

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

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**Minutes of School Committee Meeting 08/30/07**

A regular meeting of the Barrington School Committee was held on Thursday, August 30, 2007 at the Administration Office. Mr. Guida called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. Present were Mr. Guida, Mrs. Thurston, Mrs. Oberg, Mrs. Eddins, Dr. McIntyre, Dr. Calise and Mr. Tarro. Mr. Hasenfus arrived a few minutes later.

**Achievement Recognition**

Dr. McIntyre commended the Barrington Preservation Society and the support and collaboration of Dr. Calise, Robert Abbey and Marilyn Packard-Luther in the development of the document entitled "Barrington By the Bay, A Brief History."

**Approval of Minutes**

**Mrs. Oberg moved and Mrs. Eddins seconded to approve the minutes of the regular School Committee meeting of 06/21/07 as written. The motion passed 5-0.**

**Mrs. Thurston moved and Mrs. Oberg seconded to approve the minutes of the special School Committee meeting of 07/09/07 as written. The motion passed 5-0.**

**Mrs. Oberg moved and Mrs. Thurston seconded to approve the minutes of the School Committee retreat and workshop of 07/18/07 as written. The motion passed 5-0.**

**Mrs. Oberg moved and Mrs. Thurston seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session School Committee meeting of 07/18/07 as written. The motion passed 5-0. It was noted that no votes were taken at this meeting.**

**Approval of Financials**

None were available this evening. It was noted that the Committee was provided with a copy of the Monthly Report for May that was submitted to the Auditor General which does not require approval by the School Committee.

**Information and Proposals**

Discussion centered around suggested agenda topics proposed by Committee members for the 2007 – 2008 academic year. Central office administrators provided the Committee with a draft listing of suggested agenda topics which was compiled as a result of topics discussed at the retreat with Administrators on 7/18/07 and was used for the basis of discussion. Administration will provide the Committee with a draft of proposed topics and dates at the next School Committee meeting for the Committee's approval.

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**General Public Discussion and Information**

Lynn Caesar, on behalf of the High School PTO, welcomed Dr. McIntyre to the district.

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

**Old Business from School Committee**

Mrs. Thurston suggested that a discussion of Policy INI – Selection Policy for Instruction Resources be tabled until the next School Committee meeting when more time would be available to discuss this policy.

**New Business from Superintendent and Staff**

Mr. Tarro updated the Committee regarding the collapse of a roof overhang at Primrose Hill School. He summarized what steps will be taken to rectify this situation and the safety measures in place. He noted that he will keep the Committee updated on the status of this issue.

Mr. Tarro noted that the tennis courts should be completed at the very latest on September 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> in response to a question from a member of the Committee.

**Mrs. Oberg moved and Mrs. Thurston seconded to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent with regard to the appointments of the following individuals:**

**Laurel Anderson, MS, Special Education Teacher Assistant**

**Melissa Bento, MS, Grade 6**

**Peter Blasi, MS, Science**

**Gail Donohue, PH, Special Education Teacher Assistant**

**Kimberly Hutchinson, HM, Special Education Teacher Assistant**

**Kendra Lanzire, HS, World Languages**

**Cheryl Leca, HM, Special Education Teacher Assistant**

**Jeffrey Levesque, HS, Science**

**Megan Medeiros, MS, Math**

**Nancy Morrisette, HM, Special Education Teacher Assistant**

**Kathleen O'Neill, MS, Special Education Teacher Assistant**

**Teresa Smith, HS, English**

**Karen Swoboda, HS, Assistant Principal**

**John Wilcox, MS, Custodian**

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The audience was provided with a brief bio on the new High School Assistant Principal, Karen Swoboda. Mr. Guida assured the audience that she has outstanding experience and diversity. Mr. Guida noted that the School Committee did not interview Karen Swoboda nor weigh in on the selection process other than to accept the recommendation; however, they were updated on the status of the process by Dr. McIntyre.

**The motion passed 5-0.**

**Mrs. Thurston moved and Mrs. Oberg seconded to ratify the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the annual appointments of the following Department Chairs:**

**Priscilla Abrahamson, English  
Vanessa DelGiudice, World Languages  
Diana Siliezar-Shields, Science  
Lee-Ann Markowski, Special Education  
Robert Marley, Mathematics  
Geri McCarthy, Social Studies  
Susan Nagle, Business  
Steven Rotondo, Guidance/504**

**The motion passed 5-0.**

**Mrs. Oberg moved and Mrs. Thurston seconded to ratify the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the annual appointments of the following Department Heads:**

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

**The motion passed 5-0.**

**Mrs. Thurston moved and Mrs. Oberg seconded to ratify the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the annual appointments of the following Curriculum Leaders:**

**Anthony Borgueta, Science  
Marianne Combies, Special Education  
Rose Gillooly, ELA  
Cynthia Ryan, Social Studies**

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It was noted that Dr. Calise is presently filling in as the MS Math Curriculum leader.

