

**Minutes of School Committee Meeting 12/02/10**

A regular meeting of the Barrington School Committee was held on Thursday, December 2, 2010 at the Administration Office following a recess after an Executive Session. It was noted that no votes were taken and the minutes were sealed. Dr. Shea reconvened the Open Session at 7:30 p.m. Present were Dr. Shea, Mrs. Oberg, Mr. Guida, Dr. Flanagan, Dr. McIntyre and Mr. Tarro. Dr. Calise was absent.

Mrs. Amy Oberg and Dr. Thomas Flanagan led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Achievement Recognition**

Dr. McIntyre commended Mr. Richard Wheeler and Mrs. Melissa Benton, Middle School language arts teacher, for receiving a Champlin Foundation Grant in the amount of \$73,275 for computers to improve writing at the Middle School. Mrs. Bento, 6<sup>th</sup> grade language arts teacher explained that the grant will help 5<sup>th</sup> graders transition to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Dr. McIntyre congratulated Mr. Joseph Hurley and all administrators and members of the High School faculty for the outstanding final report received from New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. (NEASC) which awarded the High School continued accreditation. Dr. McIntyre was impressed with the number of commendations received from NEASC.

Dr. McIntyre was pleased to announce that High School student, Sarah Margulies, has been selected as a delegate for the United States Senate Youth Program. He noted she will represent Rhode Island in Washington, DC as well as receive a \$5,000 scholarship. He read aloud the letter Commissioner Gist sent to Sarah congratulating her.

Dr. Shea and Mr. Guida, on behalf of the entire School Committee, presented plaques to outgoing School Committee members Dr. Thomas Flanagan and Mrs. Amy Oberg and thanked them for their dedicated years of service to the students of Barrington.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Mrs. Oberg moved and Mr. Guida seconded to approve and adopt the minutes of the regular School Committee meeting of 11/18/10 as written. The motion passed 4-0.**

**Mrs. Oberg moved and Mr. Guida seconded to approve and adopt the minutes of the Executive Session meeting as presented. It was noted that the minutes were sealed and no votes were taken. The motion passed 4-0.**

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**Approval of Financials**

No financials were available for formal approval this evening.

**Information and Proposals**

First, Mrs. Katie Miller, Director of Technology, thanked Mrs. Oberg and Dr. Flanagan for their service and support over the years and welcomed the two new incoming members. Mrs. Miller then presented a technology update on the District's new Student Information System – Aspen X2 and the District's new Emergency Call System – CodeRED. A power point presentation was used as the basis of her update. Discussion took place regarding various aspects of her update. Dr. McIntyre commended Mrs. Miller and her staff for the outstanding job they have done implementing these two complex systems.

**General Public Discussion and Information**

No issues were raised at this time.

**Old Business from Superintendent and Staff**

No issues were raised at this time.

**Old Business from School Committee**

No issues were raised at this time.

**New Business from Superintendent and Staff**

**Mrs. Oberg moved and Mr. Guida seconded to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the resignation of Philip Weiland, HS, Science. The motion passed 4-0.**

Following Mr. Tarro's overview of a bid:

**Mrs. Oberg moved and Mr. Guida seconded to approve the recommendation of Mr. Tarro with respect to the award of Retrofit Heating System to Gas at Primrose Hill and Nayatt School Bid to Summit Heating Service Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$23,400, which was the lowest qualified evaluated bidder. It was noted that the District will receive \$12,000 in rebates from National Grid to offset the cost for this upgrade. The motion passed 4-0.**

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Following Dr. McIntyre's rationale for the Committee to approve his recommendation to close schools on January 18<sup>th</sup> and add a day at the end of the school year due to the special election for a new School Committee member:

**Mrs. Oberg moved and Mr. Guida seconded to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to closing all schools on the special election day (January 18, 2011) and adding a day at the end of the school year. The motion passed 4-0.**

**New Business from School Committee**

Dr. Shea noted that the School Committee met in Executive Session prior to tonight's regular meeting with legal counsel to discuss strategies confidentially with regard to the ACLU case.

**Discussion Future Agenda Items**

Suggestions were made to include the following topics on future agendas: 1) feedback from Mr. Hurley with respect to NEASC's recommendations; 2) an update on the new teacher evaluation, the status of our Strategic Plan and 4) suspension of the District's reorganizational policy until the new Committee member is elected at the January 18<sup>th</sup> special election.

**General Discussion to Guide Future Recommendations**

December 16<sup>th</sup>            7:30 p.m.            Professional Development

**General Public Discussion and Information**

No issues were raised at this time.

No Executive Session was necessary.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.