

# School Committee Briefs

## At the January 7 School Committee meeting...

- Learned from Hampden Meadows School Reading Specialist Mr. Brian Fernandes about the Hampden Meadows Lego Writing program that incorporates use of Lego experience kits funded by a grant from the Barrington Education Foundation. To view the Spotlight on Teaching and Learning presentation, click [here](#).
- Learned about the framework for the 2016-2017 proposed budget, highlighting demographic and enrollment projections, zero based budgeting principles, return on investment and an overview of internal and external influences on the budget. To view the Framework for 2016-2017 proposed budget, click [here](#).
- Received an update on the Grades 4-12 Guidance Curriculum, including scope and sequence for all grades with technology integration. To view the Guidance Curriculum Update presentation, click [here](#).
- Received an update on the Grades 7-12 World Languages Curriculum, including plans to strengthen the Barrington Middle School curriculum and consider introduction of a world languages curriculum at the elementary level in the future. To view the World Languages Curriculum update presentation, click [here](#).
- Discussed School Start Times and approved with a majority vote of 3-2, implementation of a school start time change to 8:30am for Barrington High School beginning in the 2016-2017 academic year; voting in the affirmative for the change in start time were Mrs. Kate Brody, Mr. Patrick Guida and Dr. Robert Shea, and voting in opposition to the change were Mr. John Alessandro and Mrs. Anna Clancy; Barrington Middle School start time will be 8:36am, Hampden Meadows School start time will be 9:05am and PreK-3 schools start time will be 8:00am. To view the 8:30am School Start Times option, click [here](#).
- Received an update relative to the Barrington Middle School Building Committee including a report on projected enrollment as it impacts approval of final plans by the School Building Authority; learned that a Building Committee Subcommittee will present information and a recommendation to the entire Building Committee relative to approval of a bid for Owner Project Management services, confirmed plans for three joint Building Committee and School Committee meetings in January. To view the Barrington Middle School Building Committee link on the district website, click [here](#).
- Received an update relative to the Strategic Communication Plan including plans for the Administration to engage the services of a communications professional with expertise in education to develop a strategic communication plan to support the Barrington Middle School Building project.
- Received an update on the Barrington Middle School Mathematics curriculum, including implementation plans and communication with students and parents relative to remapping the grade level curriculum based on student performance indicators.
- Learned that the Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) Program initiative for 2016 has been awarded to school districts in Newport, Providence and Westerly; participation in the program will not be an option for the Barrington Public Schools.

- Acknowledged the FY14-15 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and commended Director of Administration and Finance Mr. Ronald D. Tarro for his leadership and management.
- Approved the appointment of Ms. Jennifer Carlson as Nurse Educator at Primrose Hill School.
- Received an announcement from the Superintendent of the resignation of Mrs. Tracey Orchard, Kindergarten Intern, Primrose Hill School.
- Approved the requests for Home Schooling.
- Approved a plan to have School Committee Chair Mrs. Kate Brody, on behalf of the School Committee, write a letter to the Fair Funding Working Group in support of the continued implementation of the School Funding Formula as enacted in the original legislation in 2011.
- Discussed registration options and plans for School Committee members to attend the 2016 National School Boards Association Annual Conference in Boston on April 9-11, 2016.
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 p.m.
- To view the meeting video, click [here](#).

## **Upcoming Meetings**

### **Monday, January 11, 2016**

#### **Joint Meeting with the Barrington Middle School Building Committee**

Review updated options with cost estimates from Kaestle Boos Associates

### **Wednesday, January 20, 2016**

#### **Joint Meeting with the Barrington Middle School Building Committee**

Follow up review of two options with cost estimates

### **Thursday, January 21, 2016**

Budget Input (Principals, School Committee & Public)

### **Monday, January 25, 2016**

#### **Joint Meeting with the Barrington Middle School Building Committee**

Approve two options and recommendation for Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) Stage II Application