

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

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**Minutes of School Committee Meeting 10/06/11**

A regular meeting of the Barrington School Committee was reconvened by Mr. Guida at 7:36 p.m. on Thursday, October 6, 2011 at the Administration Office. Present were Mr. Guida, Dr. Shea, Mrs. Brody, Mr. Ramsden, Dr. McIntyre, Mr. Tarro and Mr. Messore. Mr. Fuller arrived at 8:10 p.m. Mr. Guida noted that an Executive Session was held at 7:00 p.m. for one personnel matter and that no votes were taken and the minutes were sealed.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Ms. Elizabeth Teitz led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Achievement Recognition**

Dr. McIntyre expressed his appreciation to all the members of the Barrington Education Foundation who participated in the successful Rubber Ducky Race on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Dr. McIntyre was pleased to announce the eleven semifinalists in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Competition. The students are: Evan Bulman, Amy Entin, Holly Gildea, Olivia Griot, Olivia Justynski, Pierre Karashchuk, Stephen Lamontagne, Utkarsh Shah, Yechuan Tian, Kenneth Xiao and Feifan Zhou.

Dr. McIntyre recognized the following 2012 Merit Scholarship Commended Students: Gabriella Arig, Michaela Carroll, Elizabeth Chaffee, Elsa Cousins, Joseph Donnelly, Bradford Guay, Rachel Hill, Samuel Karlin, Nathaniel Klimbert, Madeline Klinger, Elizabeth Teitz, Maite Van Hentenryck, Dylan Verner-Crist and Maxwell Wheeler.

Dr. McIntyre recognized the Hampden Meadows students, staff and community members who participated in the Walk to School Marathon held last week.

Mrs. Brody commended Dr. McIntyre, Mr. Tarro, Mr. Learned and Mr. Hurley for their leadership with respect to the entire high school parking lot project.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to approve the minutes of the 09/06/11 School Committee meeting as presented. The motion passed 4-0.**

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session meeting of 09/06/11 as presented. The motion passed 4-0. It was noted that the minutes were sealed and no votes were taken.**

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to approve the minutes of the 09/12/11 School Committee meeting as presented. The motion passed 4-0.**

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**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to approve the minutes of the 09/29/11 School Committee meeting as presented. The motion passed 4-0.**

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Session meeting of 09/19/11 as presented. The motion passed 4-0. It was noted that the minutes were sealed and no votes were taken.**

**Approval of Financials**

Upon review and discussion of the August financial expenditures:

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to adopt and approve the monthly expenditures for August in the amount of \$1,339,378.22. The motion passed 4-0.**

Mr. Tarro noted two line items in the budget that are of concern; namely, 1) medical insurance and 2) out of district tuition. They are both overspent and will likely result in a deficit totaling approximately \$410,000 to \$415,000.

**Information and Proposals**

Administrators and the School Committee welcomed Elizabeth Teitz, the first student representative to serve on the School Committee. Mrs. Brody noted Ms. Teitz's first official meeting would be on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Barbara Green and Ms. Maureen Johnson, representatives from the Barrington Education Foundation (BEF), presented an overview of the five major events planned this year by BEF.

A presentation by Mr. Edward Frenette and Ms. Keelia Kentor, representatives from SMMA (Symmes Maini & McKee Associates), the school facilities consultant firm assessing all of the districts' building, with a focus on the Middle School facilities, presented an overview of the status of their findings to date. A power point presentation was used as the basis of their overview. Much discussion took place regarding various aspects of their presentation and the future steps in this process.

Mr. Joseph Hurley and Mr. Robert Marley presented a report on the testing results for the AP and SAT tests. A power point presentation was used as the basis of their presentation. Their update included interventions in place to help improve scores. Much discussion took place regarding various aspects of their update.

Dr. McIntyre provided the Committee with one year NESDEC Enrollment Projections and noted that historically NESDEC's projections have been fairly accurate. (Our October 1<sup>st</sup> enrollment was twelve more students than what NESDEC projected.)

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**General Public Discussion and Information**

No issues were raised at this time.

