

The Barnstable School Committee met on Monday, November 17, 2014, in the Barnstable Town Hall Hearing Room. Present were Chair Margeaux Weber, Vice-Chair Stephanie Ellis, and Committee member Fran McDonald. Also present were Dr. Mary Czajkowski, Kristen Harmon, Bill Butler, and Student Envoys Olivia Brodt and Donnie Brodd. School Committee members Patrick Murphy and Chris Joyce were not in attendance.

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.

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. McDonald, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of Tuesday, October 7, 2014, Tuesday, October 21, 2014, and Monday, November 10, 2014.

Student Envoys

Mr. Brodd reported that all Fall sports have come to a close except football whose last game is on Thanksgiving. This week is Spirit Week. Q1 has closed and report cards will be coming out soon. The drama club is putting on a great show The Great Gatsby. Ms. Brodt spoke of the holiday season collections of hats, mittens, coats, Thanksgiving items, and toys for tots. The Credit for Life program is coming up this week. The talent show tonight is raising money for the yearbook. Winter sports will begin on December 1st.

Public Comment

- Brooke Styche, teacher at BHS and poetry coordinator, invited everyone to attend the "Poetry Out Loud" all day competition in the Knight Hall on November 20th. The competition is linked to a national competition, where there are state and regional rounds.
- A mother, whose daughter attends BCHMCPs, commented on getting a bill for the meals her kindergarten daughter charged. She has never seen the policy and wanted to know how her daughter could keep getting meals without her knowledge. After 10 meals you are supposed to get notified, but she was not and was told the billing was running behind.

School Committee Comments

- Ms. Weber spoke of the School Committee Workshop on October 21st where the Preschool Modular and Field of Dreams were discussed.
- Ms. Weber stated the Field of Dreams Sub-Committee (Ms. Weber and Mr. Joyce) met with Scott Thomas and Dave Kanyock to discuss the next steps.
- Ms. Weber attended the MASC conference and attended a couple of great sessions including one on innovations schools from representatives of DESE and another session led by School Committee member, Patrick Murphy, on charter schools with incredible data on charter schools and what they cost.
- Ms. Weber mentioned that she and Mr. Joyce were part of the district review process last week. She thanked everyone for their efforts with the District Review and the scheduling of all the meetings.

Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Czajkowski updated the School Committee on her 4 key priorities for the school year:
 1. DDM's – plan submitted to state and approved. Full day of professional development on DDM's on October 10th. Continue the work on January 30th in service day.
 2. District Review – completed the week of November 10th. The Review Team visited 67 classrooms and had 22 meetings. We will receive a report in 8 weeks with strengths and challenges.
 3. NCLD – completed a workshop prior to School Committee Meeting this evening.

4. Early Learning Center – Dr. Czajkowski will present at this Thursday’s Town Council Meeting the plan for Phase I and Phases II and III and the additional funds needed. A second reading and vote by the Town Council will take place on December 4th.
- Congratulations to Sara Floyd, Reading Specialist at WVE, who was chosen to participate in the National Teacher Leadership Initiative program.
 - MASS sent a letter to Governor-elect Baker inviting him to meet with MASS officers.
 - Participated in a discussion with the Town Manager, Council President and Vice President regarding their Strategic Plan and Chapter 70 Funding Formula.
 - Wednesday night, Dr. Czajkowski will be meeting with SEPAC to discuss the work done with NCLD and input regarding developing special performances from our drama program for students with disabilities.

Assistant Superintendent’s Report

- Last Wednesday night was bingo night at Hyannis West Elementary for kindergarteners, first graders, and their families. Title 1 program with letter sounding bingo.
- BIS staff golf tournament raises money for the Effective Effort Strategies program, where students are nominated by their homeroom teacher. This year’s winner is CJ Joyce.
- BUE wanted to extend thanks to the Cobb Fund and George Scharr for sponsoring the Young People’s Symphony at BHS.
- At the high school Thanksgiving’s Day football game at BHS at 10:00 a.m., there will be a ceremony to retire Kevin Houston’s jersey.
- On November 23rd at BHS, the Spirit of American percussion group and BHS will have a free event, “Day of Percussion” from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Item # 111714-001 BCHMCPS Enrollment Policy

Item tabled until next meeting.

Item # 111714-002 Approval of BHS Girls Varsity Ice Hockey Overnight Field Trip

- Mr. Nugnes, BHS Girls Varsity Hockey Coach, requested the School Committee approve the BHS Girls Varsity Ice Hockey Overnight Field Trip to New Canaan, NH.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. McDonald, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve a field trip to Cardigan Mountain School in Canann, NH, for the BHS Girls Varsity Ice Hockey Team from December 12 to 13, 2014, as presented to the Committee.

Item # 111714-003 BHS Band/Orchestra Field Trip

- Mr. Schroeter, BHS Music Advisor, requested the School Committee approve the BHS Band/Orchestra Field Trip to NYC on April 10-12, 2014.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. McDonald, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve a field trip to New York City for the BHS Band and Orchestra from April 10 to 12, 2014, as presented to the Committee.

Item # 111714-004 BCHMCPS Mission Statement

- Ms. Horgan and Ms. Allen requested the School Committee approve the new BCHMCPS Mission Statement. The language and wording has been changed to give the new staff ownership, but there has not been a change in philosophy.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. McDonald, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve an amendment to the BCHMCPS mission statement, as presented to the Committee.

