

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
BARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
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**Minutes of School Committee Meeting 08/04/09**

The Barrington School Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, August 4, 2009 at the Administration Office. Mr. Hasenfus called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. Present were Mr. Hasenfus, Dr. Shea, Mr. Guida, Mrs. Oberg, Dr. Flanagan, Dr. McIntyre, Dr. Calise and Mr. Tarro.

Mrs. Kathleen Sullivan led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Mr. Guida moved and Mrs. Oberg seconded to approve the minutes of the regular School Committee meeting of 06/18/09 as written. The motion passed 4-0. Dr. Flanagan abstained as he was not present at that meeting.**

**Mrs. Oberg moved and Mr. Guida seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session School Committee meeting of 06/18/09 as written. It was noted that no votes were taken and the minutes would be sealed. The motion passed 4-0. Mr. Flanagan abstained as he was not present at that meeting.**

**Approval of Financials**

Upon review and discussion of the March, April, May and June financial reports:

**Mrs. Oberg moved and Mr. Guida seconded to adopt and approve the expenditures for the following months and following amounts:**

<b>March</b>	<b>\$3,245,628.86</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>\$3,091,055.23</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>\$3,863,243.16</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>\$6,070,677.11</b>

**The motion passed 5-0.**

Mr. Tarro presented an update on the budget and indicated that he is happy to report that we are going to end the FY09 year in the black. He indicated some additional adjustments have to be made and that updated numbers should be available within the next week. He noted we are currently working on the FY10 budget and how it was impacted with the reduction in state aid and the pension savings. Questions were asked by members of the Committee regarding the budget.

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**New Business from the Superintendent and Staff**

Following Dr. McIntyre's introduction and recommendation of two administrative appointments:

**Mr. Guida moved and Dr. Flanagan seconded to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the appointment of Paula Montesi, PH, Principal. The motion passed 5-0.**

Dr. McIntyre congratulated Mr. Joseph Hurley, newly appointed principal of the High School.

**Mrs. Oberg moved and Mr. Guida seconded to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the appointment of Mrs. Nicole Varone, HS, Assistant Principal. The motion passed 5-0.**

**Mr. Guida moved and Mrs. Oberg seconded to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent with regard to the request for rescinding the request for leave of absence for Stephen Marchetti, SS, Diagnostic Prescriptive. Following some questions for clarification, the motion passed 5-0.**

**Mrs. Oberg moved and Mr. Guida seconded to suspend the rules and insert a Public Comment section on the agenda. The motion passed 5-0.**

Mr. Hasenfus requested the audience provide input regarding any issues they desire to bring to the attention of the School Committee at this time other than the breathalyzer issue.

Several parents expressed their concern regarding the anticipated large second grade class sizes at Sowams School. Mr. Hasenfus explained that procedurally this issue could not be discussed, but that this issue could be included on a subsequent agenda. Dr. McIntyre assured the audience that this issue was being closely monitored

Mr. Hasenfus outlined the rationale for this evening's discussion regarding the breathalyzer procedure approved at the June 18, 2009 School Committee meeting which includes "suspicionless testing" for all students. Mr. Hasenfus expressed his opinion that the procedure should be formally approved with the final language changes suggested by legal counsel. Discussion also included whether or not this procedure should be a School Committee policy or an administrative procedure. During the discussion, it was noted that we presently have School Committee Policy, JICH, Use of Alcohol Sensor Device approved on October 6, 2005. Following much discussion regarding both these issues with input from the School Committee, administrators and members of the audience:

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**Mrs. Oberg moved and Mr. Guida seconded to endorse the Alcohol Sensor Device procedure as presented this evening which includes “suspicionless testing for all students”. Much discussion followed with input from the School Committee and audience prior to a final vote being taken. The motion passed 5-0.**

**Mrs. Oberg moved and Mr. Guida seconded to suspend the existing School Committee Policy, JICH – Use of Alcohol Sensor Device approved on October 6, 2005 . The motion passed 3-2 with Mr. Hasenfus and Dr. Flanagan casting dissenting votes.**

Following a lengthy discussion Mrs. Oberg read aloud the Alcohol Sensor Device procedure presented and approved this evening.

**Mrs. Oberg moved and Mr. Guida seconded that the Alcohol Sensor Device procedure we have endorsed this evening be adopted as a 1<sup>st</sup> reading of School Committee Policy JICH which will be discussed at our next regular School Committee meeting which includes “suspicionless testing for all students”. Dr. Flanagan provided the Committee with language he suggests be included in the policy. Mrs. Oberg stated she would present a revised policy for consideration. The motion passed 5-0.**

It was the consensus of the Committee to cancel the School Committee meeting scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup> due to the unavailability of Dr. Calise and Mr. Tarro on that date and to not schedule a meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup> due to the unavailability of Mr. Guida on that date.

Mr. Guida expressed his displeasure with recent comments made by a judge regarding Chief John LaCross's efforts in dealing with student alcohol abuse and wanted to be sure the Committee communicates to Chief LaCross their thanks for everything he has done regarding this issue.

No Executive Session was necessary.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.