

# School Committee Briefs

## At the July 27 School Committee meeting ...

- \* Learned about the current District Enrollment Data, as of July 26, 2017, including the Comparative projected and actual enrollment at the elementary, middle and high school levels; learned about the potential opportunities to accommodate student learning needs and increased enrollment with the reallocation of existing resources; learned about the Administration's ongoing plan to monitor enrollment, class size and academic program capacity. [To view the current District Enrollment Data, click here.](#)
- \* Received an update on the status of the FY18 operating budget with the continuing FY 18 General Assembly Budget Impasse; the July Education Aid payment reflected a decrease of \$6,732 and the monthly reduction in Education Aid for other future months is \$23,483; the total anticipated reduction in Education Aid is \$247,924; the Administration provided an overview of its proposed action for implementation if the FY18 Rhode Island Budget Impasse is without resolution; the Administration has implemented a freeze on hiring for currently posted positions and will report back to the School Committee at its next meeting (date to be determined) in August, 2017.
- \* Received an update on the Strategic Planning Process, including a synopsis of the proposed agenda for the first Strategic Planning Steering Committee meeting on August 15 from 4pm – 6pm; learned about the plan for Studer Education facilitated work with the district leadership team on August 15 and August 16. [To view the Strategic Planning link on the Barrington Public Schools website, click here.](#)
- \* Approved the recommendation of the Superintendent relative to the appointment of Ms. Gail Robinson, Speech Pathologist, Barrington Middle School.
- \* Approved the recommendation of the Superintendent relative to the appointment of Ms. Melissa McDonald, School Nurse, Hampden Meadows School.
- \* Approved the recommendation of the Superintendent relative to the appointment of Ms. Barbara Green, Teacher Assistant, Barrington High School.
- \* Approved the recommendation of the Superintendent relative to the appointment of Mr. Brett Kearns, Student Council Advisor, Barrington Middle School.
- \* Received the announcement by the Superintendent relative to the Leave of Absence for Ms. Stephanie Hines, Reading Specialist, Hampden Meadows School.
- \* Received the announcement by the Superintendent relative to the Leave of Absence for Ms. Kristen Matthes, Literacy Coordinator, Barrington Public Schools; the Superintendent provided clarification that Ms. Matthes is currently the Director of Pupil Personnel Services for the Barrington Public Schools.
- \* Approved the monthly expenditures for June in the amount of \$8,247,639.83; learned that the FY17 operating budget is anticipated to be within 0.69% of the approved

operating budget, pending a transfer of funds to the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) fund and the completion of end of year payables; the School Committee commended Director of Administration and Finance Mr. Ronald D. Tarro for his expertise and consistent excellence in strong and responsible fiscal management.

- \* Approved the recommendation of the Superintendent relative to approval of a bid for the purchase of a Maintenance Van to Tasca Auto Group of North Dartmouth, Massachusetts as the lowest, qualified, evaluated bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$28,630.

- \* Approved the recommendation of the Superintendent relative to approval of a bid for sprinkler heads for Victory Field upgrade to P. Mandarin, Inc. of Cranston, Rhode Island as the lowest, qualified, evaluated bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$21,000.

- \* Conducted a discussion and review of the Administration's proposed action for implementation if the FY18 Rhode Island Budget Impasse is without resolution.

- \* Conducted a first reading of the Educator Absence Policy; the second reading and subsequent approval is anticipated at the next School Committee meeting.

- \* Conducted a first reading of the Naming of School Facilities Policy; the second reading and subsequent approval is anticipated at the next School Committee meeting.

- \* Conducted a first reading of the revised Field Trip Policy; the second reading and subsequent approval is expected at the next School Committee meeting.

- \* The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

The next School Committee meeting will be held during the week of August 7, at 4:00 p.m., on a specific date to be determined pending availability of School Committee members. The meeting will be posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.