

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
BARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BARRINGTON, RHODE ISLAND**

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**Minutes of School Committee Meeting 08/31/06**

A regular meeting of the Barrington School Committee was held on Thursday, August 31, 2006 at the Administration Office. Mr. Guida called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. Present were Mr. Guida, Mrs. Oberg, Mrs. Eddins, Mr. Hasenfus, Dr. Calise and Mr. Tarro. Mrs. Thurston was absent.

**Achievement Recognition**

Dr. Calise noted that a letter was received from Mr. Thomas Mezzanotte, Executive Director of the Rhode Island Interscholastic League, commending John Gray, High School principal, for his dedication and years of service with the organization.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Mrs. Eddins moved and Mrs. Oberg seconded to approve the minutes of the School Committee meeting of 06/01/06 as written. The motion passed 3-0. Mr. Hasenfus abstained as he was not at the entire meeting.**

**Mrs. Oberg moved and Mrs. Eddins seconded to approve the minutes of the regular School Committee of 06/15/06 as written. Mr. Hasenfus moved and Mrs. Eddins seconded to amend the minutes as follows: On page 1 last paragraph, prior to last sentence add: "In the course of the resulting discussion both Mrs. Eddins and Mr. Hasenfus related their concern regarding the removal from the mission statement the notion of promoting the development of lifelong learners." Following some discussion, the motion passed 4-0.**

**Mrs. Oberg moved and Mrs. Eddins seconded to approve the minutes of the special School Committee meeting of 06/15/06 as written. The motion passed 4-0.**

**Mr. Hasenfus moved and Mrs. Oberg seconded to approve the minutes of the 07/12/06 School Committee retreat as written. The motion passed 4-0.**

**Mrs. Oberg moved and Mrs. Eddins seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session School Committee meeting of 06/01/06 as written. The motion passed 4-0. It was noted that no votes were taken.**

**Mrs. Oberg moved and Mr. Hasenfus seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session School Committee meeting of 06/15/06 as written. The motion passed 4-0. It was noted that that no votes were taken.**

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**Approval of Financials**

Upon review and discussion of the May financials:

**Mrs. Oberg moved and Mr. Hasenfus seconded to approve the expenditures for May in the amount of \$2,993,434.36. The motion passed 4-0.**

Mr. Tarro informed the School Committee that the district received a grant award from the State Energy Office in the amount of \$9,733 due to energy conservation measures. This will help defray the costs of the recently installed HVAC controls.

**Information and Proposals**

Discussion centered around suggested agenda topics proposed by Committee members for the 2006 – 2007 academic year. Administration will provide the Committee with a draft of proposed topics and dates at the next School Committee meeting. Input was also given by members of the audience.

**General Public Discussion and Information**

A member of the audience congratulated the School Committee for identifying agenda topics and prioritizing topics to be discussed at future School Committee meetings.

Due to a recent change in the law, Mr. Guida clarified that the School Committee is committed to responding to questions asked by the audience; however, they are not allowed to deliberate or vote on any item not on the agenda.

**Old Business from Superintendent and Staff**

Mr. Tarro provided the Committee with information regarding per pupil expenditures at the State and local funding levels throughout the country. It is the Committee's hope that this information will be shared with the State in a joint effort with similar communities not receiving, in the consensus of the Committee, a fair share of State aid.

Mr. Tarro presented an update on various facilities projects completed or near completion. The projects included the Sowams Roof; suspended ceiling at Hampden Meadows and painting; the Middle School elevator, and the High School language labs.

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**Old Business from School Committee**

It was the consensus of the Committee to table a discussion on School Committee policies.

Upon request of the Committee, Mr. Tarro presented a brief update on the status of the Superintendent search noting that brochures and advertisements have gone out. He clarified that the only additional expense we have incurred are out-of-pocket expenses for the consulting firm, NESDEC, to continue the search. Mr. Guida asked Mr. Hasenfus to prepare a motion for the next meeting with regard to a suggestion Mr. Hasenfus made concerning a cost effective way to communicate the status of the Superintendent search to interested individuals.

