

Minutes of School Committee Meeting 07/09/2015

A regular meeting of the Barrington School Committee was held on Thursday, July 9, 2015 in the Administration Building. School Committee Chair Kate Brody called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m. Present were Mrs. Brody, Mr. Guida, Dr. Shea, Mr. Messore, Mrs. Dillon, and Mr. Tarro. Mr. Alessandro arrived at 7:35 a.m. Absent was Dr. Dominguez.

Mrs. Brody introduced School Committee members present at the meeting: Dr. Robert Shea and Mr. Patrick Guida. Mr. John Alessandro was expected to arrive shortly. Dr. Paula Dominguez was absent.

New Business from Superintendent and Staff

Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Guida seconded to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the appointment of Samantha Danielian, NA, Kindergarten.

Mr. Messore confirmed that newly hired personnel hold the required certification specific to their position.

The motion passed 3-0 with Mrs. Brody, Mr. Guida, and Dr. Shea voting in the affirmative for the motion.

Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Guida seconded to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent with respect to the appointment of Marc Davis, MS, French. The motion passed 3-0 with Mrs. Brody, Mr. Guida, and Dr. Shea voting in the affirmative for the motion.

Mr. Messore announced the leave of absence withdrawal for Ms. Denise Flores, SO, Nurse; the leave of absence for Mrs. Tricia Hunt, HM, Grade 5; and the resignation of Mr. Johan Giraldo, HS, Varsity Boys Soccer Assistant Coach.

Mr. Tarro reported that three bid proposals were received for the 1,100 Chromebook protective cases for the student assigned devices ranging from \$19.10 to \$22.00. Information was provided to the Committee for its reference prior to the meeting. It was recommended by the Administration to award the bid to the lowest qualified evaluated bidder, Brand Advantage Inc., of Norwood, MA for an amount not to exceed \$21,010. The purchase will be funded from the Capital Reserve – Technology account. The estimated timeline to receive the protective cases is in late August as the 2015-2016 academic year begins.

Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Guida seconded to award the bid for Chromebook protective cases to the lowest qualified evaluated bidder, Brand Advantage Inc., of Norwood, MA, for an amount not to exceed \$21,010. The motion passed 4-0 with Mrs. Brody, Mr. Alessandro, Mr. Guida, and Dr. Shea voting in the affirmative for the motion.

Mr. Tarro reported that no bid proposals were received for the repair to the water main at the Nayatt and Primrose Hill schools. Due to the nature of the project and potential impact to students and staff, Mr. Tarro had requested legal counsel relative to the competitive bid process. Rhode Island General Law Section 45-55-7 provides that a negotiated award may be made directly with a vendor in accordance with the emergency procurement provision. The Administration is currently in negotiations with a vendor. No action is required at this time by the School Committee. Mr. Tarro also noted that a small oil leak at Primrose Hill School has been repaired.

In preparation for the sanding and refinishing of the Barrington High School small gym floor, it was

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determined that O'Keefe Building Maintenance lacked the required Rhode Island licensure. Mr. Tarro recommended that the School Committee rescind the bid proposal for the gym floor refinishing at Barrington High School.

Mr. Guida moved and Dr. Shea seconded to rescind the bid proposal with O'Keefe Building Maintenance for the gym floor refinishing at Barrington High School. The motion passed 4-0 with Mrs. Brody, Mr. Alessandro, Mr. Guida, and Dr. Shea voting in the affirmative for the motion.

Mr. Tarro reported for informational purposes that on June 29, 2015, the Barrington Town Council voted to opt out of the pension reform option relating to amortization over a twenty-five year period. As the Town Council is the governing body in this matter, no action is required by the School Committee.

Decision Items

Dr. Shea moved and Mr. Guida seconded to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed 4-0 with Mrs. Brody, Mr. Alessandro, Mr. Guida, and Dr. Shea voting in the affirmative for the motion.

Discussion Future Agenda Items and Summer Meeting Schedule

Mrs. Brody led the discussion on the timing of the next School Committee meeting and its possible alignment with the Building Committee approval of the contract with Kaestle Boos Associates, the architectural firm selected for the Barrington Middle School building project. Mr. Tarro reported that the Building Subcommittee is scheduled to meet next on July 20, 2015. Following discussion, the Committee agreed to await a status update from the Building Committee prior to confirmation of a date for the next School Committee meeting.

The Committee discussed the possible scheduling of a policy workshop and a strategic plan workshop during the summer months. Mr. Messore noted that availability of a facilitator for the strategic plan workshop may require consideration of a date in late August or early September and that he would report back to the Committee. Workshop topics may include the International Baccalaureate program, school start times, personalized learning and 21st Century learning. Mr. Guida requested that the turf field be a topic for consideration as a separate workshop. Mrs. Brody noted that the Committee had previously discussed its intent to incorporate discussion of the turf field as part of the Strategic Planning Workshop as opposed to as a separate workshop topic; Mr. Guida stated that he was in agreement with that plan.

Mr. Guida moved and Dr. Shea seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:54 a.m. The motion passed 4-0 with Mrs. Brody, Mr. Alessandro, Mr. Guida, and Dr. Shea voting in the affirmative for the motion.