**Old Business from School Committee**

Dr. McIntyre presented a brief update on the status of the strategic plan initiative noting that he and Mr. Messorre interviewed two possible facilitators to head this project. It was the consensus of the Committee that Dr. McIntyre arrange to have one of the candidates come to the next School Committee meeting to present her suggested direction to take regarding this initiative.

**Old Business from School Committee**

Dr. McIntyre presented a brief update on the status of next year's budget noting that principals are already thinking about next year's needs. Dr. McIntyre noted that increased health costs and pension costs will be watched closely. He also stated that at the present time RIDE is planning to support state aid numbers originally allocated to us.

**New Business from Superintendent and Staff**

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to approve the appointment of Steven Pickford, HS, Department Chair, Social Studies. The motion passed 5-0.**

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to approve the appointment of Cheryl August, PH, RTI Co-Chair. The appointment passed 5-0.**

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Fuller seconded to approve the appointment of Alison Grieco, HS, Social Studies. The motion passed 5-0.**

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to approve the appointment of Nahum Mitnik, Co-Department Head , Music. The motion passed 5-0.**

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to approve the request for leave of absence for Catarina Anselmo, PH, ELL. The motion passed 5-0.**

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to approve the retirement of Nancy McBride, AO, Administrative Assistant to Director of Administration and Finance. The motion passed 5-0.**

Following two members of the Committee expressing an interest in serving on the ad hoc Budget Forecasting Committee created by the Town Council:

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**Dr. Shea moved and Mrs. Brody seconded that the School Committee designate Mr. Fuller and Mr. Ramsden as our representatives to the Budget Forecasting Committee. The motion passed 5-0.**

Following Mr. Tarro's overview of the natural gas contract:

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to approve the recommendation of Mr. Tarro with respect to the award of a two year contract for natural gas to Direct Energy. Following some questions for clarification, the motion passed 5-0.**

Following Mr. Tarro's overview of the change order for paving of the high school parking lot:

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to approve the recommendation of Mr. Tarro with respect to the change order for paving of the high school parking lot in the amount of \$10,133.93. The motion passed 5-0.**

**New Business from School Committee**

Discussion took place regarding the upcoming Annual National School Board Association Conference that will be held in Boston this spring. Members of the Committee were asked to contact administration should they wish to attend this conference.

Dr. Shea presented for a first reading the revised Health and Wellness Policy that resulted from input from various constituencies following the first draft originally presented last spring. Dr. Shea expressed his appreciation to all members of the Health and Wellness Committee for all their efforts.

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded that the revised draft Health and Wellness Policy presented for a 1<sup>st</sup> reading this evening supersede the previous draft presented last spring. The motion passed 5-0.**

All members of the Committee read a portion of the revised draft policy aloud. Questions were asked regarding various aspects of this policy. The policy will be presented for a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading at the October 20<sup>th</sup> School Committee meeting.

Following a brief discussion regarding School Committee contact information being posted on the district website:

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Fuller seconded that the School Committee's contact information be available on the district website. The motion passed 5-0.**

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**Discussion Future Agenda Items**

Suggested future agenda topics included furniture for the new School Committee reconfiguration, possible presentation regarding a reconfiguration of the school calendar, (Mr. Guida will try to arrange this presentation for the afternoon of October 24<sup>th</sup>) and a review of the science NECAP results.

**General Discussion to Guide Future Recommendations**

October 20 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 p.m.	Strategic Plan Presentation Discussion School Start Times Approval of SEAC Bylaws Discussion Make-Up Days – Hurricane Irene NECAP Test Results – Science
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Mr. Guida noted that he may be unavailable for the November 3<sup>rd</sup> School Committee meeting.

**General Public Discussion and Information**

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:45 p.m. and go into Executive Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-5(a)(1), 42-46-5(a)(2) and 42-46-5(a)(5) specifically for: (a) three personnel matter, (b) collective bargaining discussion with respect to NEAB, BEST and United Steelworkers, (c) administrative evaluation and discussing conditions of possible real property purchase. The motion passed 5-0.**

**Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to adjourn the Executive Session at 11:52 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 11:52 p.m. The motion passed 5-0.**