**New Business from Superintendent and Staff**

**Mr. Hasenfus moved and Mrs. Eddins enthusiastically seconded to approve the appointments of the following individuals:**

**Elizabeth Alexander, ESL, part-time  
Sasha Blake, HS, English  
David Burrows, MS, Network/Ed Technology Admin.  
Cristen Coppolino, NA, Kindergarten (.5)  
Anna DaSilva, HS, World Languages  
Eliza Davis, HS, Math  
Judy LaCross, SO, Reading Specialist  
Andrea Mederios, HS, Math  
Diana Ouellette, MS, Reading Specialist  
Lee Russell, MS, Social Studies  
Stephanie Spaziano, HS, Theater Arts  
Kelly Thompson, HS, English  
Christine Waring, HM, Grade 4**

**The motion passed 4-0.**

Mr. Guida and Mr. Hasenfus commended administration on the newly hired personnel.

**Mrs. Oberg moved and Mr. Hasenfus seconded to approve the following annual appointments of department chairs:**

**Priscilla Abrahamson, Department Chair, English  
Vanessa DelGiudice, Department Chair, World Languages  
Louis Gerbi, Department Chair, Science  
Lee-Ann Markowski, Special Education  
Robert Marley, Mathematics  
Geri McCarthy, Social Studies  
Susan Nagle, Business**

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**Steven Rotondo, Guidance/504**

**The motion passed 4-0.**

**Mr. Hasenfus moved and Mrs. Eddins seconded to approve the annual appointments for department heads:**

**Irene Gerbi, Art  
Barbara Hughes, .5 Music  
Paulette LaParle, .5 Music  
Karen McAvoy, Physical Education/Health**

**The motion passed 4-0.**

**Mrs. Oberg moved and Mr. Hasenfus seconded to approve the annual appointments of the following curriculum leaders:**

**Anthony Borqueta, Science  
Marianne Combies, Special Education  
Valerie Partridge, Mathematics  
Cynthia Ryan, Social Studies**

**The motion passed 4-0.**

**Mr. Hasenfus moved and Mrs. Oberg seconded with regret to approve the following resignations:**

**Lori, Acciardo, MS, Special Education Teacher Assistant  
Susan Andreozzi, SO, Teacher Assistant  
Danja Mahoney, HS, World Languages  
Rachel Martin, NA, Physical Education (part-time)  
Jennifer Dalessio, HS, Class Advisor 2008  
Robert Mezzanotte, Assistant Coach Boys Ice Hockey**

**The motion passed 4-0.**

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**Mrs. Oberg moved and Mr. Hasenfus seconded to approve the following requests for home schooling:**

**Cheryl, Simplicity and Gloria Anderson, Grades 6, 4 & 3  
Rachel & Amy Bate, Grades 8 & 11  
Ethan Dansereau, Grade 9  
Mariah Panza, Grade 3  
Andrew, Emily & Julia Zulker, Grades 8, 6 & K**

**The motion passed 4-0.**

**New Business from School Committee.**

Mr. Guida noted that he would like Chinese to be included during the discussion on the World Language curriculum. It was noted that the new Theater Arts course implemented at the High School was omitted from the list of new courses offering which appeared in the Barrington Times and hoped that it would be corrected.

**General Discussion to Guide Future Recommendations**

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| September 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 7:30 p.m. | Agenda Topics                                |
| September 13 <sup>th</sup> |           | Open Houses @ Nayatt, Primrose Hill & Sowams |
| September 18 <sup>th</sup> |           | Open House @ Hampden Meadows                 |
| September 21 <sup>st</sup> |           | Open House @ Middle School                   |
| September 28 <sup>th</sup> |           | Open House @ High School                     |

**General Public Discussion and Information**

There was discussion from the members of the public in attendance regarding the Superintendent search. A member of the audience, who is PTO representative, offered the Committee the assistance of the various school PTO's in communicating information to the public regarding the status of the Superintendent search. Mr. Guida stated the Committee hopes to have completed the search by January 1st; however, it is possible that the candidate may not be available to begin work until July.

No Executive Session was necessary.

**Mr. Hasenfus moved and Mrs. Eddins seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:10 p.m. The motion passed 4-0.**