

The Barnstable School Committee met on Monday, July 21, 2014, in the Barnstable Town Hall Hearing Room. Present were Chair Margeaux Weber, Vice-Chair Stephanie Ellis, and Committee members Chris Joyce, Fran McDonald and Patrick Murphy. Also present were Dr. Mary Czajkowski, Kristen Harmon, Bill Butler, and Town Council Liaisons Sara Cushing and John Norman.

Video or Audio Recording of the Meeting

- Ms. Weber reminded everyone that the meeting was being telecast and recorded on Channel 18. She also reminded any member of the public who wished to make an audio or video recording of the open session of the meeting to first notify the Chair, who will then inform the public of the recording, as required by the Open Meeting Law.

Ms. Weber called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and began by reciting the core values of the Barnstable School System.

- All children have the right to every opportunity to achieve their full potential.
- Each person deserves to be treated with dignity and respect.
- Integrity and personal responsibility are the hallmarks of our daily interactions.

Minutes

- Motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Dr. McDonald, and Mr. Joyce, Mr. Murphy, and Ms. Weber voted unanimously to approve the School Committee minutes of Wednesday, May 14, 2014. Ms. Ellis and Mr. McDonald were not in attendance at the May 14, 2014 meeting.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Joyce, and the Ms. Weber, Ms. Ellis, Mr. Joyce, and Dr. McDonald voted unanimously to approve the School Committee minutes of Wednesday, June 18, 2014. Mr. Murphy was not in attendance at the June 18, 2014 meeting.

Public Comment

- Ms. Laurie Brown spoke in regards to the Hyannis West Elementary School garden project. She thanked Dr. Czajkowski for attending the ribbon cutting ceremony and Mr. Kanyock for the recent soil testing. All tests came out well.

School Committee/Sub Liaison Reports

- Ms. Weber was concerned about the perception pertaining to the Hyannis West garden and how it was presented in the press. Soil testing reports from 2008 and July 2014 found no significant risk of potential contaminants on the Hyannis West property.
- Ms. Weber welcomed Ms. Kristen Harmon, the new Assistant Superintendent, to her first School Committee Meeting.
- Ms. Weber thanked the Massachusetts Maritime and the Cape Cod Collaborative for another successful Advanced Studies Leadership Program camp where students from across the Cape participated in STEM and humanities classes.
- Mr. Murphy recommended that a vote to assign a School Committee member to represent Barnstable in the delegate assembly at the Massachusetts Association of School Committees be placed on the August agenda.

Introduction of New Principal of the BCHMCPS

- Dr. Czajkowski introduced Ms. Kathleen Podesky, the new Principal of the BCHMCPS, to the Committee.
- Ms. Podesky is honored to be part of this dynamic school system and she is looking to move the BCHMCPS forward.

Introduction of New Food Service Director

- Dr. Czajkowski introduced Mr. Dave Badot, the new Food Service Director, to the Committee.

Item # 072114-005 School Lunch Program

- Mr. Badot provided an overview of several school lunch initiatives to the Committee.
- Smoothies were introduced at BUES and have gone over very well. Breakfast counts rose at the end of last year. The Dairy Board is open to providing grants to the other schools since the smoothies went over so well.
- A grant for a salad bar in the BHS Senior Café will potentially be approved. Mr. Badot is waiting for the official letter.
- The Community Eligibility Program is a new statewide program to help schools with 65% free and reduced students. Hyannis West is the only elementary school in the district that is eligible to participate in this program.

Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Czajkowski welcomed Ms. Harmon to the meeting.
- The district's SIMS report regarding enrollment, has been submitted to the state. There was an increase of 27 students in the district since October 1 of last school year. We will continue to monitor our enrollment numbers.
- Dr. Czajkowski attended the M.A.S.S. annual Superintendents' conference in Mashpee. Governor Patrick and Secretary

Malone attended and released the School Safety and Security Task Force Report. Copies of the report will be disseminated to the School Committee, Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Administrators.

