

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

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A regular meeting of the Barrington School Committee was held on Thursday, June 23, 2011 at the Administration Office. Mr. Guida called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. Present were Mr. Guida, Dr. Shea, Mrs. Brody, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Ramsden, Dr. McIntyre, Mr. Tarro and Dr. Calise.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Dr. Calise led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Achievement Recognition**

Dr. McIntyre commended Ms. Vicki Belmont, Grade 3 teacher at Primrose Hill School, and her team who provided supplies to a clinic in Jedalla Village, Iraq through the Adopt-a-Village program. He provided the Committee with letters Ms. Belmont received from the Department of Army thanking her and her team for their efforts in reaching out to people in need.

Dr. McIntyre recognized students who received awards in the Bristol County Water Authority Poster and Essay Contest. The following students received savings bonds:

**Barrington Middle School**

Naomi Zelter	Grade 6	\$50
Brendan Watson	Grade 6	\$100
Dakota Jacobowitz	Grade 7	\$100

**Sowams School**

Grace Lardner	Grade 3	\$50
Malina O'Brien	Grade 3	\$100

The following students who were runner ups received a Waterhog T-shirt:

**Barrington Middle School**

Arianne Motte	Grade 6
Jacob Nozaki	Grade 6
Cailyn Masson	Grade 6

**Hampden Meadows**

Noah Mendonca	Grade 4
Kathryn Tumber	Grade 5
Jenna Andreozzi	Grade 5
Ashley Anderson	Grade 5
Corina Drimbarean	Grade 4
Cameron Iacobucci	Grade 4
Amanda Vesey	Grade 5

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Sowams School

Caitlin Igoe	Grade 3
Ted Hanifin	Grade 3
Anika Breker	Grade 3
Zoe Lefebvre	Grade 3
Cailyn Lu	Grade 3
Ben Segal	Grade 3
Alye Nichols	Grade 3

Dr. McIntyre and Mr. Guida stated that tonight was Dr. Calise's last meeting and they expressed their appreciation to her for all her efforts.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Mrs. Brody moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to approve the minutes of the regular School Committee meeting of 04/23/11 as presented. The motion passed 4-0. Dr. Shea abstained as he was not present at that meeting.**

**Mrs. Brody moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of 04/28/11 as presented. The motion passed 4-0. Dr. Shea abstained as he was not present at that meeting. Mr. Guida noted that no votes were taken and the minutes were sealed.**

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to approve the minutes of the regular School Committee meeting of 05/19/11 as presented. The motion passed 3-0. Mrs. Brody and Mr. Fuller abstained as they were not present at that meeting.**

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of 05/19/11 as presented. The motion passed 3-0. Mrs. Brody and Mr. Fuller abstained as they were not present at that meeting. Mr. Guida noted that no votes were taken and the minutes were sealed.**

**Dr. Shea moved and Mrs. Brody seconded to approve the minutes of the regular School Committee meeting of 06/02/11 as presented. The motion passed 3-0. Mr. Fuller and Mr. Ramsden abstained as they were not present at that meeting.**

**Dr. Shea moved and Mrs. Brody seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of 06/02/11 as presented. The motion passed 3-0. Mr. Fuller and Mr. Ramsden abstained as they were not present at that meeting.**

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**Approval of Financials**

Upon review and discussion of the May financial expenditures:

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to adopt and approve the monthly expenditures for May in the amount of \$3,351,532.25. The motion passed 5-0.**

Following Mr. Guida's suggestion to take the agenda out of order to accommodate the individuals in the audience involved with the Health and Wellness Policy:

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to take the Health and Wellness policy out of order. The motion passed 5-0.**

Dr. Shea, with the assistance of Carol Toselli from the Health and Wellness Committee, presented a brief overview of the rationale for revising the Health and Wellness policy. Dr. Shea recognized the members of the Health and Wellness Committee present this evening: Kathleen Sullivan, Kari Banas, Carole Toselli and Megan Douglas. He expressed his appreciation to everyone who worked on the policy for their time and commitment. The policy was presented for a first reading with all members of the School Committee reading portions of the policy. Dr. Shea noted that comments and suggestions have been received from the principals and nurses. Dr. Shea stated that comments/suggestions from the community are welcome and that no final action will take place regarding approval of this policy until the fall. Questions/suggestions were asked by members of the audience and the School Committee regarding this policy.

Mrs. Megan Douglas, on behalf of the Nayatt PTO noted that the School Committee and Administration were provided with a beautiful bouquet of fruit (a healthy snack) this evening to thank them for their time, commitment and unwavering dedication to the students of Barrington.

**Information and Proposals**

Mr. Michael Messore presented an overview of the Summer School Program using a power point presentation as the basis of his report. Included in his report was an historical overview of enrollment, course offerings, present goals and future goals of the program. Mr. Hurley summarized the effects of students achieving 70% proficiency on the end of year exams and its impact on students needing to attend summer school. Questions were asked by the Committee regarding various aspect of this presentation.

Following Mr. Guida's suggestion to take the agenda out of order to accommodate a presentation by Mrs. Brody regarding the NSBA Annual meeting she attended in the spring:

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to take the NSBA Presentation out of order. The motion passed 5-0.**

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Mrs. Brody summarized workshops/seminars she attended at the Annual National School Board Association (NSBA) Conference in April. A power point presentation was used as the basis of her presentation. She also provided the Committee with a book of some of the power point presentations presented at the conference. Much discussion took place regarding various aspects of her presentation. Mrs. Brody noted that next year's NSBA conference will take place in Boston and that hopefully more individuals would be able to attend this worthwhile and informative conference.

