

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE
BARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Minutes of School Committee Meeting 12/20/07

A regular meeting of the Barrington School Committee was held on Thursday, December 20, 2007 at the High School. Mr. Guida convened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Present were Mr. Guida, Mrs. Thurston, Mrs. Oberg, Mrs. Eddins, Mr. Tarro, Dr. Calise and Dr. McIntyre. Mr. Hasenfus was not present. Eileen Moser from Organizational Development, Inc. was also present.

The meeting was held earlier than the usual start time (7:30 p.m.) so that matters pertaining to the Strategic Plan could be discussed. Ms. Moser was present for that portion of the meeting to discuss her proposal as the Plan's facilitator. Much discussion took place regarding the composition of the Strategic Planning Committee, the identification of focus groups and the scheduling of future meeting dates.

Mrs. Oberg moved and Mrs. Thurston seconded to approve the proposed contract, as amended, with Eileen Moser of Organizational Development, Inc. as the facilitator for the Strategic Plan. The motion passed 4-0.

At 7:30 p.m. Mr. Hasenfus joined the meeting. Additional discussion ensued regarding the Strategic Planning process. A short recess was called at 7:50 p.m.

At 8:00 p.m. Mr. Guida briefly summarized for the audience the purpose for starting the meeting at 6:30 p.m. this evening.

Achievement Recognition

Dr. McIntyre commended John Gray, George Finn, and John LaCross for their outstanding efforts in organizing the second alcohol awareness night for all students involved in winter sports and their parents/guardians.

Dr. McIntyre read aloud the letter the High School received from *U.S. News and World Report* regarding the High School receiving a silver medal in the 1st annual list of America's Best High Schools. He noted that the three categories of distinction are based on: (1) standardized test performance, (2) proficiency rates of all students, including the least advantaged, and (3) challenging college-ready curriculum. Mr. Guida asked Mr. Gray to extend to the faculty the School Committee's thanks for a job well done.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Thurston moved and Mrs. Eddins seconded to approve the minutes of the regular School Committee meeting of 12/06/07 as written. The motion passed 5-0.

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Information and Proposals

Updates were presented on the following three topics: (1) Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements (PBGR) by Judianne Point; (2) Advisories by Patrick Scott; and (3) Advanced Placement Courses by John Gray. Much discussion took place during and after the presentations which summarized where we are now and the future direction of the various initiatives. Hand-outs were distributed to all members of the School Committee which were used as the basis of the various presentations.

General Public Discussion and Information

No issues were raised at this time.

Mr. Hasenfus moved and Mrs. Eddins seconded to take the agenda out of order and proceed to New Business from Superintendent and Staff – Request for Approval of School Facilities. The motion passed 5-0.

Several individuals representing the group “Beyond Our Walls” presented a brief overview of the project they are hoping can take place at the High School. Following discussion and questions from members of the Committee to clarify various aspects of the event:

Mrs. Thurston moved and Mrs. Oberg seconded to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to approval of the Request for Use of School Facilities for “Beyond Our Walls” as outlined. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Hasenfus moved and Mrs. Eddins seconded to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the approval of the High School Squash Club clarifying that the coaching/advisor stipend was the only expense approved for this club. The motion passed 5-0.

Mrs. Oberg moved and Mrs. Thurston seconded to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the resignation of William McCagney, Golf Coach. The motion passed 5-0.

There was no New Business from School Committee and no Old Business from Superintendent and Staff.

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Old Business from School Committee

Mrs. Eddins noted that some policies identified as requiring attention this school year have been prioritized. Mrs. Thurston requested that a listing of these prioritized policies be provided to the Committee prior to the next School Committee meeting.

General Discussion to Guide Future Recommendations

January 3, 2008	7:30 p.m.	Budget Input Building Principals
January 24, 2008	4:00 p.m.	RI Interlocal Trust Annual Meeting
	4:00 p.m.	Seminar
	6:00 p.m.	Reception
	7:00 p.m.	Dinner

Dr. McIntyre informed the Committee that the Hampden Meadows School facility is being considered as a possible site for the filming of an upcoming family movie starring Richard Gere.

There was some discussion regarding which School Committee member would be attending the upcoming NSBA Conference in Orlando, Florida. It was noted that Mrs. Thurston was next in line to attend the conference with all expenses paid by the district. Mr. Hasenfus expressed an interest in attending and it was noted that if more than one person attended, the second individual would be responsible for paying his/her own airfare and hotel expenses. The district would cover the cost of the registration fee.

General Public Discussion and Information

There was some discussion regarding the timeline for the implementation of the Regents Diploma and various aspects of the initiative in response to a question from a member of the audience.

No Executive Session was necessary.

Mrs. Oberg moved and Mrs. Thurston seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 p.m. The motion passed 5-0.