

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE
BARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Minutes of School Committee Meeting 02/25/10

A regular meeting of the Barrington School Committee was held on Thursday, February 25, 2010 at the Administration Office. Mr. Hasenfus called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Present were Mr. Hasenfus, Dr. Shea, Mr. Guida, Dr. Flanagan, Dr. McIntyre, Dr. Calise, and Mr. Tarro. Mrs. Oberg arrived at 7:55 p.m.

Mrs. Anna Clancy led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Achievement Recognition

Dr. McIntyre was pleased to report that the Barrington Education Foundation (BEF) awarded \$57,000 in grants to the district at their meeting held earlier this week. He praised the organization for the tremendous job they do in raising funds for the students, especially in these difficult economic times. He noted that the BEF will be holding their Annual BEF Telethon next Monday and Tuesday evening, March 1st and 2nd.

Dr. McIntyre congratulated the Barrington Middle School Boys Basketball team who recently won the state championship.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Guida moved and Dr. Shea seconded to approve the minutes of the regular School Committee meeting of 02/11/10 as written. The motion passed 4-0.

**Mr. Guida moved and Dr. Shea seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session School Committee meeting of 02/11/10 as written. The motion passed 4-0.
Mr. Hasenfus noted that no votes were taken and the minutes were sealed.**

Approval of Financials

Upon review and discussion of the January financial reports:

Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Guida seconded to approve the expenditures for January in the amount of \$3,121,478.42. The motion passed 4-0.

Information and Proposals

Mr. Hasenfus introduced the budget and turned the meeting over to Dr. McIntyre. Dr. McIntyre said he hoped the Committee would support the budget which had been first presented at the February 11, 2010 regular School Committee meeting, and again at the public workshop on February 23, 2010. He reiterated that the proposed budget represents a 1.13% increase over last year's budget or an increase of \$479,000. He also noted that anticipated revenue in the proposed is down \$862,000 as compared to last year's budget due to cuts in local aid.

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Mrs. Oberg moved and Mr. Guida seconded to adopt the proposed budget for 2010-2011 as presented by administration this evening.

Much discussion and input was given by members of the Committee and members of the audience regarding various aspects of the budget. Mr. Timothy Sweetser, Vice Chair of the Committee on Appropriations asked many questions and urged the Committee to find resources to provide a level funded budget. Dr. McIntyre noted that a level funded budget would result in cuts and the proposed budget presented this evening represents a level service budget.

Following much discussion:

Mrs. Oberg moved and Mr. Guida seconded to close discussion and proceed to take a vote. The motion passed 4-0 with Dr. Flanagan abstaining.

Mrs. Oberg moved and Mr. Guida seconded to transmit the proposed budget as adopted by the Committee to the Committee on Appropriations. The motion passed 4-1 with Dr. Flanagan casting the dissenting vote.

General Public Discussion and Information

A member of the audience commended our teachers for their willingness to come in early and stay late consistently.

Mr. Guida reported that a proposed state funding formula will be released to the public next week in response to a question from a member of the audience regarding the status of a state funding formula. Representative Joy Hearn also noted she is cautiously optimistic that we will get a funding formula.

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

Old Business from School Committee

Mrs. Oberg requested that a discussion regarding the Fundraising Policy be deferred until the next meeting. Mr. Hasenfus summarized two issues he asked the Committee to think about with regard to this policy for discussion at the next School Committee meeting.

Following a brief discussion regarding whether or not the District should provide funds to send a Committee member to the Annual NSBA Convention being held in Chicago this year, it was the consensus of the Committee not to send any member of the Committee due to the difficult economic circumstances this year. It was noted that Mr. Hasenfus will be attending; however, his registration fees will be paid by the Rhode Island Association of School Committees.

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New Business from Superintendent and Staff

Mrs. Oberg moved and Mr. Guida seconded to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the request for a leave of absence for Patricia Ridlon, SO, Reading Specialist. Following a question for clarification, the motion passed 5-0.

Mrs. Oberg moved and Mr. Guida seconded to approve the requests for use of school facilities for Ballet Prestige; Barrington Ballet; Bradley Hospital/Lifespan and Revolution Prep. The motion passed 5-0.

Mrs. Oberg moved and Mr. Guida seconded to approve the request for home schooling for Joel Bigelow, Grade 9. The motion passed 5-0.

There was no **New Business from School Committee.**

Future Agenda Topics

Mr. Guida suggested a discussion regarding Common Core Learning be scheduled for a later School Committee meeting and gave a brief historical overview of the development of this initiative.

General Discussion to Guide Future Recommendations

March 4th 7:30 p.m. @ Administration Office
School Environment for All Students – Goal #3

General Public Discussion and Information

It was noted that a discussion regarding the NECAP scores will take place at the March 18th School Committee meeting in response to a question from a member of the audience.

Dr. McIntyre noted that the impact of possible budget cuts would be shared with the community should the budget be level funded, but that it was premature at this point until more definitive budget figures are available. Mrs. Oberg noted that the budget being passed on to the Committee on Appropriations represents level services.

Mrs. Oberg moved and Dr. Shea seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:03 p.m. and go into Executive Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-5(a)(1) and 42-46-5(a)(2) for Personnel and Collective Bargaining and Litigation; specifically for Litigation. The motion passed 5-0.

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Mrs. Oberg moved and Dr. Flanagan seconded to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. and to seal the minutes and report that no votes were taken. The motion passed 5-0.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.