**The motion passed 5-0.**

**Mrs. Oberg moved and Mrs. Thurston seconded to ratify the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the annual appointments of the following Curriculum Coordinators:**

**Dawn August, K-8 Literacy  
Judith Hamilton, K-5 Math  
Seth Tibbetts, K-5 Science**

**The motion passed 5-0.**

**Mr. Hasenfus moved and Mrs. Eddins seconded to ratify the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the appointments of the following coaches:**

**Michael Genetti, Freshman Football Coach  
Andrea Medeiros, Girls Freshman Basketball Coach  
Megan Medeiros, Boys Junior Varsity Soccer Coach  
Lindsey Stasz, Cheerleading Advisor**

**The motion passed 5-0.**

**Mrs. Oberg moved and Mrs. Thurston seconded to ratify the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the following requests for leaves of absence:**

**Alexander Hentz, PH, Grade 2-3  
Lisa Lipscomb, PH, Special Education Teacher Assistant  
Christine Squatrito, SO, Grade 1  
Mark Whittaker, PH, Loop 1-2**

**The motion passed 5-0.**

**Mr. Hasenfus moved and Mrs. Thurston seconded to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept with deep regret the retirements of:**

**Carmela Carusi, AO, Payroll Clerk  
Wanda Mullen, SO, Special Education**

**The motion passed 5-0.**

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**Mr. Hasenfus moved and Mrs. Thurston seconded to ratify the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to acceptance of the following resignations:**

**Marie Acciardo, MS, Special Education Teacher Assistant  
Nancy Johnson, MS, Special Education Teacher Assistant  
Gail Klostermeyer, HS, Science  
Kristen Pariseault, MS, Spanish (part-time)  
Stafford Thomas, MS, Assistant Principal**

**The motion passed 5-0.**

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

**Cheryl, Simplicity and Gloria Anderson, Grades 7, 5 & 4  
Rachel & Amy Bate, Grades 9 & 12  
Andrew, Matthew & Amanda Beck, Grades 8, 6 and 3  
Ethan Dansereau, Grade 10  
Mariah and Dylan Panza, Grades 4 and 1  
Andrew, Emily & Julia Zulker, Grades 9, 7 & 1**

In answer to a question by a member of the Committee, Dr. Calise stated that requests for home schooling usually average between 16 and 18 students.

**The motion passed 5-0.**

Mr. Guida stated for the record that Mr. Michael Messori is now Assistant Principal at the Middle School.

Following Mr. Tarro's overview of the following bid:

**Mrs. Oberg moved and Mrs. Thurston seconded to approve the recommendation of Mr. Tarro with respect to the award of the Medicaid Billing Services Bid for up to five years to CompuClaim which was the lowest qualified evaluated bidder. The motion passed 5-0.**

**Mrs. Thurston moved and Mr. Hasenfus seconded to accept the recommendation of Mr. Tarro with respect to the award of the Installation Exterior Door/Window Unit Bid at Sowams School to Goldense Building Products in an amount not to exceed \$14,900 which was the lowest qualified evaluated bidder. The motion passed 5-0.**

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**Mrs. Thurston moved and Mrs. Oberg seconded to accept the recommendation of Mr. Tarro to reject the sole bid for the Renovate/Restore High School Baseball Field and Softball Field Bid. Mr. Tarro explained that the bid was much higher than the amount budgeted for this project. He indicated that he would contact the Department of Public Works to research any cost savings that might result from their involvement in this project. Following Mr. Tarro's explanation, the motion passed 5-0.**

**Mrs. Oberg moved and Mrs. Thurston seconded to ratify/confirm the Collaborative Heating Oil Bid to Dennis K. Burke, Inc. at \$2.174 per gallon which was the lowest qualified evaluated bidder based on specifications. The motion passed 5-0.**

Dr. McIntyre stated that the district would comply with the new law regarding peanut allergies in response to a question from Mrs. Thurston.

**New Business from School Committee**

Dr. Calise presented a brief overview of the selection process used for all-day kindergarten students in response to a question from Mr. Guida.

**General Discussion to Guide Future Recommendations**

September 6 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 p.m.	Continuation of Discussion Re: Agenda Topics '07-08
September 7 <sup>th</sup>		1 <sup>st</sup> HS Football Game
September 19 <sup>th</sup>		Open Houses @ Nayatt, Primrose Hill & Sowams
September 18 <sup>th</sup>		Open House @ Hampden Meadows
September 20 <sup>th</sup>		Open House @ Middle School
September 27 <sup>th</sup>		Open House @ High School

Dr. McIntyre commended Dr. Calise for her coordination of the three in-service days and noted that the time spent with Dr. Richard Dewey was extremely beneficial for everyone.

Mrs. Thurston reminded everyone to bring all their notes regarding School Committee Policy INI to the September 6<sup>th</sup> School Committee meeting.

**General Public Discussion and Information**

A member of the audience asked for clarification regarding the reference during to the meeting to Policy INI.

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No Executive Session was necessary.

**Mrs. Oberg moved and Mr. Hasenfus seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:20 p.m.  
The motion passed 5-0.**