- Dr. Czajkowski received an email from Town Manager Tom Lynch regarding the Governor's submission of two Massachusetts locations for consideration as temporary shelters for the unaccompanied children associated with the humanitarian crisis: Camp Edwards Base in Bourne and Westover Air Reserve Base in Chicopee. No final decisions have been made yet.
- The Leadership Workshop will take place on August 12 – 15, 2014, and the new administrator orientation will take place on August 19, 2014. Dr. Czajkowski invited the School Committee members to attend the Workshop.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

- Ms. Harmon has had the opportunity to work with former Assistant Superintendent Ms. McKay for the last month to transition into her new position. She and Dr. Czajkowski have also started planning meetings for next school year. Approximately 35 staff members will be working on a variety of curriculum projects during the summer including standard based units of instruction and developing new courses at the high school level.
- Hyannis West will be offering a summer academy for incoming Kindergarten students. Barnstable United will be offering a summer academy for incoming fourth grade students. Both programs will be funded through Title I.
- District Determined Measures (DDMs) will be a big focus this year. A district implementation plan was submitted to the DESE at the end of last school year. The DESE has requested additional information that needs to be submitted by August 1.
- Over the summer, several teachers will be participating in Edwin teaching and learning training. These teachers will help facilitate the work that will be done over the course of the year as we prepare the DDMs to submit to the DESE.
- Title I and Title 2A grants will be submitting reports this week. Allocation for both grants has decreased \$20,000 and \$2,800 respectively. We have managed to minimize the impact in the funding decrease by utilizing remaining RTTT funds.
- Tina Crook has been appointed the new Math Curriculum Coordinator for the district.

Item # 072114-002 BCHMCPS Enrollment Policy

- The BCHMCPS Enrollment Policy item will be placed on the August 18 School Committee agenda.

Item # 072114-004 Little League Facility Use Agreement

- Mr. Butler stated that the School Committee approved in concept the use of the fields behind BCHMCPS by the Barnstable Little League (BLL). The BLL already has one field located at the BCHCMPS, and proposes to construct a second baseball field on the property. The School Committee's approval was subject to a facilities use agreement which is before the Committee tonight. The agreement allows the BLL to: Use of the fields for 10 years beginning August 1, 2014, have exclusive use of the fields except for school use during the school day, and construct improvements on the fields with private construction. The BLL also agrees to provide insurance coverage for itself and town, and indemnify the town and School Committee for any claims arising out of its use of the fields. Article 6 of the agreement provides the BLL to pay the School Committee an annual fee.
- The Committee agreed not to charge the BLL an annual fee for the use of the field.
- Motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Ms. Ellis, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve a facility use agreement with the Barnstable Little League, Inc. for the use of fields adjacent to the current Barnstable Community Horace Mann Charter Public School for use as Little League baseball fields, as presented to the Committee, with the requirement that the Little League pay an annual facility use fee of \$0.

Item # 072114-003 Barnstable Brewing

- Mr. Butler explained that at the last meeting the School Committee considered the application of the Barnstable Brewery for a pouring license from the Barnstable Licensing Authority. The Barnstable Brewery has a license from the state Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission to operate brewery on the site across from Hyannis West Elementary School. They have obtained a special permit for use of the property as a brewery from the Zoning Board of Appeals. The issuance of that permit is on appeal by the Barnstable School Committee and the owners of Steve and Sue's Ice Cream. The state requires applicants of liquor licenses for premises located within five hundred feet of a school or a church to notify the school or church so that they have an opportunity to appear at a licensing hearing. If the Licensing Authority grants the license, it has to indicate why the license would not have a detrimental effect on the educational use of the affected property.
- The School Committee invited the owners of Barnstable Brewing, Peter and Ann Connor, to attend the meeting tonight.
- The Connor's are proposing to open a craft brewery in a facility that was previously used as a commercial laundry mat. There will be a tasting room for customers to try two ounce samples and choose which one to buy. Two registered letters were sent to the Superintendent regarding the Zoning Board of Appeals hearing and the original pouring license. When the School Committee was not present at the Zoning Board's open forum the Connors assumed that there were no issues.
- Ms. Weber clarified that the School Committee, which is the official agent for the School Department, did not receive any notices for the actual federal license or the Zoning Board of Appeals hearing.

