

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

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Minutes of School Committee Meeting 11/20/12

A regular meeting of the Barrington School Committee was held on Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at the Administration Office. Mr. Fuller called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Mr. Fuller, Dr. Shea, Mrs. Brody, Mr. Ramsden, Ms. Moses, Mr. Messore, Mr. Tarro, Mrs. Dillon and Mrs. Miller. Mr. Guida was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Ramsden led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Fuller thanked Mr. Ramsden for his hard work during the last two years as a member of the School Committee and led everyone in a round of applause. Mr. Fuller also welcomed and congratulated Mrs. Dominguez, who was in the audience, with a round of applause.

Achievement Recognition

On behalf of the central office, Mr. Messore expressed his appreciation to Mr. Ramsden for his advice and guidance during his tenure and for the work he has done for our children in the district.

Barrington Public Schools is one of 539 school districts across 44 of the 50 states in the U.S. and Canada placed on the College Board's 3rd Annual AP® District Honor Roll for significant gains in Advanced Placement® access and student performance. From 2010-2012, Barrington increased the number of students participating in AP® from 218 to 279 while still enabling more than 70% of AP® students to earn at least one score of 3 or higher. Mr. Messore congratulated the students and credited this achievement to teachers at the High School and throughout the district.

Barrington High School sent its largest delegation of 15 students to Brown University's Annual Simulation of the United Nations conference which hosts approximately 800 students. Mr. Messore congratulated Gabby Viens who won Outstanding Delegate, the second highest award awarded at the conference, for her representation of North Korea on the UN Office of Outer Space Affairs. The team was also led by two outstanding seniors, Karl Aspelund and Erin Gamache.

Mr. Messore highlighted the success of the 2012 fall athletics. The girls cross country team are Division, Class A, State, and New England Champions, and freshman Emma McMillan is Individual State Champion. The team will compete at the Nike regionals on November 24 with a chance to participate in the Nike nationals. The boys soccer team are Division and State Champions and the girls field hockey team are Division Champions. The boys cross country team are Metropolitan Division Sportsmanship Award recipients.

The High School's Stagemasters drama club presented three performances of *Annie Get Your Gun* last weekend that were well attended. Mr. Messore congratulated the actors, stage crew and director on a fantastic job.

Mr. Messore extended special congratulations to Middle School teachers Peter McFarland, Jodi

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Meunier and Denise Andreozzi, and High School teacher Eliza Pylotis who have earned National Board Certification®.

BPS Spotlight on Teaching and Learning

Mr. Messore introduced Seth Tibbetts, 5th Grade teacher at Hampden Meadows, to spotlight the use of technology in classrooms through the use of clickers which are used for a variety of learning activities. One example of the use of clickers is for formative assessments. Formative assessments allow the teacher to gauge the students understanding on the day-to-day instruction as being delivered in the classroom. Mr. Tibbetts' interactive presentation allowed all present at the meeting to use clickers to answer questions to a Disney quiz. Mr. Tibbetts has been working to integrate technology into his classroom; recently working with iPads received through a BEF grant and in the last two years has worked to integrate the use of clickers.

Approval of Financials

Mrs. Brody moved and Dr. Shea seconded to remove the financials from the consent agenda for the purposes of discussion. The motion passed 4-0.

Upon review and discussion of the October financial expenditures:

Mrs. Brody moved and Dr. Shea seconded to adopt and approve the monthly expenditures for October in the amount of \$3,491,644.45. The motion passed 4-0.

Information and Proposals

Mrs. Miller presented an update on the district's technology. The district continues to have a strong commitment to educational technology and the readiness to move forward, with curriculum that embraces 21st century elements. With the implementation of the Common Core State Standards and PARCC, Mrs. Miller noted that the district does need a greater infusion of technology. The presentation included a recommendation to form a district technology advisory subcommittee. Discussion ensued on several aspects of the presentation.

General Public Discussion and Information

Anna Clancy, parent, expressed her concern for teaching students to use technology productively and responsibly. Her hope is that it is being considered in the overall implementation of technology, and not only with teaching teachers.

Paula Dominguez, parent and soon to be a member of the School Committee, commended the School Committee for the important discussion of technology. Mrs. Dominguez added that she hopes professional development might be included in the technology plan as a joint presentation for future discussions to tie in those initiatives.

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Information and Proposals (continued)

Mr. Tarro provided a brief update on facilities and thanked the Town Council for endorsing and supporting the recommendation of the School Committee and the Building Committee. The meeting minutes approving the recommendations have been forwarded to RIDE as part of the final Stage II application and RIDE will be forwarding an agreement for signature at a later date.

Old Business from Superintendent and Staff

No issues were raised at this time.

Old Business from School Committee

The next meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee is scheduled for November 27. Mr. Messorre and Mrs. Miller will facilitate the meeting to review the final draft.

New Business from Superintendent and Staff

Dr. Shea moved and Mrs. Brody seconded to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the following appointments:

**Michelle Blanchette, NA, RTI Co-Chairperson
Ralph Caruso, HS, Head Baseball Coach
Mark Davis, HS, Reading Specialist
Michaela Kenwood, HS, Assistant Indoor Track and Field Coach
Eileen Sweeney, HS, Assistant Swim Coach
Michael Topazio, MS, Head Girls Basketball Coach**

The motion passed 4-0.

New Business from School Committee

Mr. Tarro requested that the Committee formally authorize the Chairman Patrick Guida to sign the memorandum of agreement with RIDE pending a review by the administration.

Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded for the School Committee to authorize Chairman Guida to sign the memorandum of agreement with the Rhode Island Department of Education for the Stage II Application on behalf of the School Committee. The motion passed 4-0.

Mrs. Brody led the discussion on policy management options and consideration of participating in 30-minute webinars presented by eBOARDsolutions. Following discussion, the Committee agreed to form a subcommittee for policy management on or after the December 6th meeting.

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Consent Agenda

For the record, Mrs. Brody requested that the minutes for the open session of November 1, 2012 be amended to reflect that the Audubon Society grant mentioned in Ms. Clegg's presentation be referred to as a BEF grant from the Audubon Society.

Dr. Shea moved and Mrs. Brody seconded to approve the consent agenda as amended. The motion passed 4-0.

Discussion Future Agenda Items

Mr. Messoro reported that the next regular meeting of the School Committee on December 6 is the annual organizational meeting and will include an update on educator evaluation.

General Discussion to Guide Future Recommendations

Mrs. Brody shared that it has been an honor to serve with Mr. Ramsden on the School Committee.

Ms. Moses gave an update on upcoming High School events including the bonfire and powder puff football game.

General Public Discussion and Information

Scott Douglas, of 25 Rumstick Road, echoed from the audience a thank you to Mr. Ramsden for his service. He also asked that the Committee continue to consider private citizens to serve on committees like strategic planning and in other capacities.

Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Ramsden seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:26 p.m. and go into Executive Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-5(a)(1) and 42-46-5(a)(2) specifically for Personnel and Collective Bargaining and Litigation with NEAB, United Steelworkers and BEST. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Fuller moved and Dr. Shea seconded to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:45 p.m. and to seal the minutes and report that no votes were taken. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Fuller moved and Dr. Shea seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:46 p.m. The motion passed 4-0.