**General Public Discussion and Information**

A member of the audience inquired about the Strategic Planning session. It was noted that scheduling the meeting would be discussed later in the meeting, but not the actual plan itself.

**Old Business from Superintendent and Staff**

Dr. McIntyre noted that information received to date indicate that the District will receive the state aid formula money, although no official document has been received. He thanked the legislators for their work and unwavering support regarding this issue.

Mr. Tarro presented an update on the High School Parking Lot Project noting that construction started on time and weather permitting, the project will be completed within the timetable required.

Mr. Tarro noted that interviews were conducted with the two firms who submitted bids for Step II Application Process and that a recommendation to award the bid would take place further down on the agenda.

A discussion took place regarding the Middle School facilities. Mrs. Brody inquired about the Middle School project with respect to the moratorium on school construction projects. Mr. Guida noted that no action would be taken unless an issue arose with respect to the health, safety or welfare of the students and staff. Mr. Tarro also noted that Step II Application Process is a lengthy process that has numerous steps prior to any actual construction. Mr. Tarro noted that items were being addressed at the Middle School to pass inspections by the state fire marshall and fire chief; e.g. install door closers without replacing the doors.

**Old Business from School Committee**

No issues were raised at this time.

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**New Business from Superintendent and Staff**

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to approve the appointment of Jessica Costa, PH, Grade 3. The motion passed 5-0.**

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the requests for leaves of absence for Maribeth Promades, SO, Grade 2 and Christine Bergeron, HS, Science.**

**Dr. Shea moved and Mrs. Ramsden seconded to approve the resignation of Mark Davis, K-12 Literacy Coordinator. Following a question from Mr. Guida for clarification, the motion passed 5-0.**

Following Mr. Tarro's overview of some bids:

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to approve the recommendation of administration with respect to the award of Professional Services –Stage II Construction Application to Symmes, Maini & McKee Associates in an amount not to exceed \$96,000, which was the lowest qualified evaluated bidder. Following a brief overview of the bid process with regarding to this bid, the motion passed 5-0.**

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to confirm the recommendation of Mr. Tarro with respect to the award of the Dishwashing Bid at the High School to Paramount Restaurant Supply in an amount not to exceed \$25,579, which was the lowest qualified, evaluated bidder. The motion passed 5-0.**

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to approve the amendment to the PARE Corp Bid Award in the amount of \$26,021. The motion passed 5-0.**

Mr. Tarro revisited the Middle School project and explained that he would be asking for formal approval of a change order for paving of the Middle School Parking Lot by D'Ambra construction at the next School Committee meeting.

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to approve the requests for home schooling for:**

**Benjamin Segal (Grade 4)  
Cheryl (Gr. 11), Simplicity (Gr. 9) and Gloria (Gr. 8) Anderson**

**The motion passed 5-0.**

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**New Business from School Committee**

Following Mr. Tarro's rationale for requesting an amendment to the Fund Balance Policy:

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to accept the recommendation of Mr. Tarro with respect to amendment of Fund Balance Policy. The motion passed 5-0.**

Mrs. Brody provided the Committee with a sample Student Liaison Policy from Fairfax County as a reference for us to develop a Student Liaison Policy. It was the consensus of the Committee that input from the high school was needed with respect to language regarding the appointment/selection process for the student representative. A first reading of the policy will be presented upon receipt of language from the high school.

Discussion took place regarding a financial literacy program. It was the consensus of the Committee to schedule a webinar to view this program. Dr. McIntyre reported that feedback he has received from other superintendents using this program have been positive.

A discussion regarding the feasibility of changing the start time at the high school took place. This issue was presented to the Committee earlier in the year by the Health and Wellness Committee. It was the consensus of the Committee to include an update on the status of the change of school start times on an agenda in the early fall and that reports be received at regular intervals regarding this issue. Members of the Committee noted that data indicates it is better for high school students to start the school day later. Mr. Guida noted that this was not a simple initiative, but one that has some worth pursuing.

Mr. Hurley presented a brief update on the Naviance Program noting that it is moving forward and results have been positive. He also outlined next steps in the process. Questions/suggestions were made by members of the Committee regarding this initiative.

**Discussion Future Agenda Items**

The appointment of the Nayatt principal will take place at the July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Other suggested future agenda items included a formal Student Liaison Policy, a Bullying Policy, a Strategic Plan session and an update on how we are dealing with achievement gaps as a result of the NECAP analysis.

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**General Discussion to Guide Future Recommendations**

Mr. Guida inquired about the possibility of staff members attending a workshop sponsored by Solution Tree in Syracuse, New York which might be beneficial. Dr. Calise noted that no resources were available for this particular workshop; however, she noted some upcoming workshops that would be available locally dealing with the same issues.

July 7<sup>th</sup>            7:30 p.m.            Appointment of Nayatt School Principal

**General Public Discussion and Information**

Mrs. Coyne, on behalf of the Town Council, congratulated Dr. Calise on her retirement.

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:53 p.m. and go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 42-46-5(a)(1) and Section 42-46-5(a)(2) specifically for: (a) two Personnel matters and (b) Collective Bargaining discussion with respect to NEAB, BEST and United Steelworkers. The motion passed 5-0.**

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to adjourn the Executive Session at 10:43 p.m. and to seal the minutes and report that no votes were taken. The motion passed 5-0.**

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:43 p.m. The motion passed 5-0.**