

**Minutes of School Committee Meeting 11/17/05**

A regular meeting of the Barrington School Committee was held on Thursday, November 17, 2005 at the Middle School. Mr. Guida called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. Present were Mr. Guida, Mrs. Thurston, Mrs. Oberg, Mrs. Eddins, Mr. Hasenfus, Dr. Calise and Mr. Tarro. Mr. Malafrente was absent.

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Middle School Band and Chorus performed under the direction of Mrs. Dail Beinkiewicz, MS music teacher. The band and chorus performed again during the meeting.

**Achievement Recognition**

Dr. Calise was proud to report that the Middle School Varsity Girls Cross Country Team won the RI State Championship. This is the 1<sup>st</sup> Cross Country state championship in the middle school's history.

Dr. Calise commended Megan Gamache, a freshman, who competed at the Brown Model UN Simulation and won best delegate for her work on the International Court of Justice.

**Approval of Minutes**

None were available for formal approval. Mr. Guida stated that the unofficial minutes of the last School Committee meeting are available in the central office.

**Information and Proposals**

Mrs. Natalie Stein, guidance counselor, presented a brief update on the Bullying Policy and program at the Middle School. She noted that students will be surveyed every year to see if the program implemented at the school is making an impact. Dr. Calise complimented Mrs. Stein for all her hard work.

Mr. Wheeler, with the assistance of Aqua Cluster teachers Mary Roberts, Peter McFarland and Connie Oswald, presented an overview of Common Planning Time and focused on how it benefits students, teachers, parents and the community. Also included was how the common planning time was included in the mandatory 330 minute per day instructional time. Much discussion took place regarding this issue and several questions were asked by the School Committee for clarification.

Mr. Gray, principal of the BHS, gave a brief overview of changes to the high school schedule to meet the 330 minimum instructional day and the extent to which common planning time has been implemented at the high school.

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There was no **General Public Discussion and Information**.

**Old Business from Superintendent and Staff.**

Dr. Calise provided a brief update of a pilot enrichment program at the Middle School in reading and research.

**Old Business from School Committee**

The following policies were presented for second readings and were approved as follows:

**Mrs. Eddins moved and Mrs. Oberg seconded to approve policy BBAA – School Committee Member Authority as written. The motion passed 5-0.**

**Mrs. Eddins moved and Mrs. Oberg seconded to approve policy BBBA – School Committee Qualifications as written. The motion passed 5-0.**

**Mrs. Oberg moved and Mrs. Eddins seconded to approve policy BDG – Legal Counsel as written. The motion passed 5-0.**

The following policies presented for second readings were not formally approved. They will be edited by Mrs. Oberg and presented for approval at the next School Committee meeting.

BDA – Order of Business at Annual Organizational Meeting

BDB – School Committee Officers' Duties

Mr. Guida was delegated to research the development of an alternative education policy with respect to a new mandate from the State.

There was no **New Business from Superintendent and Staff**.

**New Business from School Committee**

Mrs. Oberg updated the Committee on a Subcommittee Nutrition and Wellness Training she attended. She requested the draft policy regarding Nutrition created by Mr. Hasenfus be sent to her for review and editing by the Subcommittee. She also noted that a new law requires that we create a strategic plan for nutrition.

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Mr. Guida updated the Committee on the status of an appeal from Mrs. Roni Phipps regarding the decision of the Review Committee to ban the movie “Dirty Deeds”. He suggested a date be scheduled prior to the December 15th School Committee meeting to review the material and address the appeal.

**General Discussion to Guide Future Recommendations**

November 19 <sup>th</sup>		Collective Bargaining sponsored by RIASC
November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Executive Search Committee Workshop
December 1 <sup>st</sup>	7:30 p.m.	Special Education Advisory Council AP Courses

**General Public Discussion and Information**

Mrs. Kate Brody expressed her concerns with regard to parents not yet receiving results from district assessments. Dr. Calise said she would research this issue. Dr. Calise noted that she will schedule a curriculum update for a future School Committee meeting.

No Executive Session was necessary.

**Mrs. Thurston moved and Mr. Hasenfus seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 p.m. The motion passed 5-0.**