Item # 111714-005 Selection of Arbitrators

- Mr. Butler explained that the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) is recommending they be named as a representative for the particular purpose of selecting an arbitrator. Unions have large libraries of arbitrations and MASC would like to help School Committees.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. McDonald, and the Committee voted unanimously to designate the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, Inc. as one of the Barnstable School Committee’s representatives

for the particular purpose of selecting an arbitrator and receiving arbitration decisions, as recommended by the School Attorney.

Item # 111714-006 Public Use of Fields

- Mr. Kanyock explained his concerns over the public use of school grounds during school hours. There needs to be a discussion to form guidelines. The BHS staff is concerned over the safety and security of students, as well as the safety of public user who might walk into path of a ball or students. Public users have been using the fields and track during student activities during and after school. There have been issues with leashed and unleashed dogs, inappropriate conversations and clothing from public users, and loitering. Dr. Kanyock spoke to Mr. Hall and he agreed there should be guidelines to enhance security and safety.
- Barbara Gleason, BHS teacher, reminded the School Committee that the daycare is also out on the fields, as well as the high school. We protect our students in the school building and these outdoor spaces are also a classroom for the students.
- Mr. Thomas stated he is concerned with after school hours use by outside unknown groups. Public users are moving and damaging the equipment, making for unsafe conditions. The soccer and football goals are anchored. Unidentified user groups are taking the goals off their anchors and then the next day, the soccer goals will just blow over. The athletic department has been replacing equipment before they should have to. Officials at a soccer game this fall said the goals were causing unsafe conditions and we couldn't play. We had to make adjustments to goals and they were just purchased this fall.
- Ms. Ellis commented that we need to keep in mind the public use of public property, but we must also keep the safety of students in mind. Ms. Weber agreed that the fields are also classrooms and part of the school.
- Mr. McDonald asked about signage, enforcement of signage, and what our neighboring districts policies are. Mr. Kanyock said he will have the neighboring district policies for the School Committee. Enforcement of the policies and signage would be the Police Department.

Item # 111714-007 Graduation Requirements Policy

- Dr. Czajkowski said Mr. Clark's presentation was informational only and at the December 8th meeting the School Committee will vote.
- Mr. Clark outlines his proposed incremental steps to align BHS to MassCore over the upcoming years:
 - Step 1: Class of 2016 – eliminate the wellness credit
 - Step 2: Class of 2018 – add world history as one of three mandatory history/social science and require a 4th year of math
 - Step 3: Class of 2019 – require one unit of world language and add the Arts requirement
 - Step 4: Class of 2020 – add 2nd year of the same world language
- Ms. Ellis asked if aligning with MassCore would be an easier task if BHS semesterized. Mr. Clark indicated that it would be easier. The creative options BHS offers are why students choose BHS with School Choice.

Item # 111714-008 FY '16 Budget Presentation

- Dr. Czajkowski explained that a memo with the budget process was sent out to leadership. She and Mr. Markwell discussed the process, guidelines, and next steps of the building the budget. They were also looking for the School Committees' feedback and guidelines. Dr. Czajkowski met with the Town Manager and the revenue sharing will continue with a 40/60 split. There will be a December Board Meeting with BCHMCPS to discuss the budget. In January, we will submit the funding plan for review. The February 2015 School Committee Meeting will be the initial budget presentation. In March 2015, there will be a public hearing on the budget and in April 2015, the budget will be adopted by the School Committee. In May 2015, the budget will be presented to the Town Council and in June 2015, there will be a public hearing and Town Council will vote to adopt the budget.
- Dr. Czajkowski and Mr. Markwell discussed the highlights of this year's budget considerations: six union contracts need to be negotiated, 14 know staff retirements, professional development considerations, utility increases, substitute teachers, and the Barnstable Inclusive Preschool infrastructure.
- Mr. McDonald had several questions regarding special education costs, staffing investment, behavior interventions, and inclusion and diversity in AP programs. Dr. Czajkowski said they would have a better idea about special education after leadership meeting. MTSS is looking at social behaviors and keeping students in school rather than suspending. There will be an impact on staffing with the alignment to MassCore.

- Ms. Ellis commented on the possibility of bringing AP courses to the middle school and the budgetary impact of doing so. She was also interested in the hard data regarding the technology pilot. In regards to teacher in service days, how do we keep the teachers in the classrooms while building professional development?
- Ms. Weber would like to know how other districts are building in effective professional development without losing teaching time and taking childcare into account. She would like to see a workable model for professional development. Dr. Czajkowski thought about having a pool of certified teachers available to teach while teachers are doing professional development.

Item # 111714-009 School Committee Goals and Objective

- Ms. Weber would like to set a time to look at the School Committee Goals and Objectives once a year at the end of August/early September.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. McDonald, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the School Committee's Goals and Objectives for 2014-2015, as presented by the Chair.

Item # 111714-010 New Position Request

- Mr. Anderson requested the School Committee approve two paraprofessional special education positions at BIS. First position is for 1:1 student who moved into district and the second position is for an increase in the overall number of special education students. The number of students has risen from 123 students to 167 students this year.
- Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. McDonald, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the creation of a position or positions as recommended by the Deputy Finance Director in a memorandum to the School Committee dated November 12, 2014, in accordance with Policy DKA-R and as recommended by the Superintendent.

Item # 111714-011 Accounts Payable Warrant

Motion by Ms. Ellis, seconded by Mr. McDonald, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve FY2016 Treasury Warrant #20 in the amount of \$36,997.18.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. McDonald to go into executive session - not to reconvene in public session - to discuss collective bargaining strategy regarding BTA contract negotiations. Meeting in an open session meeting may have a detrimental effect on the School committee bargaining position.

Adjourned 8:40pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Kruczek
Executive Assistant