- Mr. Murphy stated that his concern was that the School Committee needed to communicate with the public and school community about what was happening with regards to the brewery and they did not have the opportunity to do so.
- Mr. Joyce knows that it is challenging to open a business in this community. Hyannis West is a wonderful school, but it has its challenges. He strongly believes that opening a brewery adjacent to an elementary school is the wrong use of that facility in the area.
- Ms. Weber inquired about the environmental impact, such as odors, that the brewery will have, and what the difference will be between the brewery and the commercial laundry that previous occupied the proposed facility.
- Mr. Connor explained that the commercial laundry used very large trucks and there was a great deal of traffic. The Brewery trucks will be less in number and smaller size. The laundry had a great deal of smell from the dryer vents and airborne lint. In the brewing process, grains are steeped and converted to sugar and the odor tends to smell like caramel apples. All waste produced will go down the drain so there will be no waste odor. Hours of operation will be from 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM and they anticipate greater business on the weekends. Tours will be spread throughout the day.
- Ms. Ellis asked if there would be a cost involved for the sample tasting and why the location adjacent to Hyannis West Elementary is so appealing for a brewery.
- Mr. Connor explained that the Brewery is a business and there will be a charge for the tasting. The location was chosen because there was access to a great deal of water, sewage, and natural gas. It is also a desirable location in the community.
- Mr. Butler, on behalf of Kathi Amato, the Principal of Hyannis West Elementary, stated that she has the same concerns as the School Committee with respect to the proximity to the school, the community perception, odors, and additional traffic.
- Dr. Czajkowski is opposed to having a brewery open in such close proximity to Hyannis West Elementary. It is the perception of having a brewery open next to an elementary school and what we are trying to do educationally.
- Dr. Gartside, a friend of the Connors and a Principal in Brighton, stated that his school is directly across the street from a pub and the children are virtually unaware of it. It is a business that actually has a community partnership with the school. The Connors would be great people to have a business in the community and they care about education.
- Dr. McDonald agrees that there will be issues regarding logistics and traffic, but that is for the Zoning Board to solve. It is a commercial zone with similar businesses in the area. He does not believe there will be a significant educational impact on the students in grades Pre K – 3 at Hyannis West.
- Ms. Ellis agreed and does not see anything overwhelming that would impact the education of students at Hyannis West.
- Mr. Butler put forth two motions for the School Committee to consider: One to oppose the application for the pouring license and another not to oppose the pouring license. The motion to oppose the application directs Mr. Butler to notify the Licensing Authority of the School Committee's opposition.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Dr. McDonald, and the Committee voted 2 to 3 not to oppose the application of Barnstable Brewing LLC to the Barnstable Licensing Authority for an annual farmer brewery pouring license for premises at 485 West Main Street in Hyannis. The motion did not carry. Mr. Joyce, Mr. Murphy, and Ms. Weber voted no.
- Motion by Mr. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and the Committee voted 3 to 2 to oppose the application of Barnstable Brewing LLC to the Barnstable Licensing Authority for an annual farmer brewery pouring license for premises at 485 West Main Street in Hyannis and to direct the School Attorney to notify the Licensing Authority of the Committee's opposition. The motion carried. Ms. Ellis and Dr. McDonald voted no.

Item # 072114-001 School Committee Reorganization

- The School Committee reorganization will be determined at the August 18 meeting.

Executive Session

- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Joyce, and the Committee voted to go into executive session - not to reconvene in public session - to discuss non-union contract strategy and to conduct non-union negotiations regarding the Superintendent's contract.
- Stephanie Ellis, Chris Joyce, Fran McDonald, Patrick Murphy, and Margeaux Weber all voted Yes on a roll call vote to go into executive session - not to reconvene in public session – to discuss non-union contract strategy and to conduct non-union contract negotiations regarding the Superintendent's employment contract.

Meet adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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