

Minutes of School Committee Meeting 08/15/12

A regular meeting of the Barrington School Committee was held on Wednesday, August 15, 2012 at the Administration Office. Mr. Guida called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mr. Guida, Dr. Shea, Mrs. Brody, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Messoro and Mr. Tarro. Mr. Ramsden was not present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Paula Dillon led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Fuller seconded to approve the minutes of the 07/31/12 regular School Committee meeting as presented. It was noted that no Executive Session was held that evening. The motion passed 4-0.

Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Fuller seconded to approve the minutes of the 08/02/12 regular School Committee meeting as presented. The motion passed 4-0.

Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Fuller seconded to approve the Executive Session minutes of 08/02/12 as presented. The motion passed 4-0. It was noted that the minutes were sealed and no votes were taken.

Dr. Shea moved and Mrs. Brody seconded to approve the minutes of the 08/08/12 regular School Committee meeting as presented. Mr. Fuller and Dr. Shea abstained as they were not present at that meeting. The motion passed 2-0.

Dr. Shea moved and Mrs. Brody seconded to approve the Executive Session minutes of 08/08/12 as presented. Mr. Fuller and Dr. Shea abstained as they were not present at that meeting. The motion passed 2-0. It was noted that the minutes were sealed and no votes were taken.

Approval of Financials

Upon review and discussion of the financial expenditures for the operating budget:

Dr. Shea moved and Mrs. Brody seconded to adopt and approve the financial expenditures in the amount of \$6,872,468.90. The motion passed 4-0.

General Public Discussion and Information

No issues were raised at this time.

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New Business from Superintendent and Staff

Mr. Messore introduced Liz Levesque, new Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent as a welcome addition to the central office staff. Mr. Guida extended the welcome from the School Committee.

Dr. Shea moved and Mrs. Brody seconded to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the appointment of Paula Dillon, Director of Curriculum and Instruction. The motion passed 4-0.

Dr. Shea moved and Mrs. Brody seconded to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the appointment of Andrew Anderson, MS Principal. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Guida noted that while confronted with the daunting challenge of replacing five key administrator positions, the district is fortunate with the administration in place, led by Mr. Messore. Mr. Messore stressed his confidence in the now full administrative staff, and thanked the tremendous amount of collaboration between the administration, educators and School Committee.

Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Fuller seconded to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the appointment of Kristina Scotto, HS Social Studies. The motion passed 4-0.

Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Fuller seconded to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the appointment of Yulisse Santana-Cespedes, MS World Language Spanish. The motion passed 4-0.

Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Fuller seconded to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the appointment of David Lauria, Elementary Music. The motion passed 4-0.

Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Fuller seconded to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the resignation of Mark Davis, MAP Coordinator. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Messore confirmed that Mark Davis will remain in his position as RTI Coordinator and stressed that those services will not be impacted. MAP has been a screening tool in Grades 4-11 used to identify students that may be in need of interventions. This year, testing will be switched to STAR, a screening tool that is more online-based, allowing for more immediate data feedback. There will be a job posting for the STAR Coordinator, which will now test Grades 3-11.

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Mr. Messore gave a brief update on the Woodshop program, noting that the six applicants had been narrowed down to two final candidates. He discussed the two candidates and the different experience each would bring to the program. Discussion ensued on if the Woodshop program should move toward a STEM-based (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) classroom and whether the current program should feed into the high school programs. Costs relating to new personnel and alternatives to the current dust collection system to improve the systems and maintain good air quality were also discussed. No recommendation for appointment was made at this time.

Discussion Future Agenda Items

New teacher orientation is scheduled for Monday, August 20 and Opening Day is Tuesday, August 21. The next School Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 23. Mrs. Brody proposed that an update from the Building Committee be a standing agenda item for future School Committee meetings.

General Public Discussion and Information

Tracey Orchard, Volunteer Coordinator and parent of three, expressed her appreciation for all. She feels all vacant seats were filled well with good, kind people and she thanked the administration and School Committee.

Sarah O'Brien of 88 Boyce Avenue, a parent, asked if the candidate for the Woodshop position would be in place for the start of the school year. Mr. Guida stated that a decision could be made as early as next week. Ms. O'Brien also asked if the MAP Coordinator position would be offered to internal candidates only. Mr. Messore responded that it is a district, stipend position available first to internal candidates.

Connie Oswald, teacher at the Middle School and member of one of the search committees this summer, expressed that as an educator she cannot thank the administration enough for the fantastic people that have been hired. She added that because of the due diligence performed for every position by the Superintendent, he should feel confident that all staff will support all new personnel.

Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Fuller seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:47 p.m. The motion passed 4-0.