

Minutes of School Committee Workshop 02/05/14

The Barrington School Committee held a budget workshop on Wednesday, February 5, 2014, at the Administration Building. Mrs. Brody called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Mrs. Brody, Dr. Dominguez, Mr. Guida, Dr. Shea, Mr. Messore and Mr. Tarro. Absent were Mr. Fuller, Mr. Connor and Mrs. Dillon.

Mr. Messore and Mr. Tarro presented the proposed budget for the 2014-2015 school year, which reflects a projected increase of approximately \$1.1 million over the 2013-2014 budget. Highlights of the presentation included All Day Kindergarten at Primrose Hill, Nayatt, and Sowams elementary schools, continued roll out of the district's curricula and technology plan, a math support position at the middle school, and an additional AP course at the high school. Mr. Tarro described several pieces of information that are still unknown and that will have an impact on the budget, including insurance and workers compensation rates and the final contract with BEST. Once those figures are determined, he will be able to present a more finalized budget. School committee members requested additional details related to several aspects of the budget, as well as additional information to be included as part of the next budget presentation, and Mr. Tarro indicated that he can address members' interests.

Dr. Dominguez moved and Dr. Shea seconded to adjourn the Budget Workshop at 8:35 p.m. and go into Executive Session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws Section 42-46-5(a)(1) for Superintendent evaluation; Section 42-46-5(a)(2) for collective bargaining and litigation with BEST; and Section 42-46-5(a)(3) for discussion relative to school buildings security issues. The motion passed 4-0 with Mrs. Brody, Dr. Dominguez, Mr. Guida and Dr. Shea voting in the affirmative for the motion.

Dr. Dominguez moved and Dr. Shea seconded to adjourn the Executive Session at 10:15 p.m., to seal the minutes and to report that one vote were taken to publicly release a summary of the School Committee's feedback on the Superintendent evaluation. The motion, which was made by Mr. Guida and seconded by Dr. Dominguez, passed 4-0 with Mrs. Brody, Dr. Dominguez, Mr. Guida and Dr. Shea voting in the affirmative for the motion. The summary of the feedback to the Superintendent is as follows:

“The Barrington School Committee congratulates Mr. Messore on a successful first year as Superintendent and highlights the following accomplishments as evidence of his leadership and positive impact:

- Focused attention to improvements in student learning, combined with efforts to keep all faculty and staff throughout the district centered on this goal;
- Objectivity and principled concentration on doing what is best for Barrington school students;
- A welcomed commitment to strategic planning, goal identification, and program implementation;
- A collaborative working relationship with the School Committee;

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- Strong relationships with central office colleagues, faculty, and staff;
- Dedication to building a leadership pipeline for the district; and
- Development of data as a process management tool and as a support for curricular refinement.”

The School Committee introduced the topic of a salary increase for the Superintendent, at which point Mr. Messoro requested that a discussion relative to a 2013-2014 salary increase for him be deferred until his next performance review. It was the Committee’s consensus to honor the Superintendent’s request, and a discussion relative to a salary adjustment for the Superintendent will be tabled until his next performance review.

Dr. Dominguez moved and Dr. Shea seconded to adjourn the Budget Workshop at 10:16 p.m. The motion passed 4-0 with Mrs. Brody, Dr. Dominguez, Mr. Guida and Dr. Shea voting in the affirmative for the motion.