

The Barnstable School Committee met on Tuesday, October 7, 2014, in the Barnstable Town Hall Hearing Room. Present were Chair Margeaux Weber, Vice-Chair Stephanie Ellis, and Committee members Patrick Murphy, Chris Joyce and Fran McDonald. Also present were Dr. Mary Czajkowski, Kristen Harmon, Bill Butler, Town Council Liaison Sara Cushing and Student Envoy Olivia Brodt.

Ms. Weber called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

### **Core Values**

Ms. Weber recited the Core Values of the Barnstable School System.

### **Moment of Silence**

Ms. Weber expressed her sympathy to the family of Savvas Yianasmidis and asked for a moment of silence.

### **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. Joyce, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of Tuesday, September 9, 2014.

### **Student Envoy**

Ms. Brodt reported on several activities the students at BHS have participated in or are participating in this month including Student Challenge Day, Curriculum Night, Abigail Awards, Homecoming, Blood Drive, Drama Club's Haunted House and Gatsby, the College Fair, and Credit for Life.

### **Public Comment**

- Bethann Allen, Title 1 Math Teacher at BCHMCPS, invited the School Committee, Administrators and the Community to All School Community Celebration at BCHMCPS on October 23, 2014.
- Kate Harrington and Alicia Blair, Seniors at BHS, expressed their opinions that the Wellness credit for graduation should stay as it is and spoke of their experiences in their chosen classes.
- Barbara Gleason, Health Education Teacher at BHS, asked that the Committee keep the Wellness credit at BHS.

### **School Committee Comments and Sub Committee**

- Mr. Joyce will attend his first meeting tomorrow night as the Liaison to the Cape Cod Collaborative.
- Mr. Murphy spoke about the MCSA/MASS Conference being a good opportunity for the School Committee members to attend.

### **Superintendent Report**

- Update on the four district priorities for the school year:
  - Educator evaluations: upcoming professional development day on October 10<sup>th</sup>
  - NCLD partnership: M.T.S.S. discussed below
  - PreK Modular: Mr. Joyce was on the committee that reviewed the two bids we received that were well over budget. We have sent out a rebid for regular stick build.
  - District Review: postponed to November 10, 12-14, 2014
- Update on what M.T.S.S. is and how the district has been implementing the plan.
- Part of the M.T.S.S. plan is for Barnstable Public School to come up with Non-Negotiables. The District Team came up with five.
- Surveys will be sent out to all students and educators to see the pre- and post-effectiveness of the iPad Program to all 7<sup>th</sup> Graders.

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

- The entire 9<sup>th</sup> grade (398 students), 40-50 upper classman, and 30-40 staff members participated in Challenge Day at BHS.
- Attended the Helen Keller/Annie Sullivan Ceremony which revealed the bust in Astro Park at BHS.
- Hyannis West
  - Principal Kathy Amato wrote a letter thanking the school district and community for their support after the death of Savvas Yianasmidis.
  - All school assembly in which 142 students will be recognized for perfect attendance for the month of September.
- Preparing for In-service day on October 10<sup>th</sup> where teachers and staff will be brainstorming and identifying DDMs (District Determined Measures).

### **Highlight on Education**

Mr. Gyra spoke of the great work done by Carlozzi Landscaping at the Cobb Astro Park at BHS. Ray Carlozzi and Steve Gagnon were acknowledged and thanked for donating their time and expertise working on this project.

### **Item # 100714-001 School Attorney Evaluation**

Motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Joyce, and the Committee voted unanimously to adopt the written summary evaluation of the School Attorney for 2013-2014 as prepared by the Chair.

### **Item # 100714-002 BCHMCPS Enrollment Policy**

Ms. Weber asked Mr. Bulter for an update. Mr. Butler stated there is nothing new to report and suggested the item be tabled until the next meeting.

### **Item #100714-003 Graduation Requirements Policy**

- Ms. Weber summarized that the policy had been repealed and there is a need to replace the policy. Mr. McDonald and Ms. Weber formed a Sub Committee to make a recommendation to the School Committee as to the new policy. It is the recommendation of the Sub-Committee that the Barnstable School Committee adopt a policy that will fully align the graduation requirements with the MassCore Program of Studies beginning with the class of 2018. Ms. Weber explained the requirement of BHS and the requirements of MassCore.
- Mr. McDonald stated that the credits do not fit in the current schedule and we will need to move to a more creative schedule. Mr. Murphy suggested we make incremental changes. We will need school leadership to come up with an implementation plan.
- Dr. Czajkowski commented that if the Committee votes to make BHS Mass Core Compliant, Mr. Clark would need to come back with a plan. BHS is missing 2 years of foreign language, arts, and additional core courses.
- Motion by Mr. McDonald, seconded by Ms. Ellis, and the Committee voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sub Committee for the Graduation Requirement Policy to move towards alignment with MassCore by the class of 2018.

### **Item # 100714-004 Student Absence Policy**

### **Item # 100714-005 Student Discipline Policy**

### **Item # 100714-006 Student Complaints Policy**

### **Item # 100714-007 Student Conduct Policy**

- Mr. Butler stated that he would speak about all four policies and their main difference from the old policies:
  - Student Absence Policy focus on dropout prevention
  - Student Discipline Policy focus on notices of suspension, emergency removals, hearings, expulsion, and academic progress
  - Student Complaints Policy states the School Committee sets policy, but does not hear specific cases
  - Student Conduct Policy focus on delegating authority from the School Committee to the principals
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve a new policy JH on Student Absences, as presented to the Committee and recommended by the Superintendent, School Attorney, and Massachusetts Association of School Committee.

- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve a new policy JIC on Student Discipline to replace current policy JK, as presented to the Committee and recommended by the Superintendent, School Attorney, and Massachusetts Association of School Committee.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve a new policy JII on Student Complaints and Grievances to replace current policy JI, as presented to the Committee and recommended by the Superintendent, School Attorney, and Massachusetts Association of School Committee.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve a new policy JK on Student Conduct, as presented to the Committee and recommended by the Superintendent, School Attorney, and Massachusetts Association of School Committee.

**Item # 100714-008      BHS Volleyball Team Field Trip**

- Dr. Czajkowski asked the School Committee to approve the BHS Girls' Volleyball Field Trip to Springfield, MA.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve a field trip to Springfield, MA, for the BHS Volleyball Team for a volleyball tournament October 12-13, 2014, as presented to the Committee.

**Item # 100714-009      District MCAS Scores**

- Ms. Harmon reported on the results of the 2014 District MCAS Scores giving district data, targets, highlights, concerns, and comparing district vs. state.
- Mr. Murphy asked about the students in the low end and what their options are. Mr. Harmon stated they can retake the test, take a 4<sup>th</sup> year of ELA or math, or take EPP MCAS.
- Ms. Ellis commented on the drop from grade 3 to 4 and asked what accounts for this? Ms. Harmon stated that across the state there is a drop from grade 3 to 4. This can be attributed to the curriculum and the current 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are the first class that has been taught this way since kindergarten.
- Ms. Podesky presented the MCAS results for BCHMCPS. There have been major math improvements.

**Item # 100714-010      FY '16 CIP – Capital Improvement Budget**

- Mr. Kanyock spoke about:
  - Previously Funded Projects
    - Early Learning Center
    - BUE Roof Replacement
    - BHS Fire Intrusion/Communication System
    - BUE Chiller Pipe Improvements
    - BPS Locks Upgrades
    - Kitchen Equipment/Walk-in Upgrades
    - BUE Circulation Pump Replacement
    - BPS Infrastructure Upgrade
    - HWE and Centerville Underground Storage Tank Removal
    - Charter School – Entry and Exterior Improvements
    - HWE Exterior Improvements
  - Priority 1 Projects
    - Modular Classroom Construction
    - BHS Library AC
    - BIS Roof/Façade
    - BHS Stadium Bleachers
    - Charter School Roof and Façade
  - Priority 2 Projects
    - BHS/BIS Boiler Burner Upgrades
    - HWE Unit Ventilator Upgrades
    - WVE Chiller/Water Tower Replacement
    - Network Infrastructure Upgrades
    - Transformers Upgrades
  - Priority 3 Project

- Facilities Shop Roof

**Item # 100714-011 BHS Cafeteria Exterior Façade Replacement**

Mr. Kanyock discussed the issues with the BHS Cafeteria Façade. The windows will need to be removed and all three exterior walls will need to be replaced. He has gone before the Town Council for a transfer order of funds. He will also need to redirect money from the BHS Library A/C Project to the BHS Cafeteria Façade Project.

**Item # 100714-012 Update Early Childhood Modular Construction Project**

- Mr. Kanyock spoke about the Early Childhood Modular Construction project. There were two bids, both of which were well over budget. He and the architects are not sure why the bids were so high. The project was rebid for a regular stick build today.
- Mr. Joyce, who was part of the bid process, stated the project was vetted with like projects and was shocked when bids came back so high.

**Item # 100714-013 b2b Action Plan for 2014-2015 and Addition of Part-time Videographer at b2b TV for FY'16 Cable Budget**

Mr. Gilbert stated his Action Plan for 2014-2015 including an overview of the 2012-2014 projects, high definition upgrades, content and career development, content licensing, part-time videographer position and goals.

**Item # 100714-115 Revised Facility Use Agreement with Barnstable Little League**

- Mr. Butler explained that in July the School Committee approved the use agreement with Barnstable Little League. The Town Manager added requirements to the agreement that the Barnstable Little League use organic fertilizer and the use of its property would fall under the School and Leisure Division. Barnstable Little League agreed and the Barnstable Facility Director and Leisure Director were informed.
- Motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Joyce, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve a revised use agreement with the Barnstable Little League, Inc. for the use of fields adjacent to the current BHMCPs for use as Little League baseball fields, as presented to the Committee.

**Item # 100714-014 Approve Accounts Payable Warrant FY '15 Warrant #14**

Dr. Czajkowski stated Warrant #14 had been through the Financial Department's checks and balances. Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve Accounts Payable Warrant #14 in the amount of \$116,079.01.

**Executive Session**

- Motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Joyce, and the Committee voted unanimously to go into executive session and to reconvene in public session to discuss collective bargaining regarding BTA contract negotiations.
- Committee reconvened from executive session and motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Murphy, and the Committee voted unanimously to ratify a memorandum of agreement with the BTA approved by the Superintendent on September 11, 2014, confirming the stipend for the position of Title I Site Coordinator, as presented to the Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 10:13 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Kruczek  
Executive Assistant