

# School Committee Briefs

## **At the Business meeting on May 9, 2019, the School Committee**

Learned of the variety of achievements of our students, teachers, and High School. To view the Achievement Recognition, [click here](#).

Listened to Public Comment

Heard the Student Representative to the School Committee report, including information about plans for the upcoming Freshmen Orientation and the work on the Student Voice through Broadcast Journalism.

Heard an update of the FY20 Budget, including that the Budget Hearing had gone well on May 8, and the Financial Town Meeting will be on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm in the BHS Auditorium.

Listened to the report on the Special Education and Multi-tiered Systems of Support by Kristen Matthes, Director of Pupil Personnel, as well as, an update on SEAC, the Special Education Advisory Committee, from Peggy Reid, one of the SEAC parent leaders, [click here](#)

Heard an update on the BMS building project. See the link to the building blog, [click here](#)

Discussed the need to address the District Communication Plan, especially as a new website is rolled out in July, 2019.

Heard an update on the continued improvements to the transportation process for next year, including the Superintendent's intention to convene a task force of community members to help with the transition to the new system.

Approved the distribution of the RI Student Survey, an annual survey of students in grades 6-12 related to substance use and perceptions.

Approved the bid for Health and Training supplies through the EBEC.

Approved the field trip for the BHS Outdoor Club to Franconian, NH.

Discussed the draft memo to families and staff for feedback regarding the two recommendations of the Health and Wellness Advisory Committee. The memo, as amended, will go out after Memorial Day for discussion of responses and probable vote at the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Read and approved the following policies:

## Policy on Accommodations for Religious Observance Diversity, Inclusivity, and Equity Policy

Discussed the recent educational forum, including improving processes for the future, as well as, future communication regarding the Two-Tier Schedule Initiative.

Approved the amendment of the meeting minutes from March 28, 2019.

Approved the consent agenda as outline on the agenda, [click here](#)

Discussed items for the next meetings, including a more in depth look at District communication at our work session on May 30, as well as, reports from the Advisory Committees and a discussion about adjustment to membership guidelines in the inaugural year of advisory committees, the annual Health and Wellness report, Senior Project Update, the District Bullying Report, and financial updates at our June 13<sup>th</sup> business meeting.

Met in executive session regarding security and collective bargaining with the NEAB.