

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

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Minutes of School Committee Meeting 12/15/11

A regular meeting of the Barrington School Committee was held on Thursday, December 15, 2011 at the Administration Office. Dr. McIntyre called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. as it was the annual organizational meeting. Present were Mr. Guida, Dr. Shea, Mrs. Brody, Mr. Ramsden, Mr. Fuller, Ms. Teitz, Dr. McIntyre, Mr. Tarro and Mr. Messore.

Dr. McIntyre requested nominations for the Chairperson.

Mr. Ramsden moved and Mr. Fuller seconded to nominate Mr. Patrick Guida as Chairperson. The motion passed 5-0.

The gavel was turned over to Mr. Guida.

Mr. Guida requested nominations for the Vice-Chair-Clerk.

Mr. Ramsden moved and Mr. Guida seconded to nominate Mr. Fuller as Vice Chair-Clerk. Following the rationale from Mrs. Brody as to why she was casting a dissenting vote, the motion passed 3-1; with Mrs. Brody casting a dissenting vote and Dr. Shea abstaining.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Achievement Recognition

Dr. McIntyre noted that he received a note from John Taylor, Barrington Recreation Director, thanking the Middle School and High School choirs under the direction of Ms. Kerri Thurber and Ms. Celeste Labonte respectively for their participation in the Annual Festival of Lights ceremony.

Dr. McIntyre was proud to announce that the High School math team participated in a national math competition (2011-2012 American Regions Math League Power-Contest – ARML) and finished 5th from over fifty teams around the country.

Mrs. Brody congratulated the High School music department for their two outstanding performances showcasing the instrumental band and chorus.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Guida stated that approval of the minutes of the 12/01/11 meeting would be tabled for approval until the next meeting. He noted that the minutes were available in unofficial form at the administration office should anyone wish to review them.

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Approval of Financials

Upon review and discussion of the November financial expenditures:

Mr. Fuller moved and Mrs. Brody seconded to adopt and approve the monthly expenditures for November in the amount of \$3,408,032.02. The motion passed 5-0.

Information and Proposals

Mrs. Katie Miller presented an update on the status of technology in the district. A power point presentation was used as the basis of her overview. Mr. Scott Morpeth, Network Manager, was also present. Mrs. Miller presented an historical overview of the district's technology and then summarized the future direction of the district with respect to technology. Much discussion took place regarding various aspects of her presentation.

General Public Discussion and Information

Dr. McIntyre recognized Dr. Megan Douglas who is coordinating a public forum to discuss the possibility of changing school start times. He also noted that discussions have begun with the bus company to adjust schedules, but still maintain the same number of buses.

Old Business from Superintendent and Staff

Mr. Tarro presented an overview of the 2012-2013 budget preparations via a power point presentation. His overview referenced the factors that affect the budget such as enrollment, human capital, curriculum initiatives, facilities and the BEP. He also noted the outside influences which we have no control over such as federal and state mandates, economic conditions, pensions and medical rates. Questions were asked by the School Committee regarding various issues pertaining to the budget.

Mr. Tarro presented a brief update on facilities noting that the final steps in the Step II Application to RIDE are almost complete. He noted that only facility issues dealing with the health and safety of the students and staff will be addressed at this time.

Dr. McIntyre presented an update on the status of the Superintendent Search noting that the position has been advertised. Discussion took place regarding steps that should be taken to inform the community of the search so that they can participate in the process. The Committee also emphasized that all individuals who volunteered to be part of the Search Committee, but were not selected, be invited to serve on an advisory committee.

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It was the consensus of the Committee that the revised RFP provided by Mr. Tarro for a facilitator for our strategic plan be sent out next week.

Old Business from School Committee

No issues were raised at this time.

New Business from Superintendent and Staff

Mr. Fuller moved and Mrs. Brody seconded to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the appointment of Carroll Garland, K-3 Technology Specialist at Sowams. Following a question for clarification, the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Fuller moved and Mrs. Brody seconded to approve with great regret the retirement of Victoria Belmont, PH, Gr. 2. The motion passed 5-0.

New Business from School Committee

Two School Committee Policies were presented for a 1st reading: 1) School Bus No Idling Policy and 2) Tools for Schools. All members of the School Committee read portions of the policies aloud and made some suggested changes. The policies will be presented for a 2nd reading and formal approval at the next School Committee meeting.

Discussion Future Agenda Items

The School Committee meeting originally scheduled for January 5th was rescheduled to January 4th. Mrs. Brody urged administration to share with parents any information regarding make-up days due to Hurricane Irene. A suggested future agenda item included a report from teachers in our district who are serving as induction coaches this year.

January 26th at 7 p.m. was the date scheduled for the public forum regarding the feasibility of changing school start times. The Committee urged that speakers for this forum represent people for and against this initiative. The Committee emphasized the need to communicate this forum to the public and suggested ways to inform the public of this event.

General Discussion to Guide Future Recommendations

January 4th	7:30 p.m.	Budget Input (Principals) Power Point All Day K
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The School Committee meeting originally scheduled for Thursday, January 5th was rescheduled to Wednesday, January 4th.

General Public Discussion and Information

No issues were raised at this time.

Mr. Fuller moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:20 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) two Personnel matters, and (b) Collective Bargaining discussion with respect to NEAB, BEST and United Steelworkers. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Fuller moved and Mrs. Brody seconded to adjourn the Executive Session at 10:15 p.m. and to seal the minutes and report that no votes were taken. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Fuller moved and Mrs. Brody seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:16 p.m. The motion passed 5-0.