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Minutes of School Committee Meeting 06/21/07

A regular meeting of the Barrington School Committee was held on Thursday, June 21, 2007 at the Administration Office. Mr. Guida called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Present were Mr. Guida, Mrs. Thurston, Mrs. Oberg, Mrs. Eddins, Mr. Hasenfus, Mr. Tarro and Mr. Malafronte. Dr. Calise was absent.

Mr. Guida noted that tonight was Mr. Malafronte's last School Committee meeting. He expressed his appreciation, on behalf of the entire School Committee, for Mr. Malafronte's willingness to remain as our Interim Superintendent even though he retired last year.

Achievement Recognition

Mr. Malafronte was pleased to introduce high school senior, Colin Brody, who presented his Honors Senior Project entitled "Drunk Driving" to the School Committee. Following Colin's presentation, many questions were asked regarding various aspects of his presentation. Administrators, School Committee members and Judianne Point, Co-Senior Project Coordinator, commended Colin for his outstanding presentation. Mrs. Thurston commended Judianne Point and Steve Lenz, Senior Project Coordinators, for their continued commitment to improving the Senior Project.

Mr. Malafronte was proud to note that he received communications that Primrose Hill School, Hampden Meadows School, Nayatt School and the Middle School were also selected as "Regents' Commended Schools for 05-06" by the Rhode Island Department of Education. (He acknowledged at the last School Committee meeting that Sowams School had been selected.)

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Hasenfus moved and Mrs. Thurston seconded to approve the minutes of the special School Committee meeting and Executive Session minutes of 06/07/07 as written. The motion passed 5-0. Mr. Guida noted for the record that the Executive Session minutes reflected that a vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Thurston moved and Mr. Hasenfus seconded to approve the minutes of the regular School Committee meeting of 06/07/07 as written. The motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Financials

Upon review and discussion of the May financial reports:

Mrs. Oberg moved and Mrs. Thurston seconded to approve the expenditures for May in the amount of \$2,981,855.68. The motion passed 5-0.

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Information and Proposals

Mr. Guida noted that in lieu of a formal presentation, Dr. Calise provided the Committee with a written report regarding an overview of Professional Learning Communities, which focused on our efforts to date and the future direction (including specific upcoming activities) of this initiative. Much discussion took place regarding this initiative. Mr. Guida emphasized the need to include Professional Learning Communities on future agendas and at the upcoming retreat. Mrs. Eddins requested that the following question be asked at the retreat of individuals who visited Adlai Stevenson High School last fall and those individuals who will be attending the conference in Boston: "How would adopting a PLC in Barrington change what we are presently doing?"

General Public Discussion and Information

No issues were raised at this time.

Old Business from School Committee

Members of the Committee presented their proposed changes to Policy INI. Much discussion focused on suggested edits to School Committee Policy – INI – Selection Policy for Instructional Resources. The proposed edits will be incorporated into the draft policy and distributed to the Committee for continued discussion at future School Committee meetings.

New Business from Superintendent and Staff

Mr. Hasenfus moved and Mrs. Thurston seconded to approve with great regret the retirements of Louis Gerbi, HS, science teacher and science department chair and also the retirement of Joseph Black, NA, custodian. The motion passed 5-0.

Mrs. Thurston moved and Mr. Hasenfus seconded to approve the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent with respect to the resignation of Jennifer Myers, HS, math. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Hasenfus moved and Mrs. Eddins seconded to approve the following appointments:

Jason Appel, HS, Math

Lisa DiPaola, HS, French

Guifang (Helen) Li, HS Mandarin Chinese (part-time)

Kendra Lanzire, HS, Spanish

Amy Nicodemus, HS, Science

Kevin Blanchard, HS, Writing Center Coordinator

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**Eliza Davis, HS, Class Advisor Class 2011
Judianne Point, HS, PBGR Coordinator
Patrick Scott, HS, Advisor/Advisee Coordinator
Teresa Smith, HS, English**

Following some questions from Mrs. Eddins regarding clarification of certain aspects of some positions, the motion passed 5-0.

Mrs. Thurston moved and Mr. Hasenfus seconded to approve the Request for a Leave of Absence for Macalyn Davis, MS, Special Education Teacher Assistant. The motion passed 5-0.

Following Mr. Tarro's overview of some bids:

Mrs. Oberg moved and Mrs. Thurston seconded to confirm the award of Bids for Health and Training Supplies for '07 – '08 through the EBEC to the lowest qualified evaluated bidders as requested by Mr. Tarro. The motion passed 5-0.

Mrs. Oberg moved and Mrs. Thurston seconded to accept the recommendation of Mr. Tarro with respect to the award of the Hampden Meadows and Sowams Library Carpeting Bid to Robert R. Brown in an amount not to exceed \$13,998, which was the lowest qualified evaluated bidder. Following questions from Mr. Hasenfus for clarification, the motion passed 5-0.

Mrs. Oberg moved and Mrs. Thurston seconded to accept the recommendation of Mr. Tarro with respect to the award of High School Stair Tread Bid to Kelly Flooring Covering in an amount not to exceed \$5,332, which was the lowest qualified evaluated bidder. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Guida stated that nothing discussed this evening would influence anything in the current legislative session with regard to proposing a new funding formula in response to a suggestion raised by Mr. Hasenfus. Mr. Hasenfus and Mrs. Thurston indicated they would attend an upcoming meeting on June 29th with RIASC regarding this issue to get a better sense of other school committees' ideas regarding this issue as we move forward.

General Discussion to Guide Future Recommendations

June 29 th	Meeting with RIASC Re: New Funding Formula
July 9 th	Meeting with COA – Establish Next Year's Budget Schedule
July 18 th	Administrative Retreat

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August 30th 7:30 p.m. Business Meeting – Agenda Topics

Following a poll of Committee members' availability this summer, July 12th was targeted as the tentative date to meet with a representative from New England School Development Council (NESDEC) and Dr. McIntyre for an organizational session.

General Public Discussion and Information

A member of the audience asked several questions regarding clarification of various issues discussed this evening and to offer a suggestion to include an item (guest speakers) in the INI Policy.

No Executive Session was necessary.

Mrs. Thurston, on behalf of the entire School Committee, presented Mr. Malafronte with a plant in appreciation for all his services.

Mr. Hasenfus moved and Mrs. Eddins seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 p.m. The motion passed 5-0.