- Mr. Kanyock introduced Ms. Machado from the Recreation Department. In the Fall of 2014, there was a request to move the tennis courts at BWB to an alternative location. The project will be funded with CIP money received last year. Mr. Kanyock showed designs of where the current tennis courts are located and the plan for the new tennis court location. He noted that there will not be a lot of construction: 2 courts, fence and walkway that could take place over the summer and be completed by September.
- Ms. Machado stated the courts have not been used or kept up for 10 years.
- Mr. Joyce asked about the funding for the construction. Ms. Machado stated the funding is coming from CIP and not the school budget.
- Ms. Weber stated a group has met with Mr. Ellis to discuss who is responsible for upkeep and he is working on a plan.
- Ms. Ellis asked if they are using CIP money, would the School Committee still need to vote. Mr. Butler said yes.
- Mr. Joyce asked about the tennis courts at WVE. Ms. Machado stated those fall under the school. Mr. Kanyock said there are no plans to renovate the WVE tennis courts.

Superintendent Goals

Dr. Czajkowski spoke of her goals for the 2014 – 2015 school year. For each goal she went over the evidence she has accumulated since the beginning of the school year including school visits, DDMs plan, BLT and BDLT meetings and topics, MTSS meetings and topics, SGP in grade 4 math data, meetings with early learning staff, meetings about the new ELC, data for BIS instructional time gain, new administrators coaching sessions, paraprofessional training dates, dates attending Barnstable Rotary, copies of Barnstable Bulletin, episode one of Superintendent's Corner, and the dates and commercials that have aired on Cape Cod Broadcasting.

Item # 020415-010 BUES Chiller Pipe Insulation Replacement Project

- Mr. Kanyock explained the need for the replacement of the chiller pipe insulation at BUE.

- Motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Ms. Ellis, 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 chiller pipe insulation at BUE for a value not to exceed \$130,000, as recommended by the Town Purchasing Agent.

Item # 020415-011 Early Learning Center Construction Schedule

Mr. Kanyock stated the first pre-construction meeting was held last week. They are in the permitting process for the demolition of the portable. There will be an inspection this week. The groundbreaking will take place on February 27 at 8:00 AM. The building will be set on May 14th and completed on July 15th. He is currently meeting with Triumph every other week and once construction begins; he will meet with them weekly.

Item # 020415-012 Approve Account Payable Warrant

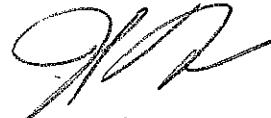
Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve FY2015 Treasury Warrant #31 in the amount of \$318,386.74.

Executive Session

Motion by Ms. Ellis to go into executive session, and the Committee unanimously approved – not to reconvene in public session – to discuss collective bargaining and collective bargaining strategy. Meeting in an open session may have detrimental effects on the School Committee bargaining position.

Adjourned 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jen Kruczek
Executive Assistant